

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY MISSION STATEMENT

The focus of the Department of Psychology is threefold: teaching, scholarship, and service. Consequently, the mission of the department centers upon development of students, development of faculty and scholarly activities, and service to scholarly and professional societies as well as to appropriate communities, including those within UAH. The following list provides specific missions for each of the three areas deemed important and appropriate by our department.

Teaching

1. Continued development of well-educated undergraduate psychology majors and minors, via ongoing development and assessment of an undergraduate curriculum which provides:
 - A broad and balanced understanding of psychology as both a social and a natural science
 - Experiences that foster students' independence, responsibility, objectivity, self-initiated study, creativity, and contributions to the community
 - Exposure to the diverse and multicultural aspects of psychological functioning
2. Continued development of graduate students as strong research-based scholars/practitioners (not in the clinical sense) via methodology courses, content courses, and involvement in both literature and laboratory research experiences.
3. Provision for resources, opportunities, and collegial activities to enhance scholarly teaching and collegial discussions of teaching-related matters.

Scholarly Activities

1. Ongoing and active engagement of all tenured and tenure-earning faculty in research activities that are of appropriate quality to earn recognition via publication, grant awards, or honors.
2. Engagement of faculty in service to appropriate learned societies.

Service

1. Provision of foundation courses for purposes of fulfilling general education requirements or programmatic needs of other academic units.
2. Engagement of faculty in appropriate service at the departmental, college, and university level.