

PSYCH 260.001

The Neurological Bases of Human Behavior

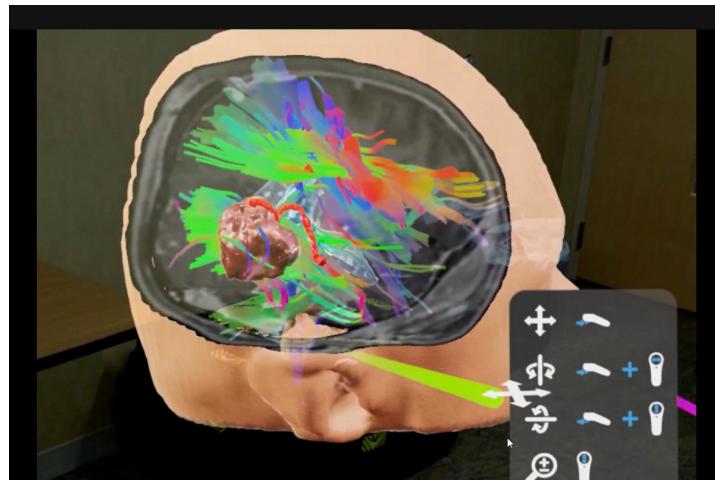


Figure 1: “A GPS for your mind” (2023)

Themes

There is no more fascinating or challenging field of inquiry than the nature, origin, structure, and functioning of the human mind and the behavior it enables. This course will examine human mental states and observable behaviors from a biological basis, especially focusing on the evolution, development, structure, and functioning of the nervous system.

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Textbook

Watson, N.V. & Breedlove, S.M. (2024), *The Mind's Machine: Foundations of Brain and Behavior (5th ed)*, PSU Bookstore Page

THE MIND'S MACHINE

FOUNDATIONS OF BRAIN AND BEHAVIOR

FIFTH EDITION

NEIL V. WATSON • S. MARC BREEDLOVE



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Canvas site

We will use Canvas to submit assignments and grade them. The Canvas site may be found here:

<https://psu.instructure.com/courses/2415710>

Most of the course content will be found on this site.

Syllabus

This website constitutes the most complete and up-to-date version of materials related to this course. A [PDF](#) version is also available.

References

- A GPS for your mind: Penn State Health's Brainlab surgical system helps teen recover from hemorrhage. (2023, October 30). Retrieved August 18, 2025, from <https://pennstatehealthnews.org/2023/10/a-gps-for-your-mind-penn-state-healths-brainlab-surgical-system-helps-teen-recover-from-hemorrhage/>