

#### WELCOME TO PSYC 110

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text message break-up.\* PSYC 110 (General Psychology)

#### Module 12:

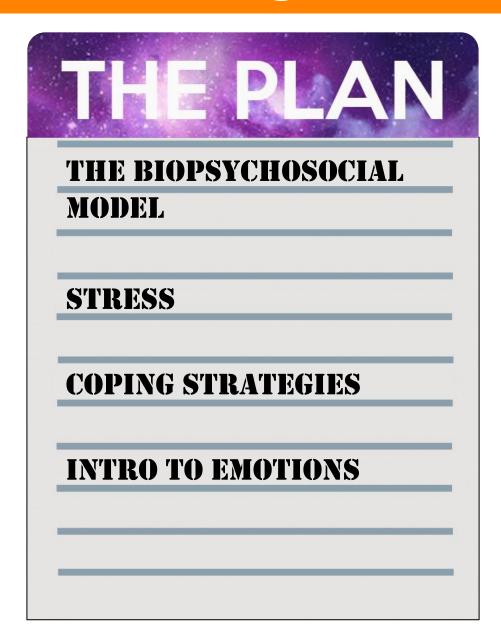
Health & Positive Psychology

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'unless, of course, they TOTALLY deserved a text message break-up.



### What should we get out of today?





#### Everyone wants to be happy and healthy

#### Health

The condition of one's mind, body, and spirit

#### **Well-Being**

A state of happiness and contentment, with low levels of distress, overall good physical and mental health and outlook, or good quality of life



#### How to we study happiness and healthiness?

#### **Health Psychology**

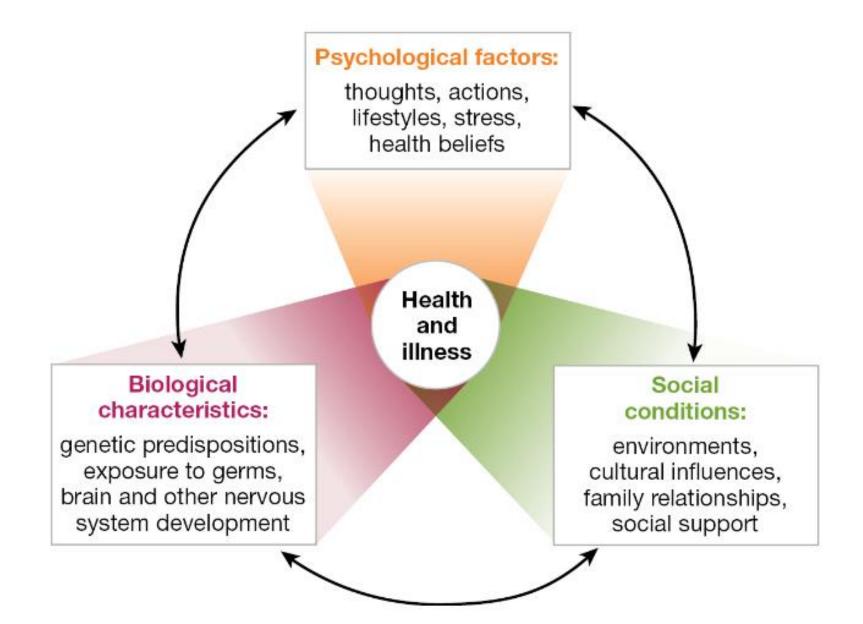
A field that focuses on the examination of the relationships between various factors and the establishment, maintenance, and detriment of health

#### **Positive Psychology**

A field that focuses on the psychological states, individual traits or character strengths, and social institutions that enhance one's subjective well-being



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#### Psychological factors:

