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Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics College of Human Medicine

- 200 A Multi-disciplinary Approach to Problems in Global Public Health and Epidemiology**
Fall. 3(3-0) R: Open to undergraduate students in the Global Public Health and Epidemiology Specialization.
Overview of global health and the role of epidemiology in studying health problems from a multi-disciplinary perspective.
- 289 Independent Study**
Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 to 8 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 12 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Approval of department.
Faculty supervised, introductory, planned learning for an individual student in areas supplementing regular course offerings.
- 290 History of Scientific Reasoning and Critical Thinking in Global Public Health and Epidemiology**
Spring. 3(3-0) P: EPI 200 R: Open to undergraduate students in the Global Public Health and Epidemiology Specialization.
Introduction to the historical development of public health and epidemiology and how social and scientific contexts shape scientific theories of disease distribution.
- 390 Disease in Society: Introduction to Epidemiology and Public Health**
Spring. 4(4-0) Interdepartmental with Social Science. Administered by Epidemiology.
Human epidemiology and population health issues facing contemporary society. Developed and less-developed settings. Health-related information in the mass media and scholarly publications.
- 456 Health and Healthcare in Sub-Saharan Africa**
Summer of odd years. 3(3-0) R: Open to juniors or seniors or graduate students.
Survey of health and healthcare in Sub-Saharan Africa. Role and effect of geopolitical influences on public health in the region.
- 475 Study Abroad in Epidemiology, Biostatistics or Public Health**
Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 to 10 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 20 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Approval of department.
Study abroad under MSU faculty supervision in selected countries. Epidemiology, health and behavior, and social topics in relation to cultural sites, social structures, museums, and institutions.
- 489 Independent Study**
Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 to 8 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 12 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Approval of department.
Faculty supervised, intermediate-level, planned learning for an individual student in areas supplementing regular course offerings.
- 490 Advanced Topics/Methods in Global Public Health and Epidemiology**
Fall. 3(2-2) P: EPI 390 and EPI 200 and EPI 290 R: Open to undergraduate students in the Global Public Health and Epidemiology Specialization.
Conceptual and analytical methods used in public health and epidemiology.
- 495 Epidemiology and Behavioral Health in Society**
Summer. 3(3-0) R: Not open to freshmen or sophomores or lifelong undergraduate students.
Introduction to epidemiology as applied to behavioral health issues in contemporary society. Life-span developmental perspective from preterm births to late life Alzheimer's disease and the dementias. Offered first half of semester.
- 546 Information Management: Fundamentals of Epidemiology and Biostatistics**
Spring. 1(1-0) RB: Undergraduate statistics. R: Open to graduate-professional students in the College of Human Medicine.
Introduction to accessing, analyzing, and applying information to patients and to populations. Offered first ten weeks of the semester.
- 547 Information Management: Applications of Epidemiology and Biostatistics**
Fall. 1(1-0) P: EPI 546 RB: Undergraduate statistics. R: Open to students in the College of Human Medicine or approval of department.
Basic competency in accessing, analyzing, and applying information to patients and populations. Offered first half of semester.
- 805 Readings in the Historical Roots of Epidemiological Thought**
Fall. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with History. Administered by Epidemiology. P: EPI 810 or approval of department R: Open to graduate students in the Epidemiology major or approval of department.
Historical evolution of models of disease causation and population perspectives on disease.
- 808 Biostatistics I**
Fall. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Statistics and Probability. Administered by Epidemiology. RB: College-level algebra. R: Open to masters students or doctoral students in the Epidemiology major or approval of department. SA: STT 425
Applications of probability and statistics in the applied health sciences. Probability distributions, estimation and tests for one-, two-, and paired samples, linear regression, correlation, and ANOVA. Use of statistical software. Critical appraisal of statistical methods in the biomedical literature.
- 808B Advanced Biostatistics**
Fall. 3(3-0) P: EPI 810 or concurrently or approval of department RB: Preparation in mathematics and statistics as reflected by previous degree program transcript and a designated score on the quantitative section of the GRE test. R: Open to graduate students in the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics. Approval of department.
Fundamental theory of probability and statistical inference related to the practice of public health. Discrete and continuous random variables, sampling distributions, parametric point and interval estimation, hypothesis testing, maximum likelihood estimates, methods of constructing test and estimation procedures. Sample size, power, and efficiency.
- 809 Biostatistics II**
Spring. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Statistics and Probability. Administered by Epidemiology. P: EPI 808 RB: MTH 103 or MTH 110 or MTH 116 R: Open to masters students or doctoral students in the Epidemiology major or approval of department. SA: STT 426
Analysis of categorical data in epidemiologic studies. Contingency tables and logistic regression.
