Objective A: Students will demonstrate the ability to summarize and critically examine psychological theory and research.

Methods:
- Lab report: evaluation of literature review
  - Target: 80% of students will be rated at or above an “adequate” rating.
- Alumni Survey: Response to “in my major degree program, professors encouraged me to challenge my own ideas, the ideas of other students, and those presented in readings and other course materials.”
  - Target: 90% of respondents will indicate that they experienced this “sometimes,” “often” or “very often.”
- Alumni Survey: Response to “In your view, how effective were your overall university experiences and courses in developing thinking critically – withholding judgment, raising questions, examining contrary views?”
  - Target: 90% of respondents indicate that their academic experiences were either “helpful” or “very helpful.”

Objective B: Students will demonstrate the ability to conduct, critically interpret, and communicate about statistical analyses related to psychological research.

Methods:
- Lab report: evaluation of Results, Discussion
  - Target: 80% of students will be rated at or above an “adequate” rating.
- Alumni Survey: Response to “In your view, how effective were your overall university experiences and courses in defining and solving problems?”
  - Target: 90% of respondents indicate that their academic experiences were either “helpful” or “very helpful.”
- Alumni Survey: Response to “In your view, how effective were your overall university experiences and courses in thinking analytically – making logical inferences and reaching correct conclusions?”
  - Target: 90% of respondents indicate that their academic experiences were either “helpful” or “very helpful.”

Objective C: Students will demonstrate the ability to write effectively about psychological theory and research.

Methods:
- Lab report: conform to APA format
  - Target: 80% of students will be rated at or above an “adequate” rating.
- Lab report: overall evaluation
  - Target: 80% of students will be rated at or above an “adequate” rating.
- Lab report: review by University Writing Project
  - Target: 80% of students will be rated at or above a “met expectations” rating.
Objective D: Students will demonstrate a broad knowledge of the major concepts, theoretical perspectives, and empirical findings within the field of psychology.

Methods:

- Successfully complete courses within at least three emphases within psychology
  - Target: 100% of students will successfully complete courses in three areas.
- Evaluation of writing samples from three emphases within psychology (e.g., knowledge of major concepts; review of empirical findings)
  - Target: 75% of student papers will receive a rating of “approaching mastery” or above.