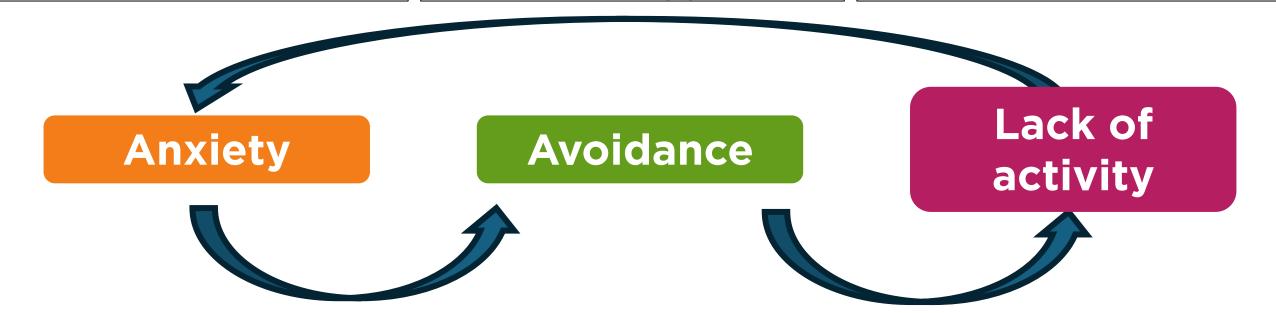
thoughts, actions, lifestyles, stress, health beliefs

## Social conditions:

environments, cultural influences, family relationships, social support

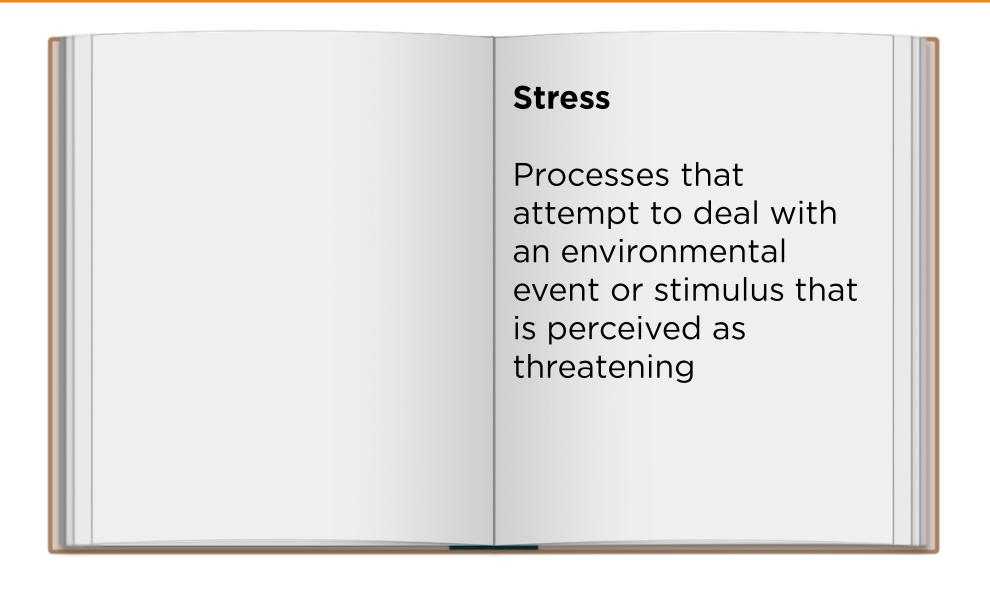
### Biological characteristics:

genetic predispositions, exposure to germs, brain and other nervous system development





#### Stress is the mechanism that maintains health





#### There are three components to stress

#### **Stressors**

Major Life Stressors

**Daily Hassles** 

## **Mediating Factors**

**Personality** 

**Coping Strategies** 

Stress Responses

**Physical** 

**Psychological** 

**Behavioral** 



#### Major Life Stressors are rare but impactful



What do you consider a "Major Stress?"



#### Major Life Stressors are rare but impactful



**Property Damage** 



Marriage



Serious Injury (self or loved one)



Starting Parenthood

Death of a loved one



**Breakup / Divorce** 



Starting at a new school



Moving





#### Daily Hassles are common annoyances



Do you have any "Pet Peeves?"

Stuff That Sucks - YouTube



#### Daily Hassles are common annoyances



Waiting in line



**Traffic** 



**Chores** 



Slow Internet



#### Can we measure how "Stressful" a stressor is?

Add up the units of each of the following events that have occurred to you at least once in the last 12 months.