- 810 Introductory Epidemiology**
Fall. 3(3-0) R: Open to graduate students in the Department of Epidemiology or approval of department. SA: HM 810
Disease from a population perspective as the interaction of host, agent, and environment. Case definition, measuring frequency of disease, mortality and morbidity data, and major study designs. Offered first half of semester.
- 812 Causal Inference in Epidemiology**
Fall. 3(3-0) P: EPI 810 RB: LCS 829 R: Open to graduate students in the Epidemiology major or approval of department. SA: HM 812
Causality in epidemiology. Application of theoretical concepts to the design, analysis, and assessment of epidemiologic research.
- 813 Investigation of Disease Outbreaks**
Spring. 3 credits. P: EPI 810 R: Open to graduate students in the Epidemiology major or approval of department. SA: HM 813
Principles of and practice in investigating disease outbreaks.
- 814 Nutritional Epidemiology**
Spring of even years. 3(3-0) P: EPI 810 and (EPI 808 and EPI 809 or approval of department) RB: LCS 829 SA: HM 814
Methodologies used in epidemiologic studies of diet and health in the context of U.S. and international dietary patterns. Relationship between diet and specific diseases.
- 815 Epidemiology of Cardiovascular Disease**
Spring of even years. 3(3-0) RB: EPI 810 R: Open to graduate students in the Department of Epidemiology or approval of department. SA: HM 815
Survey of methodologies used in epidemiologic studies of cardiovascular diseases. Review of evidence of genetic, environmental, and behavioral causes of cardiovascular disease.
- 816 Perinatal Epidemiology**
Fall. 3(3-0) RB: EPI 810 R: Open to graduate students in the Epidemiology major or approval of department. SA: HM 816
Epidemiology of adverse health states in pregnancy and the puerperium. Impact of these health states on subsequent child development.
- 817 Epidemiology of Communicable Diseases**
Fall. 3(3-0) P: EPI 810 or concurrently R: Open to graduate students in the Department of Epidemiology or approval of department. SA: HM 817
Application of principles of epidemiology to research in communicable diseases relevant to public health in the U.S. and other countries.

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- 819 Spatial Epidemiology and Medical Geography**
Spring. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Geography. Administered by Epidemiology. P: EPI 810 or GEO 435 R: Open to graduate students in the Department of Epidemiology or in the Department of Geography or approval of department. SA: HM 819
Concepts, techniques, and utilization of spatio-epidemiologic analyses for human health.
- 823 Cancer Epidemiology**
Spring of odd years. 3(3-0) P: EPI 810 and (EPI 808 or approval of department) and (EPI 809 or approval of department) R: Open to graduate students in the Epidemiology major or approval of department. SA: HM 823
Basic principles of carcinogenesis. Major etiologic factors, types of malignancies, and biomarkers for susceptibility and exposure. Prevention and early detection of cancer.
- 826 Research Methods in Epidemiology**
Fall. 3(3-0) P: EPI 809 R: Open to graduate students in the Epidemiology major or approval of department. SA: HM 826
Analyses of epidemiologic and clinical data applying statistical methods, based on logistic and survival models, using standard software.
- 826B Categorical Data Analysis**
Spring. 3(3-0) P: EPI 808B and EPI 810 RB: Knowledge of research design and quantitative background. R: Approval of department.
Applications to real data from clinical and epidemiologic studies of categorical outcomes, distributions for categorical responses and contingency tables, logistic regression and related logit models for binary and multicategory response variables, repeated and clustered categorical data, generalized linear mixed models.
- 828 Seminar in Responsible Conduct of Research**
Fall. 1(1-0) P: EPI 810 SA: EPI 827
Ethical and regulatory issues in the responsible conduct of epidemiology research. Topics include informed consent; scientific misconduct; human subjects protection; responsible data management including electronic medical records, biological samples and genetic data; HIPAA compliance; and other current issues of scientific integrity.
- 829 Design and Conduct of Epidemiological Studies and Clinical Trials**
Spring. 3(2-2) Interdepartmental with Large Animal Clinical Sciences. Administered by Large Animal Clinical Sciences. P: {VM 533 or EPI 810} and EPI 808
Applied analytical methods in experimental design. Assessment of health and disease status of animal and human populations. Risk assessment and interpretation of clinical trials.
