Biopsychology of Health Disparities (Honors Course)

TuTh 2:30PM - 3:45PM
226 Benedum Hall

What does socioeconomic status have to do with our physical health? This new Honors course addresses this question from biopsychological perspective. In doing so, an emphasis will be placed on specific aspects of physical health and health behaviors for which there are known socioeconomic inequalities. By the end of the course, students will be expected to have a deeper understanding of how biological psychologists (1) measure socioeconomic status, (2) conceptualize health inequalities, and (3) investigate the complex factors associated with socioeconomic health inequalities. Students will also learn about intervention and policy approaches aimed at reducing socioeconomic health inequalities across the lifespan. Class meetings will consist of facilitated discussions and student-led presentations. Regular reaction papers to reading assignments and a final term paper are required.

Prerequisite(s): PREQ: (PSY 0010 or 0012 or 0015 or 0101 or 0200) and (PSY 0035 or 0032 or 1031) and (PSY 0105 or 0505 or 1500 or 0203 or 0210)