Event	Life Change Units	Event	Life Change Units	Event	Life Change Units
Death of close family member	100	Change in financial status	39	Change in sleeping habits	29
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Death of close friend	73	Change in major	39	Change in social	20
Divorce between		Trouble with parents	39	activities	29
parents	65	New girlfriend or		Change in eating	
Jail term	63	boyfriend	38	habits	28
Major personal injury		Increased workload		Chronic car trouble	26
or illness	63	at school	37	Change in number of	
Marriage	58	Outstanding personal		family get-togethers	26
Being fired from job	50	achievement	36	Too many missed	
Failing important		First term in college	35	classes	25
course	47	Change in living		Change of college	24
Change in health of		conditions	31	Dropping more than	
family member	45	Serious argument		one class	23
Pregnancy	45	with instructor	30	Minor traffic violations	20
Sex problems	44	Lower grades than			
Serious argument		expected	29		
with close friend	40				





## 1001nt Solutions

#### Can we measure how "Stressful" a stressor is?

If you scored:

300 units or more: High risk for serious health event

150–299 units: 50% risk for serious health event

149 units or less: 33% risk for serious health event





#### How do we manage stress?

#### **Coping Strategies**

#### **Primary Appraisal**

Deciding whether a stimulus is: Stressful—requiring a response Benign—no significant effect

#### **Secondary Appraisal**

Deciding how to deal with the stressor



#### How do we manage stress?

#### Emotion-focused coping: Preventing an emotional response to the stressor



#### Problem-focused coping: Working directly to prevent or solve the stressor





## 1001nt Solutions

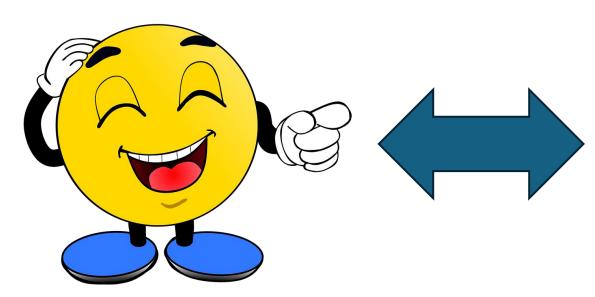


#### Emotion-Focused Coping Strategies manage our feelings



#### **Rumination**

Focusing on the undesired thought/emotion until we feel better about it

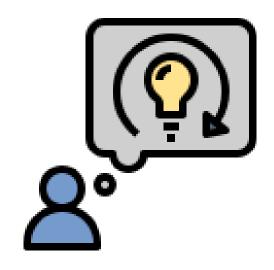


#### Humor

Distancing ourselves from the negative emotion

#### **Distraction**

Doing or thinking about something other than the troubling activity or thought



#### **Positive Reappraisal**

Directly altering our emotional reactions to an event by thinking about the events in more neutral or even positive terms



## 1001nt Solutions

Georges St. Pierre using James-Lange Theory

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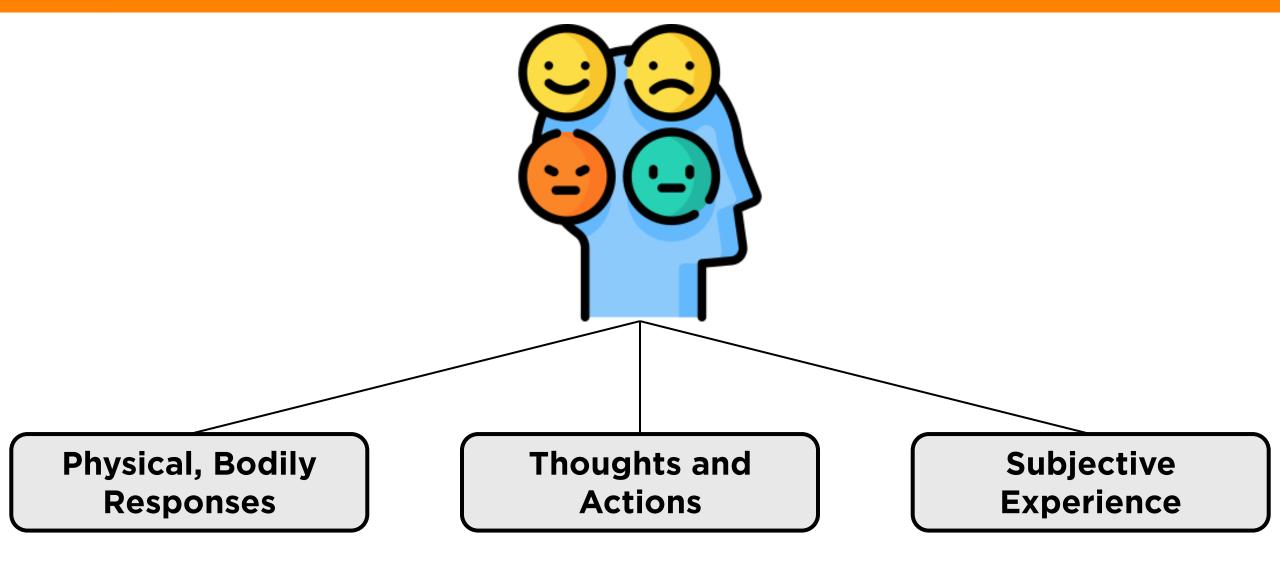
#### We are motivated by emotion

