

**Texas A & M University San Antonio**  
**Department of Life Sciences**

**PSYC 5xxx: Capstone Project**  
**3 credits**

**Course description**

All graduate students who are not completing a thesis will be required to complete a capstone project. Students will complete a comprehensive literature search and effectively synthesize published research in a major area in psychology. The project applies knowledge and skills learned in the courses that comprise a student's degree program. Ultimately, the project will culminate in a well-written and thorough analysis of current state of research in a major area of psychology.

**Learning Objectives**

Although it is not expected that every capstone project addresses all of the learning outcomes of the program, the project should demonstrate learning outcomes in each of 5 major areas.

Students will gain the skills to:

- 1) Demonstrate general knowledge of research methods and design, statistics, ethics, and a major area of psychology
- 2) Demonstrate the ability to analyze and synthesize psychological research.
- 3) Demonstrate the ability to communicate effectively and specifically demonstrate an ability to design, write, and produce a professional document.
- 4) Demonstrate the ability to work independently, creatively, meet deadlines, and operate interdependently with colleagues and the faculty supervisor using appropriate assertiveness.

**Topics**

Vary