- 830 Epidemiologic Overview of Foodborne Diseases and Food Safety**
Fall. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Large Animal Clinical Sciences. Administered by Large Animal Clinical Sciences. RB: Advanced undergraduate courses in biology, microbiology, biological sciences, biochemical sciences, food technology. R: Open to graduate students in the College of Veterinary Medicine or in the Food Safety Specialization or in the Food Safety major.
Epidemiologic survey of important foodborne diseases addressing recent trends. Sources of surveillance data. Measurement and management of risk factors associated with major foodborne diseases. Tracking foodborne pathogens from farm to table. Introduction to Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points (HACCP).
- 831 Global Burden of Disease - Non-Communicable I**
Fall. 1(2-0) P: EPI 810 or concurrently R: Open to students in the Epidemiology major or in the Global Public Health and Epidemiology Specialization or in the Health Communication major or approval of department.
Cardiovascular disease, diabetes, breast cancer and neurological diseases. Epidemiology and public health aspects of non-communicable diseases. Data sources (State vital records), drug dependence, kidney disease, and psychiatric diseases. Offered first half of semester.
- 832 Global Burden of Disease - Communicable I**
Fall. 1(2-0) P: EPI 810 or concurrently R: Open to students in the Epidemiology major or in the Global Public Health and Epidemiology Specialization or in the Health Communication major or approval of department.
Tuberculosis, food-borne illnesses, anti-microbial resistance and avian influenza topics. Epidemiology and public health aspects of these communicable diseases. Outbreak investigations, rabies, SARS, zoonotic diseases and emerging diseases. Offered second half of semester.
- 833 Global Burden of Disease - Non-Communicable II**
Spring. 1(2-0) P: EPI 810 or concurrently R: Open to students in the Epidemiology major or in the Global Public Health and Epidemiology Specialization or in the Health Communication major or approval of department.
Asthma, colon cancer, psychiatric diseases and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease-related topics. Data sources (birth defects), drug dependence, psychiatric diseases and kidney disease. Offered first half of semester.
- 834 Global Burden of Disease - Communicable II**
Spring. 1(2-0) P: EPI 810 or concurrently R: Open to students in the Epidemiology major or in the Global Public Health and Epidemiology Specialization or in the Health Communication major. Approval of department.
HIV, influenza, West Nile, and vaccine-preventable diseases. Rabies, outbreak investigations, SARS, zoonotic diseases and emerging diseases. Offered second half of semester.
- 835 Neuroepidemiology**
Summer of even years. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Neurology and Ophthalmology. Administered by Epidemiology. P: EPI 810 R: Open to graduate students in the Epidemiology major or approval of department.
Epidemiology of neurologic conditions and discussion of the inherent difficulty in studying these disorders. Offered half of semester.
- 840 Clinical Epidemiology for Healthcare Practice**
Fall. 3 credits. R: Approval of department.
Introduction to clinical epidemiology and evidence-based medicine for clinical practitioners and other healthcare professionals.
- 847 Analysis of Survival Data**
Spring of odd years. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Statistics and Probability. Administered by Statistics and Probability. RB: STT 422 or STT 442 or STT 862
Analysis of lifetime data. Estimation of survival functions for parametric and nonparametric models. Censored data. The Cox proportional hazards model. Accelerated failure time models. Frailty models. Use of statistical software packages.
- 851 SAS Programming I: Essentials**
Fall. 1(1-0) R: Open to graduate students in the Epidemiology major or approval of department.
A programming approach to plan and write simple SAS programs to solve common data management and data analysis problems.
- 852 SAS Programming II: Data Management and Analysis**
Spring. 1(1-0) P: EPI 851 R: Open to graduate students in the Epidemiology major or approval of department.
A programming approach to plan and write SAS programs to solve common data management and data analysis problems.
- 853B Statistical Computing**
Fall. 3(3-0) P: EPI 808B and EPI 826B R: Approval of department.
Statistical computation and algorithms using programming languages, SAS/IML, R and/or Stata, Newton-Raphson method, Monte Carlo simulation of probability distributions, bootstrap, statistical graphics.
- 855 Biostatistical Modeling in Genomic Data Analysis**
Fall. 3(3-0) P: EPI 808B and EPI 826B R: Approval of department.
Introduction to fundamental principles and modeling of genomic /genetic data and computational techniques
- 856 Statistical Consulting in Public Health**
Spring. 1(1-0) P: EPI 826B and (LCS 829 or concurrently) R: Approval of department.
Critical appraisal of applied epidemiological studies, use of real applications to solve design and data analysis problem, and communication of findings to public health researchers, oral/written reports on intermediate and final results of case studies

- 858 Clinical Trials**
Spring. 3(3-0) P: EPI 808B or EPI 808 or EPI 809 or LCS 829 R: Approval of department.