#### **Emotion**

A complex reaction pattern, involving experiential, behavioral, and physiological elements, by which an individual attempts to deal with a personally significant matter or event

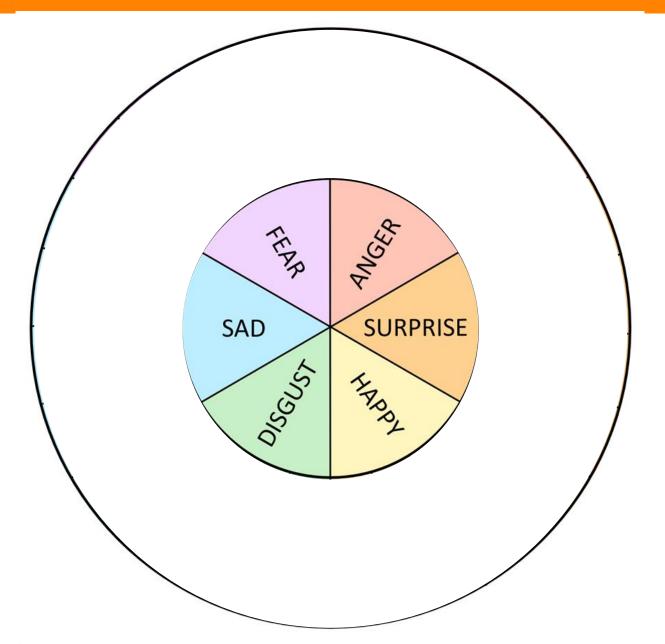


#### Emotions are personal but labelled and described consistently





#### There are primary and secondary emotions



#### **Primary Emotions**

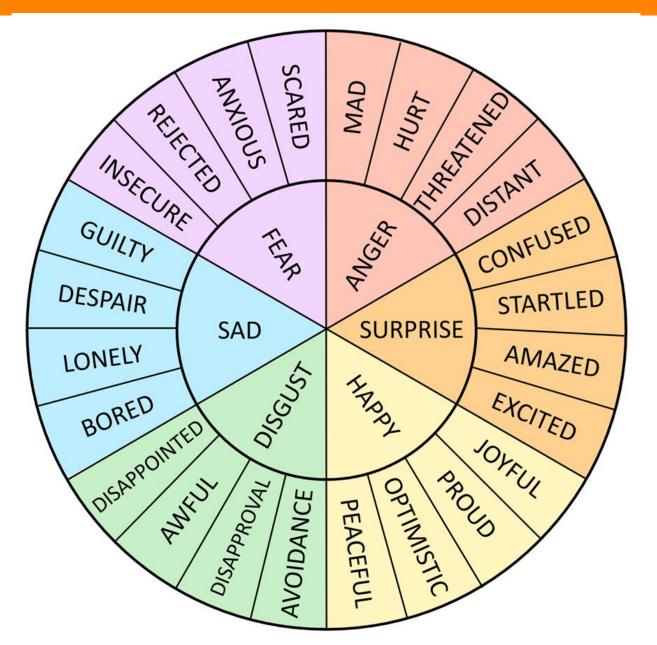
Evolutionarily adaptive

Shared across cultures

Associated with specific physical states



#### There are primary and secondary emotions



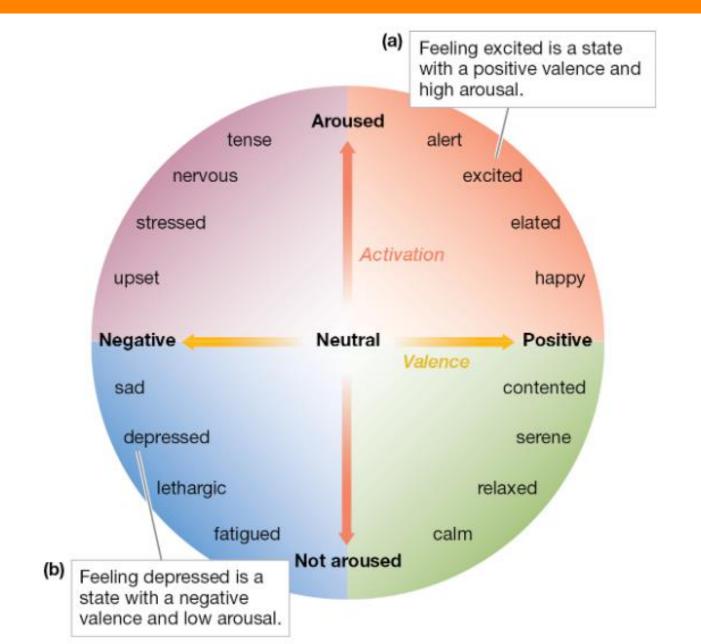
#### **Secondary Emotions**

More specific than primary emotions

Can come from combinations of primary emotions (e.g., surprise and happiness make excitement)

