

Choice Based Credit System
Department of Philosophy
Presidency University
B.A (Hons.) / General Electives (GE)

GE1 (Semester 1): Philosophy of Psychology

Unit I

1. Nature of commonsense psychology
2. Arguments for the autonomy of psychology
3. Definition and nature of philosophy of psychology

Unit II

1. Behaviourism (B. F. Skinner), Reductionism and physicalism, Functionalism
2. Models of psychological explanation: An overview

Suggested Readings:

- Ned Block (1980) ed. Readings in Philosophy of Psychology, Vol –1, London: Methuen and Co. .
- Jose Luis Bermudez (2005). Philosophy of Psychology: A contemporary Introduction. New York: Routledge .
- Ian Ravenscroft (2005). Philosophy of Mind: A Beginner's Guide. New York: Oxford University Press