Statistical methods for design and analysis of clinical trials and epidemiological studies. Phase I, II, and III clinical trials. Principle of Intention-to-Treat, effects of non-compliance, drop-outs. Interim monitoring of clinical trials and data safety monitoring boards. Meta-analysis. Crossover designs. Sample size and power in clinical trials. Sequential designs.
- 880 Select Topics in Biostatistics**
Summer. 3(3-0) A student may earn a maximum of 9 credits in all enrollments for this course. RB: EPI 808 and EPI 809 for graduate students in the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics. PHM 830 or STT 464 or equivalent. R: Approval of department.
Select topics in biostatistics including global disease distribution and estimation, causal inference, Bayesian methods in health services research.
- 889 Applied Epidemiologic Methods for Public Health Practitioners**
Fall of even years. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Human Medicine. Administered by Human Medicine. P: HM 802 and HM 803 RB: Academic or professional background in public health and/or public health related discipline R: Open to students in the Public Health major or approval of college.
Identification and conceptualization of public health problems. Generation of testable hypotheses and appropriate data sets. Interpretation of appropriate measures of associations. Evaluation of validity and generalizability of results and ethical issues surrounding the use of humans in epidemiological research. Real case studies are used to analyze study design including the role of chance, bias, misclassification, effect measure modification, interaction, and missing data.
- 890 Independent Study in Epidemiology**
Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 to 3 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 12 credits in all enrollments for this course. RB: EPI 810 R: Open to masters students in the Epidemiology major. Approval of department.
Independent study in areas relevant to epidemiology such as population genetics.
- 899 Master's Thesis Research**
Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 to 12 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 36 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Open to masters students in the Epidemiology major. Approval of department. SA: HM 899
Master's thesis research.
- 910 Themes in Contemporary Epidemiology**
Spring. 3(3-0) A student may earn a maximum of 9 credits in all enrollments for this course. RB: Master of Science in Epidemiology R: Open to doctoral students in the Epidemiology major.
Discussion and critique of important contemporary themes in epidemiology as reflected in current publications in the field.
- 920 Advanced Methods in Epidemiology and Applied Statistics**
Spring of even years. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Statistics and Probability. Administered by Epidemiology. P: EPI 826
Pattern recognition and cluster analysis, longitudinal data analysis, path analysis, repeated measures and time-series analysis.
- 935 Research Seminar**
Spring. 3(3-0) P: EPI 810 and EPI 812 and LCS 829 RB: Master of Science in Epidemiology or equivalent.
Conceptualization, development, and writing of research proposals in epidemiology and other forms of clinical field research.
- 950 Advanced Biostatistical Methods in Epidemiology**
Fall of even years. 3(3-0) P: EPI 808 or EPI 809 RB: Calculus, linear algebra, regression, experimental designs. R: Open to students in the Epidemiology major or approval of department.
Study of specific biostatistical methods and epidemiology applications.
- 951 Latent Variable Modeling**
Fall of even years. 3(3-0) P: EPI 808 and EPI 809 and EPI 826 or approval of department RB: Calculus, linear algebra, regression, experimental designs. R: Open to graduate students in the Epidemiology major.
Latent variable models that involve quantities measured indirectly by using multiple proxy items such as factor analysis, latent trait analysis, latent profile analysis, and latent class analysis. Applications.
- 952 Duration and Severity Analysis**
Spring of odd years. 3(3-0) P: EPI 808 and EPI 809 and EPI 826 or approval of department RB: Calculus, linear and logistic regressions. R: Open to graduate students in the Epidemiology major.
Analysis of data that involve time to occurrence of a single event or multiple durations between occurrences of several events; modeling techniques; survival analysis in clinical and public health studies; frailty models; experimental and non-experimental applications using major statistical software.
- 953 Analytical Strategies for Observational Studies**
Fall of odd years. 3(3-0) P: EPI 808 and EPI 809 and EPI 826 or approval of department RB: Calculus, linear and logistic regressions R: Open to graduate students in the Epidemiology major.
Models and methods such as propensity scores, instrumental variables, regression discontinuity design, discrete choice analysis, and marginal structural models. Examples will be demonstrated with procedures in major statistical software.
- 990 Independent Study**
Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 to 3 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 12 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Open to doctoral students in the Department of Epidemiology. Approval of department.
Special projects, directed reading, and research arranged by an individual graduate student and a faculty member in areas supplementing regular course offerings.
- 999 Doctoral Dissertation Research**
Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 to 24 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 99 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Open to doctoral students in the Epidemiology major.
Doctoral dissertation research.