ES 515: Stress and the Brain

The experience of stress is common to our lives. Stressful events change brain function and behavior and are a major factor contributing to the development of psychiatric disorders. In this course we will focus on the mechanisms through which stress changes our brain. In our classes we will discuss: 1/ how to define stress; 2/ the neurophysiological response to stress; 3/ the impact of genetic background and physical activity; and 4/ the relationship between stress and psychiatric disorders. Students will present and discuss research papers, and learn protocols and techniques to investigate the effects of stress on brain function and behavior.

3 Credits

Instruction Type(s)
• Lecture: Lecture for ES 515

Subject Areas
• Health and Physical Education, General

Related Areas
• Health and Physical Education/Fitness, Other
• Kinesiology and Exercise Science
• Socio-Psychological Sports Studies