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**Course Description:**
The first semester of General Psychology that includes:

- How psychology emerged from the philosophy of knowledge and the nature of the self.
- Placing this endeavor in the context of biological naturalism and the scientific worldview, including brain function, critical thinking, hypothesis testing and statistical description.
- Continuing this understanding by elucidating the way learning occurs.
- Placing associative learning in the context of human development and the nature of mental abilities.
- Considering the concept of personality as a way of holistically integrating or describing the above; the way the self and behavior can be considered disordered and the way such disorders can be treated.

**Prerequisites (If any):**

**Goals and Objectives:**

- Thinking critically about the nature of the self and the way it depends on natural, biological, processes involving genes, observation and experience.
- Identifying theoretical perspectives that help explain human development and mental abilities.
- See the advantages and liabilities of mental causation.
- Understanding the goals, limitations and context of defining psychopathology.
- Understanding the modes and rationale of psychotherapy and their relationship to the above.

**Course Topics:**
- History of psychology
- Research methods
- Biological aspects of psychology
- Learning
- Human development
- Mental abilities
- Personality
- Psychopathology
- Treatment of psychopathology

**Text:**