A. Course Description

Credits: 4

Corequisites: None

Lecture Hours/Week:

MnTC Goals: None

This independent study covers procedures used in behavior modification and the underlying concepts on which it is based. Students read and complete exercises in a text. In addition, they complete a project demonstrating the application of behavior modification procedures. Evaluation is based on answers to study questions, three tests, and evaluation of a written report of a real or simulated behavior modification project.

B. Course Effective Dates: 08/01/1998 - 09/05/1999 09/06/1999 - 05/06/2002 05/06/2002 - Present

C. Outline of Major Content Areas:

See Course Description for major content areas.

D. Learning Outcomes (General)

1. Record behavioral observations.
2. Define terms, e.g., "shaping", "extinction", "reinforcement", etc.
3. Define "target" behaviors in precise behavioral terms.
4. Describe ethical issues in applying behavior modification techniques.
5. Design a program to increase or decrease the frequency of a specific behavior.
6. Determine "baseline" rates of behavior.

E. Learning Outcomes (MN Transfer Curriculum)

This contains no goal areas.

G. Special Information

None