# Learning, Cognition, and Emotion

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## Course Description:
This course provides an introduction to the cognitive and affective bases of behavior. Topics to be addressed include basic principles of learning theory and alternative theoretical perspectives on the nature of emotion. The nature of cognitive processes such as memory and decision-making will also be addressed. The course is designed to be particularly relevant to the application of these topics to clinical psychology.

## Prerequisites (If any):
Ph.D. students only or permission of the instructor

## Goals and Objectives:
This course is intended to provide an introduction to three key areas of basic psychological research: learning and behavior change, cognition, and emotion. Some time will be devoted to clinical implications, but the focus is on a general background in these three areas.

## Course Topics:
- Elicited conditioning
- Instrumental conditioning
- Punishment, avoidance, and extinction
- Cognitive neuroscience
- Perception, attention, and memory
- Language and concepts
- Decision-making
- The nature of emotion
- Development and regulation of emotion

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