# Program Student Learning Outcomes and Assessment Methods

**Student Learning Outcomes**

1. Develop an understanding of the basic methodology and content foundations of the field of psychology.
2. For students in the thesis program, completion of a research project that makes a contribution to the field of psychology.
3. For students in applied areas of psychology, the development of applied skills associated with professional practice in their area of specialty.
4. For students planning to pursue the Ph.D. degree, the development of methodological and content expertise necessary to complete Ph.D. level training.
5. For students terminating at the M.A. level, successful entry into applied, academic, business, government, and health related professional settings.
6. Matriculation and successful degree completion of students from protected-class groups.

**Assessment Methods (Outcomes)**

- Completion of departmental foundation courses with at least a 3.00 grade-point average (1)
- For students terminating at the M.A. level, evaluation of a comprehensive examination by a committee of department faculty members (1)
- Evaluation of the written thesis by a committee of department faculty members (2)
- Successful completion of practicum courses (3)
- For students in the M.A. certification program, attainment of approved internship placement, and supervisor evaluation of student’s performance during internship (3)
- Completion of the thesis program (4)
- Acceptance into the Ph.D. program (4)
- Alumni surveys (5)
- Keep continuous record of number of women and minority students admitted and graduated relative to published national data (6)
- Track financial support during student career (6)