Pain: Body and Mind
Psyc 480
Fall, 2018

Teaching is Tuesday 4:00-5:30 and Thursday 2:30 to 4:00 in Jeffrey Hall, room 115

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Intended Student Learning Outcomes
To complete this course students will demonstrate their ability to:
1. Identify and analyze critical issues in pain research and treatment
2. Compare, contrast, and synthesise arguments pertaining to these issues, providing empirical support
3. Examine the link between structure and function in pain mechanisms
4. Appraise pain treatments on the basis of current research

Course Outline

Seminar 1  (06/09) Introduction and Opening Discussion
Seminar 2  (18/09) What is Pain?
Seminar 3  (20/09) Pain: Body and Mind
Seminar 4  (25/09) Discussion: Is an objective measure of pain possible?
Seminar 5  (27/09) How Do We Communicate Pain?
Seminar 6  (02/10) Discussion: Specificity or pattern?
Seminar 7  (04/10) Pain Physiology (History and the Periphery)
Seminar 8  (09/10) Discussion: Is the anterior cingulate selective for pain?
Seminar 9  (11/10) Pain Physiology (The Brain)
Seminar 10 (16/10) Discussion: Is there such a thing as a “pain prone patient”
Seminar 11 (18/10) The Psychology of Pain
Seminar 12 (23/10) Discussion: Should emotional or social “pain” be called pain?
Seminar 13 (25/10) Psychological Models and Interventions
Seminar 14 (30/10) Chronic pain panel discussion
Seminar 15 (01/11) Clinical Pain Disorders
Seminar 16 (06/11) Discussion: Are opioids worth the risk?
Seminar 17 (08/11) Clinical pain disorders and treatments
Seminar 18 (13/11) Discussion: Is pain the best treatment target for chronic pain?
Seminar 19 (15/11) Discussion: Do fish feel pain?
Seminar 20 (20/11) Discussion: Should pain diagnoses only be based on mechanisms?
Seminar 21 (22/11) Discussion: Is pain inherently social?
Seminar 22 (27/11) Discussion: Should race, culture and gender be considerations when treating pain?
READING LIST

Seminar 1: Introduction and Opening Discussion

Seminar 2: What is Pain?

Required Readings

And reply by Williams & Craig *Pain*, 158(2), 363-365


Suggested Readings


Seminar 3: Pain: Body and Mind

Required Readings:


Suggested Readings:


Seminar 4: Discussion: Is an objective measure of pain possible?

Required Readings:

Readings to Review:

Seminar 5: How Do We Communicate Pain?
Required Readings:


Suggested Readings:

http://www.jpain.org/article/S1526-5900(15)00865-2/fulltext


Seminar 6 Discussion: Specificity or pattern?
Required Readings:
Basbaum “Specificity Versus Patterning Theory: Continuing the Debate”
Woolf “Transcending Specificity”
Casey “Ghosts of Pattern and Specificity”
Fields “untitled”
Apkarian “A theoretical view of ghosts”


Seminar 7 Pain Physiology (History and the Periphery)
Required Readings:


**Suggested Readings:**


**Seminar 8**

**Discussion: Is the anterior cingulate selective for pain?**

**Required Readings:**


And see rebuttals


http://www.talyarkoni.org/blog/2015/12/05/no-the-dorsal-anterior-cingulate-is-not-selective-for-pain-comment-on-lieberman-and-eisenberger-2015/

**Seminar 9**

**Pain Physiology (The Brain)**

**Required Readings:**


**Suggested Readings:**


Seminar 10  Is there such a thing as a “pain prone patient”

**Required Readings:**


**Suggested Readings:**

Seminar 11  The Psychology of Pain

**Required Readings:**


**Suggested Readings:**


Seminar 12  Should emotional or social “pain” be called pain?

**Required Reading:**
Readings to Review:

Seminar 13 Psychological Models and Interventions
Required Readings:


Seminar 14 Chronic pain panel discussion
Required Reading:

Seminar 15 Clinical Pain Disorders
Required Readings:

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (2001) Pain: Current understanding of assessment, management and treatment. Read Chapter 1 “Background and Significance” pp 3-17

Suggested Readings:
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chronic_pain


Seminar 16 Discussion: Are opioids worth the risk?
Required Reading:

https://harpers.org/archive/2018/04/the-pain-refugees/
Suggested Reading:

https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2017/10/30/the-family-that-built-an-empire-of-pain

https://www.huffingtonpost.ca/beth-darnall/opioids-limit_b_10374856.html


Seminar 17  Clinical pain disorders and treatments
Required Reading:


Seminar 18  Discussion: Is pain the best treatment target for chronic pain?
Required Reading:

Seminar 19  Discussion: Do fish feel pain?
Required Reading:


Seminar 20  Discussion: Should pain diagnoses only be based on mechanisms?
Required Reading:


Seminar 21  Discussion: Is pain inherently social?
Required Reading:

Readings to Review:

Williams AC, Craig KD. (2016) Updating the definition of pain, Pain 157(11):2420-2423. (Seminar 2)

Seminar 22 Discussion: Should race, culture and gender be considerations when treating pain?

