Queen's University School of Kinesiology and Health Studies



Course Name: KNPE 425/3.0	Course Instructor Dr. Kyra Pyke	Contact Hours: Lectures: 2 x 1.5 hrs / 12 weeks	
Physiology of Stress		Prerequisite: KNPE 225/3.0 and KNPE 227/3.0 Level 4 or above in a KINE or PHED Plan.	
		Exclusion: KNPE 493/3.0-001Topic ID Stress Physiology (Offered winter 2016)	
Course Description:		Course Texts:	
An in-depth exploration of phy psychological sources of stres understanding the pathways the influence physical health.	ysiological responses to s. An emphasis is placed o nrough which stress can	Resources will be posted on OnQ.	
Intended Student Learning Outcomes:		Course Evaluation:	
 Describe stress, physiological stress response activation and its short and long term consequences in order to support advanced topic discussion Apply an understanding of physiological stress responses to explain mechanisms by which stress can influence physical function and health Describe nature and physiological impact of selected stress management strategies to consider potential value as interventions Interpret, evaluate and present research related to physiological responses to psychological stress in order to discuss evidence, generate hypotheses, answer questions and demonstrate communication skills 		<pre>tes in ted al d to s in ses, ation</pre> Term tests- 60%; #1 (20%), #2 (20%), #3 (20%) (not cumulative) Research assignment- 30%; Quizzes-10%- based on readings (available through onQ), lowest three marks will be dropped	
Course Outline			
Introduction		Shame as a form of stress	
The physiological stress response Chron anima		Chronic stress and cardiovascular disease – classic animal evidence	
Studying stress responses in the lab			

evidence in humans

Acute stress reactivity and cardiac events	Chronic stress and cardiovascular disease – mechanisms
Acute stress reactivity and prediction of CV outcomes	Chronic stress and cardiovascular health - mechanisms
Acute stress and endothelial function	Chronic stress and telomeres
Acute stress and endothelial function Problem statements	Stress management
Stress and endothelial function - cortisol	