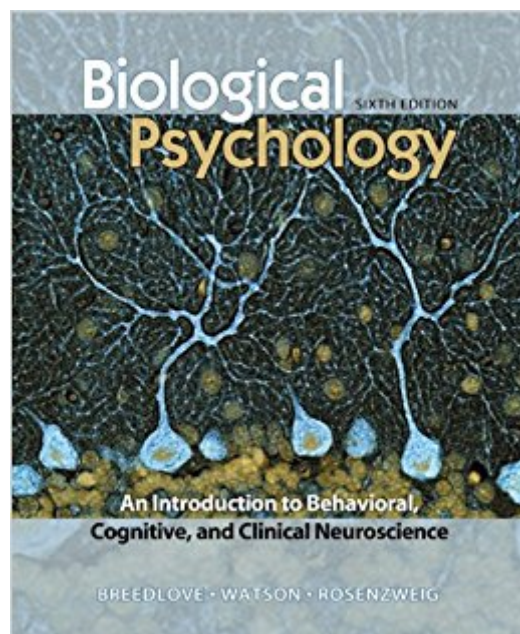




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Biological Psychology: An Introduction To Behavioral, Cognitive, And Clinical Neuroscience, Sixth Edition



Synopsis

Biological Psychology is a comprehensive survey of the biological bases of behavior that is authoritative and up-to-date. Designed for undergraduates enrolled in Biological Psychology, Physiological Psychology, or Behavioral Neuroscience, the book continues to offer an outstanding illustration program that engages students, making even complicated topics and processes clear. It offers a broad perspective, encompassing lucid descriptions of behavior, evolutionary history, development, proximate mechanisms, and applications. The Sixth Edition features a thoroughly redesigned and up-to-date Cognitive Neuroscience module (Part VI; Chapters 17-19), with expanded coverage of attention, executive control, and decision-making processes, in keeping with the latest research breakthroughs. Optional advanced topics are available on the Web as A Step Further, streamlining the printed text to emphasize the important points. The new edition boasts hundreds of new references, including research students may have encountered in the popular media. Yet critical thinking skills are also honed as the reader is alerted to the many widely held myths about the neuroscience of behavior and educated about facts that sound unlikely to the uninformed. Thorough and reader-friendly, Biological Psychology reveals the fascinating interactions of brain and behavior.

KEY FEATURES

- * The book has an outstanding full-color art program, including hundreds of original illustrations that make it easy to understand structures, mechanisms, and processes in the brain.
- * Each chapter opens with a brief outline and a narrative illustrating an important aspect of behavioral biology that will be made clear to the student by reading the rest of the chapter.
- * Redesigned chapter summaries are organized by main chapter heads in a readable two-column format. Each has bold-faced key terms, callouts to pertinent figures, and references to the Companion Website.
- * Bold-faced terms are defined in the margins of the text to help students identify and learn key terminology.
- * All references to figures, tables, and boxes are boldfaced and in color, for easy differentiation from the body of the text.
- * The free-access Biological Psychology Companion Website is referenced from in-text callouts and in the chapter summaries. See Media and Supplements section.

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Customer Reviews

I have used both the first and second editions of this text in courses for first-year graduate students in a Psy.D. program. The text is clear, the illustrations excellent, as are the color overheads. This is at exactly the right level for students who will be clinicians using this information in understanding and dealing with clients directly (as opposed to researchers).

Breedlove's BIOLOGICAL PSYCHOLOGY is a wonderful introduction to the intersection of physiology, biology, and behavior. I used this textbook at a graduate level, and it served as a great primer to many areas (sleep, sensation and perception, neurotransmission). With that disclosure, I think that this text would also serve well in a higher-level undergraduate psychology course. The content is presented in a clean, clear, and concise way; it rarely gets bogged down in jargon or esoteric concepts. Colorful, easy-to-understand figures are presented often to illustrate processes and concepts. There are many images and figures here, which does well to convey things like neurotransmission, but often it breaks up the natural flow of reading. This serves as my only true complaint though; this book is probably the best I've come across for this field. Word to the wise: you can probably do well with just the fifth edition of this book (which is currently much cheaper). Doing so will result in some missed content concerning function MRI, but most everything else is still well represented.

This is the best introductory book in Biological Psychology/Neuropsychology I have seen so far. Very well written and with beautiful illustrations and pictures that make this interesting subject even better.

I absolutely love this textbook. I read it approximately 3 times during my biological psychology class in college. Now that I've graduated, I refer to random chapters for overviews of particular topics in

cognitive/behavioral neuroscience quite frequently for refreshers. It is a great resource and the large diagrams and pictures are extremely helpful when learning the topics. Once I'm in graduate school I plan on getting a newer edition. This review may be a bit biased because I really like neuroscience, but I strongly feel that anyone who had to take a class that required this textbook would find it readable, enjoyable, and would be able to learn a lot from it. Highly recommend!

My idea of acceptable condition doesn't include: very heavily highlighted throughout the book, written in, underlined and contain previous owner's papers and work were still inside. The condition made it very distracting to read and concentrate on the content of the book.

I understand that Biopsychology is a very complicated and hard to understand topic. However, I wish the authors of this textbook would have done a little to minimize the dominating complexity of the topic. This textbook hits you hard and fast, there are no metaphors or breaks in the knowledge. Every sentence is something you feel like you have to know for your next test, making it very, very hard to study effectively. If your professor requires this book, make sure that they are a good instructor via ratemyprofessor.com or other sources. If you have a professor who cannot teach effectively, you may end up getting lost unless you are extremely competent at biology and learning new, foreign words easily. Each page usually has about 5-10 new vocab words that you should know. This is easily the hardest textbook I've ever tried to read (even more than math), so make sure that you know you have the study habits and solid professor before you invest in this book and a class like this. If you have no prior knowledge, you will end up struggling more than most other classes. I didn't know anything beyond basic Psych 101 knowledge before taking this class, and I've had to study more than I have in any other class. It's possible to succeed, but this textbook won't do you any favors. As a note, the online portion of this (biopsychology.com) is not entirely good, with very vague study questions. That said, it is free to access, so feel free to check that out before you purchase this textbook to get a good idea of the kind of tone the book uses!

I had the chance to give a overlook to prof. M.Rosenzweig text "Biological Psychology...", talking with my assistant teacher, I said, at last a nice, and good text for undergraduate student that are not going to be medicine student, but other profesional. This is the text for a change in the teaching of neuroscience; the result of it use will be clear at december 2000. the reasons for this: - clear use of history. - great use of design in each theme treated. - all the aids (cd, etc) are exactly what a beginnig student need. - the use of real neuroanatomy part, are perfectly complement by the

pictures, diagram in the text. profs. M. Rosenzweig, A. Leiman & S.M. Breedlove thanks from Chile.

I really enjoyed this book. I thought it was an excellent complement to my introductory course to the world of biological psychology. It lays out the material nicely and is not intimidating. I would recommend this textbook to anyone curious about the brain and how it controls every single action of humans!

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