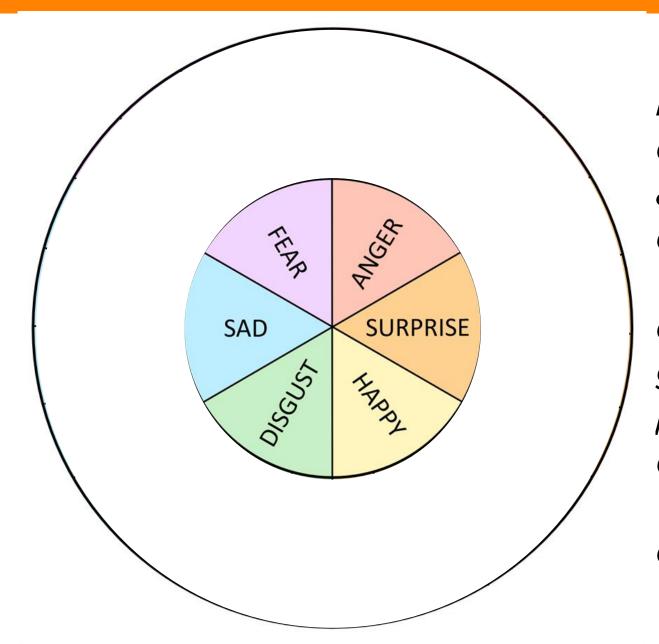


#### Emotions are described by valence and arousal (or activation)





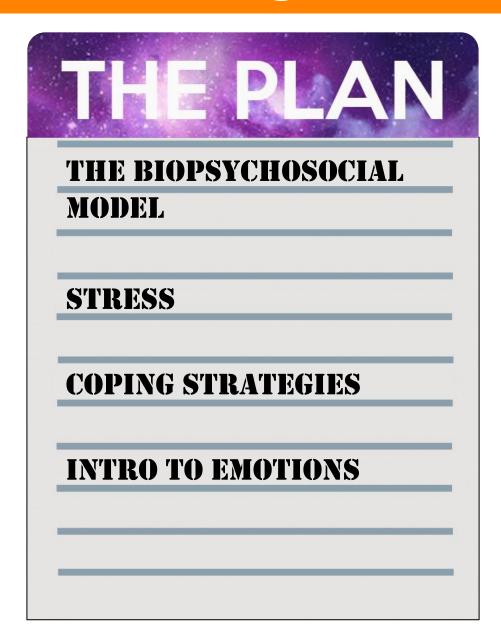
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This term, we've covered many instances where evolution explains why aspects of the human experience are adaptive. Why would these primary emotions be adaptive? In a group of 2 - 4, choose three primary emotions and discuss reasons why they would be beneficial to evolutionary fitness.



### What should we get out of today?





#### How did we do?



#### For y'all:

Last module's InQuizitive and Reflection Journals **due tonight!** 

Friday Quiz 10 is April 25

InQuizitive due April 27

Reflection Journal due April 27

Collab Project due April 30