Psychological Aspects of Behavior Course Options

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This list provides you with course options that meet program requirements for Psychological Aspects of Behavior coursework. Faculty will update this list as courses, program requirements, and APA accreditation policies change.

Please note the following: Sociology classes do not meet Psychological Aspects of Behavior course requirements per APA accreditation policy. Courses with the word “Assessment” in the title do not meet Psychological Foundations course requirements. Courses that meet Psychological Aspects of Behavior course requirements most often must be taught by psychologists who are trained specifically to teach the content of these courses.

**Area 1: Biological Aspects of Behavior** - Covers the fundamental aspects of brain-behavior relationships, neuron physiology, sensory systems, non specific afferent systems, emotion, motivation, and learning from a biological viewpoint, comparative animal behavior, psychopharmacology, structure and function of the brain.

- SPSY 610: Biological Aspects of Behavior
- PSY 510: Evolutionary Psychology
- PSY 510: Neuroscience & Inequality
- PSY 536: Human Performance
- PSY 545: Brain Mechanisms of Behavior
- PSY 549: Human Neuropsychology/ Cognitive Neuroscience
- PSY 550: Hormones and Behavior
- PSY 610: Advanced Cognitive Neuroscience
- PSY 614: Issues in Biology and Cognition
- PSY 621: Clinical Psychobiology

**Area 2: Social Aspects of Behavior** - Covers factors leading to the development, maintenance, and modification of social attitudes and beliefs, human aggression, prejudice, altruism, attitudinal and situational components of social behavior, community psychology, organizational behavior, theory and research on group behavior.

- CPSY 610: Social Psychology *(required)*
- PSY 520: Psychology and Law
- PSY 556: Social Psychology
- PSY 557: Group Dynamics
- PSY 607: Seminar: Self and Other
Area 3: Cognitive and Affective Aspects of Behavior- Covers theories and research in conditioning (classical and operant), discrimination learning, transfer of learning, verbal learning, memory and problem-solving, motivation, emotion, psychophysics, letter and word perception, and visual masking.

SPSY 651: Cognitive and Affective Aspects of Behavior *(required)*
PSY 530: Cognitive Science
PSY 533: Learning and Memory
PSY 535: Cognition
PSY 536: Human Performance
PSY 538: Perception
PSY 558: Decision Making
PSY 568: Motivation and Emotion
PSY 576: Language Acquisition

Area 4: Individual Aspects of Behavior- Covers quantitative assessment of human characteristics, research findings concerning intelligence, achievement, aptitudes, interests and personality, group differences related to sex, age, social class, race, and nationality, descriptive psychopathology, research on intervention outcome, critical comparisons of significant personality theories.

CPSY 610: Lifespan Developmental Psychology *(required)*
CFT 620: Mental Health & Diagnosis *(required)*
SPSY 650: Developmental Psychopathology *(required)*
PSY 559: Cultural Psychology *(pre-reqs necessary)*
PSY 571: Personality
PSY 572: Psychology of Trauma

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