

Program Review and Assessment Committee (PRAC)
University Curriculum Forum

Undergraduate Program Review Report: Department of Psychology
March 19, 2009

The Department of Psychology submitted a self-study report to UCF on February 25, 2009. Professor Patricia Kahlbaugh, Psychology Department Assessment Coordinator met with PRAC for discussion of the self-study report on March 5, 2009; revisions to the self-study report were requested. A revised report was submitted to PRAC on March 11, 2009.

The Program Review and Assessment Committee (PRAC) reviewed the revised documentation for the Undergraduate Program in Psychology and now offers the following appraisal.

Standard 1 - The department/program's mission supports the university's mission.

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The mission of the Department of Psychology is in alignment with the University's mission of academic excellence, access, social justice, and service for the public good. Specific examples of the department's support of this mission are highlighted well in the self-study report.

Standard 2 - The department/program has clearly stated program goals and objectives

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The Department of Psychology has identified three (3) program goals within the following domains: science of psychology, application of psychology to real problems, and writing/thinking critically in the discipline. Specific learning objectives that serve to accomplish these goals were provided. Distinction between outcomes for the BA and BS programs was made.

Standard 3 - The department/program has clearly stated program-level expected student outcomes and methods for measurement

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Both direct and indirect measures for each of the three program goals were articulated by the Department. The Department is in the process of establishing an Undergraduate Proficiency Board (UPB). This extension of the Curriculum Committee will be charged with reviewing randomly selected course work across

courses. The Department has provided for a plan on the numbers of students to be selected and the frequency of these types of measures.

Summary

The Program Review and Assessment Committee thanks the Department of Psychology and Professor Kahlbaugh, Assessment Coordinator for the effort put forth in the preparation and presentation of the self-study report. PRAC recommends to the University Curriculum Forum that **APPROVAL** be granted to the Undergraduate Program in Psychology.

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