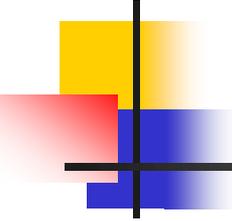


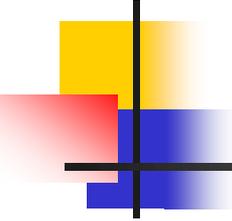
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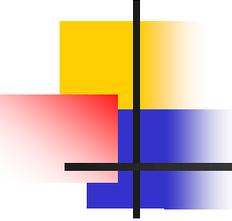
- Psychology is an eclectic discipline. It has borrowed from different academic disciplines and in turn has also contributed to them.
- The current status of psychology is basically interdisciplinary and that is why we find psychology being used as a tool to understand the complexities of different academic disciplines.



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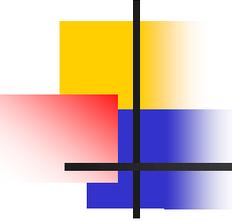
Philosophy

- Both psychology and philosophy are concerned with what is the nature of **mind** and how do humans come to know their **motivations** and **emotions**.



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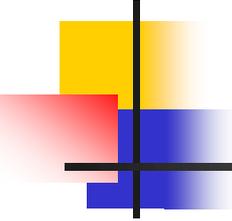
- Thus, the subject matter of both psychology and philosophy is interrelated to a great extent.
- A lot of earlier psychologists like **William James** were actually philosophers and they contributed to the development of psychology as an independent discipline.



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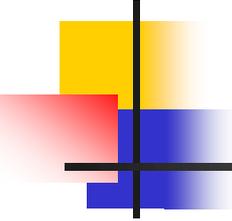
Medicine

- There are a lot of diseases whose symptoms are physical but causes psychological. Such diseases are known as **psychosomatic diseases**. E.g.; asthma, depression, epilepsy, peptic ulcer, migraine etc.



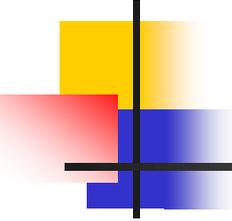
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- For an effective treatment of such diseases, it becomes essential to understand and apply the principles and practices of psychology.
- Psychological techniques are combined with medicines in **psychiatry** for the treatment of severe psychological disorders.



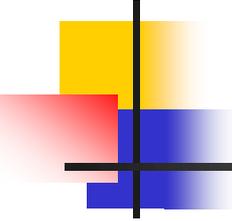
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- In general practice also, for the purpose of holistic treatment, a successful doctor looks at the psychological as well as physical well-being of the patient.



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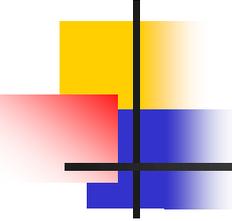
- The role of psychologists in preventing people from engaging in health hazardous behaviours and in adhering to the prescribed doctors' regimen are some of the important areas where the two disciplines have come together.



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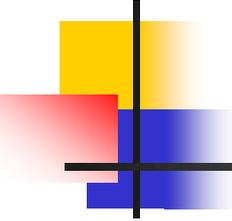
Economics

- Psychology has contributed a great deal to the study of micro-economic behaviour, particularly in understanding consumer behaviour, savings behaviour and in decision making.



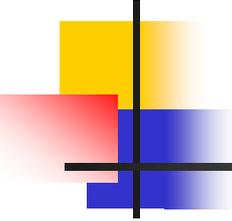
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- Without properly understanding the intricacies of human behaviour, it would not be simply possible to understand specific behaviours like buying behaviour or consumption behaviour.



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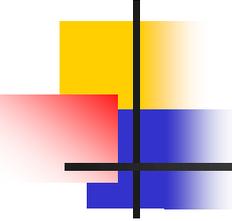
- The principles and practices of psychology facilitate the study of various economic behaviour – especially the micro economic behaviour - of an individual.



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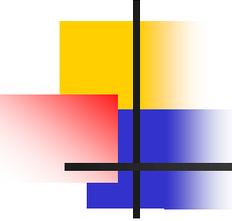
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- Political science, too, draws considerably from psychology, particularly, in understanding the issues related to exercise of power and authority, nature of political conflicts and their resolutions, and voting behaviour.



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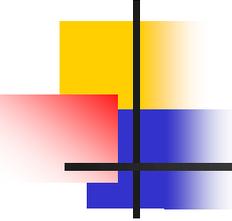
- A great deal of meaningful research has been carried out by the psychologists regarding concepts of power & authority, conflicts and voting behaviour and these concepts are of prime interest to political science as well.



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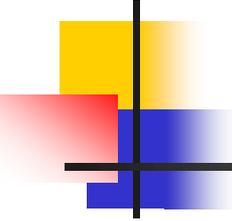
Sociology

- Sociology and Psychology share a lot in common. They come together to explain and understand the behaviour of individuals within different socio-cultural contexts.



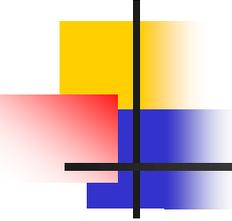
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- Issues related to socialization, group processes, and intergroup conflicts gain from both these disciplines.



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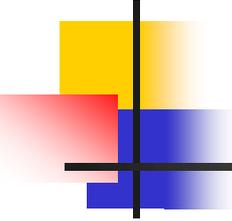
- As a matter of fact, psychology studies behaviour at 3 distinct levels, namely, **individual level, interpersonal level and group level.**
- The group level behaviour is the common ground between psychology and sociology and therefore their interests converge at this point.



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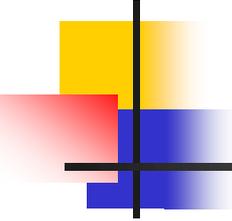
Computer Science

- The functioning of computer has often been compared to that of a human mind.
- Computer science also aims at creating a machine which is similar to, or even exceed, human beings in terms of its capacity of mind.



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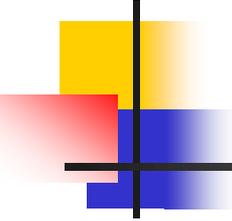
- One branch of computer science, **robotics**, is specially concerned with mimicking the human mind. **Artificial intelligence** is another emerging field of computer science.
- Knowledge of principles of psychology contribute a lot to these fields.



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Law & Criminology

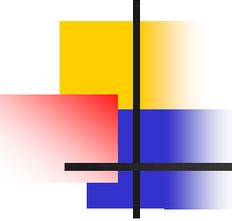
- Both a skilled lawyer and a criminologist require reasonable knowledge of psychology as both of them have to deal with human beings and understand the complexities of the human mind.
- Forensic science experts have to often work together with the psychologists to gain a comprehensive knowledge about criminals



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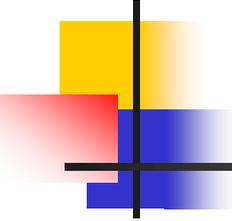
Mass Communication

- It is a well documented fact that mass media has a major influence on our thinking, attitudes and emotions.
- It also acts as a source of learning and considerable affects the behaviours of individuals.



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- The impact of the media on the formation of attitudes of children and their behaviour is a domain where both these disciplines come together.
- Knowledge of psychology helps in the field of advertising and in developing strategies for better communication.



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Conclusion

- Thus, psychology is related with a variety of academic disciplines. A sound knowledge of relevant psychological principles and practices can be of great help to people from different professions.