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**Course Title:** Psychology of Learning

**Course Description:**

**An examination of the major theories of learning and the study of animal and human research in classical and operant conditioning, observational learning, verbal learning and cognitive processing.**

**OBJECTIVES OF THE COURSE:**

1. To acquaint the students with a competent understanding of the terms, concepts and principles of learning.
2. To provide students with ethical principles associated with human and animal research.
3. To acquire knowledge of the principles and prospective of major learning theorists.
4. To explore the concepts of nature vs. nurture (i.e.) genetics vs. environment.
5. To provide and understanding of the dynamics of memory and information processing.
6. To review various schedules of reinforcement and it's effect on learned behavior.
7. To gain familiarity with various therapeutic interventions and a practical understanding of Contingency Management, (i.e.) Behavior Modification.
8. To compare and contrast neurological effects on learning and memory.
9. To present to the student the purpose and need of intelligence and achievement testing
10. To review recent development in the field of learning theory.