

Southern Utah University
Psychology Department
Report of Assessment Plans for 2001-2002

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Assessment Criteria and Activities

Entire Department

1. The Psychology Department will hire, promote and tenure faculty members who are qualified with terminal degrees and demonstrate teaching excellence, scholarship and service.

Was this assessment criterion implemented? yes no
Was this assessment criterion achieved? yes no

What were the results?

The psychology department replaced a faculty member who resigned with an individual that met the above standards.

How will the results be used to improve the curriculum and/or pedagogy of the program?

The qualifications and expertise of the new hire will add a new dimension to the program

2. Graduating psychology majors will have satisfactorily completed Statistics and at least two research methods courses.

Was this assessment criterion implemented? yes no
Was this assessment criterion achieved? yes no

What were the results?

This requirement strengthens the foundation of our students in the scientific methods of conducting research and analyzing the data. Also, it strengthens their ability to read and study research reports.

- 3A. Graduating psychology majors (graduate school track) will have reviewed the literature on at least one area of research and written at least one acceptable APA style paper.

Was this assessment criterion implemented? yes no
Was this assessment criterion achieved? yes no

What were the results?

This requirement strengthens our students' ability to participate in scientific psychology.

- 3B. Graduating psychology majors (professional/agency track) will have successfully completed student teaching, internship, practicum or some other equivalent practical experience.

Was this assessment criterion implemented? yes no

Was this assessment criterion achieved? yes no

What were the results?

This requirement strengthened the professional preparation of our students and helped them develop a network for employment.

4. All students in Psychology 2010 – Models, Methods, and Professional Issues and Psychology 3800 - Practicum – will demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of the Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct as published by the American Psychological Association.

Was this assessment criterion implemented? yes no

Was this assessment criterion achieved? yes no

What were the results?

This requirement addresses the important issue of ethical conduct in our profession.

Note: The Psychology Department has revised the Assessment Plan (2/28/02). A copy is attached.