# History & Systems

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## Course Description:
A general survey course covering the development of mainstream experimental psychology beginning with Classical philosophy and predicated on the position that understanding the self via epistemology and natural science cannot be separated from historical context.

## Prerequisites (If any):

## Goals and Objectives:
- Considering the place of the study of consciousness in this context.
- Elucidating Classical philosophy and post Renaissance and Enlightenment progression of Classical concepts.
- Understanding the origin of Psychology as an independent intellectual endeavor and its progression to contemporary (primarily American) experimental psychology.
- Considering the further expansion of cognitive and neo-behavioral constructs to include phenomenology, evolutionary psychology and cognitive neuroscience.
- Developing a personal position on the nature and constraints of contemporary psychology in its historical context.

## Course Topics:
- Classical Epistemology
- Development of Modern Psychology
- Consciousness
- Development of American Psychology
- Behaviorism
- Phenomenology and Gestalt Psychology
- Evolutionary Psychology and Cognitive Neuroscience
- Capstone Paper - Metaphor for Psychology

## Text:

NB: This is a Web-only course and virtually all the required readings are linked within the course.