Required Reading:

Readings to Review:


Grading Scheme [See Section 2]
Weekly multiple choice questions 15% Beginning of class Tuesday
In-class presentation 1 25% See presentation schedule
In-class presentation 2 25% See presentation schedule
Final paper 30% December 11th*
Participation 5%

*Students are encouraged to aim to hand this assignment in for November 29th so as to not overlap with exams

Multiple choice questions will be made available online and will be directly based on the week’s readings (including readings for both Tuesday and Thursday seminars). They can be completed in an “open book” fashion. Answers will be discussed in groups at the beginning of each Tuesday seminar. The point of these questions is to ensure students come to class familiar with the readings, and ready to talk about them. Students who do the readings should do well on the questions.

The seminars marked Discussion will be led by two teams (generally made up of 2, but occasionally 3 students). Each team will be assigned one side of an issue and will be responsible for putting together a 10-15 minute presentation, in which they make the strongest possible argument for that side of the argument, regardless of whether they agree with the argument. The two teams will subsequently be responsible for leading the discussion on that topic. The two teams should consider meeting to coordinate their leading of discussion. This might be done by formulating questions to stimulate discussion, as well as by talking amongst themselves to formulate more nuanced views of the issue at hand. Although readings have been provided for these Discussions, teams are expected to go beyond these readings in preparing their arguments. Although both teams will be preparing arguments for one side of the issue, this is not a competition! You will not be judged more harshly simply because one side of an argument is naturally more compelling. You simply need to make the best, empirically supported case for the side you have been assigned. Marks will be assigned for the content of the presentation (coherence of the argument, empirical support etc.), as well as for facilitation of discussion. 20 of the 25 marks will be assigned to the group (half for the presentation and half for facilitation of discussion), with an additional 5 given to each individual in the group for their participation.

The final paper will be a short summary/overview (approximately 1000 words, no more than 1500) of the issue, briefly outlining both sides of the argument and presenting key considerations in reconciling/resolving the arguments. These should include references (but references will not be included in word count). Students can write on either of the two Discussion topics they participated in.
The goal of the course is to foster informed discussion of important topics in basic and clinical pain science. Discussion can’t occur without participation, so 5% of the mark will be given for attendance and participation in discussions throughout the course. Students will be excused for up to 2 absences, more absences may begin to affect their participation mark.

**Grading Method**

All components of this course will receive numerical percentage marks. The final grade you receive for the course will be derived by converting your numerical course average to a letter grade according to Queen’s Official Grade Conversion Scale:

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**Late Policy:** For the final paper, there will be a late penalty of 5% per day. For weekly multiple choice questions, late submission is not possible and students who have not submitted prior to the start of class on Tuesday will not receive any credit for those questions.

**Academic Integrity**

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Queen's University is committed to achieving full accessibility for people with disabilities. Part of this commitment includes arranging academic accommodations for students with disabilities to ensure they have an equitable opportunity to participate in all of their academic activities. The Senate Policy for Accommodations for Students with Disabilities was approved at Senate in November 2016 (see https://www.queensu.ca/secretariat/sites/webpublish.queensu.ca.uslcwww/files/files/policies/senate-andtrustees/ACADACCOMMPOLICY2016.pdf). If you are a student with a disability and think you may need academic accommodations, you are strongly encouraged to contact the Queen's Student Accessibility Services (QSAS) and register as early as possible. For more information, including important deadlines, please visit the QSAS website at: http://www.queensu.ca/studentwellness/accessibility-services/

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Queen’s University is committed to providing academic consideration to students experiencing extenuating circumstances that are beyond their control and are interfering with their ability to complete academic requirements related to a course for a short period of time, not to exceed three months. Students receiving academic consideration must meet all essential requirements of a course. The Senate Policy on Academic Consideration for Students in Extenuating Circumstances was approved at Senate in April, 2017 (see http://www.queensu.ca/secretariat/sites/webpublish.queensu.ca.uslcwww/files/files/policies/senate-andtrustees/Academic%20Considerations%20for%20Extenuating%20Circumstances%20Policy%20Final.pdf)

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If you need to request academic consideration for this course, you will be required to provide the name and email address of the instructor/coordinator. Please use the following:

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