

Biological Psychology

Class

PSYC 2330

An introduction to the biological bases of behavior. Topics include evolution genetics, research methods in behavioral neuroscience, motivation and emotion, sensation and perception, learning and memory, lifespan development, cognition, psychological disorders, and other complex behaviors. (PSYC 2330 is included in the Field of Study.)

Course Learning Objectives

Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

1. Define and explain the biological foundations of behavior, including theories, history, and research methods.
2. Describe the evolution and development of the nervous system – neuroanatomy, neurophysiology, neurotransmission, and neuroendocrinology.
3. Identify the structures and function that underlie sensation, perception, and motor control.
4. Identify and discuss the regulation of behavior, including motivation and emotion, sexual behavior, and biological rhythms.
5. Articulate the biological components of learning, memory, and language.
6. Describe the biological underpinnings of age-related changes in cognition and socioemotional functioning over the lifespan.
7. Examine how biological processes impact health and well-being.

Required Textbooks

Biological Psychology, 13ed., Kalat, J.W. (2019) Publisher Cengage.

Evaluation Standards

Students will be evaluated by Exams, Quizzes, and written assessment based upon the learning outcomes, with a cumulative score of 70% on course material.

90 – 100 = A

80 – 89 = B

70 – 79 = C

60 – 69 = D

Below 60 = F

Disabilities

ADA Statement:

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