

830:315 Comparative Psychology
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SEC220 MW5 (3:20-4:40pm)

Course Objectives: Historically, Comparative Psychology examined animal behavior by comparing animal to human abilities. This course will take a different, complementary approach by viewing human behavior as the product of evolutionary forces. This will be accomplished through the study of animal behavior and behavioral neuroscience. At the end of this course I hope you will have acquired:

- 1) Familiarity with principles of evolutionary theory as applied to behavioral adaptations.
- 2) A basic understanding of the way behavior reflects sensory and motor activity in brain systems.
- 3) New perspectives on the sources, limits and possibilities for human behavior.