EPIB - EPIDEMIOLOGY AND BIOSTATISTICS

EPIB400 Obesity: An Epidemiologic Perspective (3 Credits)
The epidemic of obesity, its causes and consequences, and issues related
to energy balance will be covered. Students will characterize the obesity
epidemic both nationally and internationally, compare and contrast the
metrics of obesity, understand the biological consequences of different
obesity phenotypes, and describe characteristics of the obesogenic
environment. Throughout the course students will be introduced to the
application of epidemiological methods to studies of obesity.
Prerequisite: 1 course with a minimum grade of C- from (EPIB301,
HLTH301).

EPIB610 Foundations of Epidemiology (3 Credits)
Introduction to the discipline of epidemiology and its applications to
health issues and practices. Basic epidemiologic concepts and methods
will be covered.
Prerequisite: EPIB300; or equivalent undergraduate statistics or
biostatistics course with a grade of C- or higher; or a score of 70% or
higher on EPIB300 placement exam.
Credit Only Granted for: EPIB610 or HLTH720.
Formerly: HLTH720.

EPIB611 Intermediate Epidemiology (3 Credits)
Analysis of epidemiologic methods as applied to epidemiologic research,
analysis of bias, confounding, effect modification issues, overview of
design, implementation, and analysis of epidemiologic studies.
Prerequisite: 1 course with a minimum grade of B- from (SPHL602,
EPIB610); or a minimum score of 70% on the SPHL602 or EPIB610 waiver
exam.

EPIB612 Epidemiologic Study Design (3 Credits)
Application of epidemiologic study designs, analytic methods used
for analysis of cohort, case-control, cross-sectional, and clinical trials
research.
Prerequisite: EPIB611.

EPIB620 Chronic Disease Epidemiology (3 Credits)
Overview of prevalence and risk factors for major chronic diseases.
Discussion of methodological issues unique to specific chronic disease.
Prerequisite: Must have completed or be concurrently enrolled in
SPHL602; or EPIB610.

EPIB621 Infectious Disease Epidemiology (3 Credits)
Overview of the unique aspects of infectious diseases and the
epidemiological methods used in their study, prevention, and control.
Prerequisite: Must have completed or be concurrently enrolled in
SPHL602; or EPIB610.

EPIB622 Social Determinants of Health (3 Credits)
Overview of the major social variables that affect public health, including
socioeconomic status, poverty, income distribution, race, social
networks/support, community cohesion, psychological stress, gender,
and work and neighborhood environment.
Prerequisite: Must have completed or be concurrently enrolled in
SPHL602; or EPIB610.

EPIB623 Epidemiology of Health Disparities (3 Credits)
Determinants that influence health outcomes of the most disadvantaged
populations in the United States. Focus on social factors contributing to
health disparities and inequities in the US.
Prerequisite: Must have completed or be concurrently enrolled in
SPHL602; or EPIB610.

EPIB624 Genetic in Public Health (3 Credits)
Emerging role of genetics in public health; overview of basic tenets
of human genetics; examination of how public health practices and
research are influenced by genetics and ethical issues specific to
Prerequisite: EPIB610.

EPIB625 Epidemiology of Physical Activity (3 Credits)
Overview of evidence of the epidemiological association of physical
activity to a variety of health outcomes, application of epidemiological
methods to the science of physical activity and health.
Prerequisite: EPIB610.

EPIB626 Epidemiology of Obesity (3 Credits)
Overview of the epidemiological, prevention, and treatment of obesity,
its causes and consequences, and energy balance issues; application of
epidemiologic methods to the study of obesity epidemiology.
Prerequisite: Must have completed or be concurrently enrolled in
SPHL602; or EPIB610.

EPIB627 Epidemiologic Methods for Primary Research (3 Credits)
Students are provided with the knowledge and skills needed to design
and implement epidemiological research studies and to collect primary
data. Presents an overview of types of research designs, sampling
methodologies, measurement issues, questionnaire design, and
guidelines for recruiting and interacting with participants. This foundation
of knowledge is applied to group assignments, which apply the steps
involved in the primary data collection process. Goals include: (a)
achieving competence in designing and implementing studies based on
scientifically sound epidemiological research methods; and (b) gaining
the ability to critically evaluate health research and epidemiological
studies.
Prerequisite: EPIB610; or permission of instructor.
Credit Only Granted for: EPIB600 or EPIB627.
Formerly: EPIB660.

EPIB630 Epidemiologic Methods in Sexual and Reproductive Health
Research (3 Credits)
Examination of epidemiologic methods (quantitative and qualitative) for
collecting and analyzing data on sexual and reproductive health. The
emphasis will be to introduce students to the appropriate methods used
for challenging and sensitive research topics such as sexual behavior,
HIV/STI, drug use, sexual abuse.
Prerequisite: Must have completed or be concurrently enrolled in
SPHL602; or EPIB610.

EPIB631 Cancer Epidemiology (3 Credits)
This combines public health disciplines including epidemiological
methods, molecular biology, pathology, clinical and social/behavioral
sciences to explore modern cancer epidemiology, prevention and control
in the United States and internationally. Emphasis will be placed on those
cancers of high prevalence or unique biological characteristics that
illustrate interesting epidemiological or etiological characteristics.
Prerequisite: EPIB610; or must have completed or be concurrently
enrolled in SPHL602; or permission from instructor.
Additional Information: This course is being jointly offered with the
University of Maryland Baltimore and will be taught at the College Park
campus.
EPIB633 Health Survey Design and Analysis (3 Credits)
An overview of types of survey research designs, questionnaire design, measurement issues, and techniques for recruiting and interacting with participants. Students will discuss and implement a variety of health survey analysis techniques, including how to utilize SAS statistical software to estimate descriptive statistics and implement regression models, while accounting for complex survey designs.
Prerequisite: SPHL602 or EPIB610; or permission of Instructor.
Recommended: EPIB697.

EPIB634 Applied Data Analysis in Social Epidemiology and Behavioral Health (3 Credits)
Focuses on the application of factor analysis, mediation analysis using path analytic model, and structural equation model in social epidemiology and behavioral health. Application of these analytical methods using SAS.
Prerequisite: EPIB610 and EPIB650; or permission of instructor.

EPIB641 Public Health and Research Ethics (1 Credit)
Overview and discussion of ethical issues that face public health practitioners and researchers.

EPIB650 Biostatistics I (3 Credits)
Basic statistical concepts and procedures for Public Health. Focuses on applications, hands-on-experience, and interpretations of statistical findings.
Prerequisite: EPIB300; or equivalent undergraduate statistics or biostatistics course with a grade of C- or higher; or a score of 70% or higher on EPIB placement exam.
Credit Only Granted for: EPIB650, HLTH651, or HLTH688B.
Formerly: HLTH651 and HLTH688B.

EPIB651 Biostatistics II (3 Credits)
Introduction to a variety of statistical tools with applications in public health, including one- and two-sample inference, nonparametric methods, categorical data, ANOVA, simple and multiple regression.
Prerequisite: 1 course with a minimum grade of B- from (SPHL602, EPIB650); or a minimum score of 70% on the SPHL602 or EPIB650 waiver exam.
Recommended: EPIB697 or previous experience working with SAS is highly recommended.

EPIB652 Categorical Data Analysis (3 Credits)
Methods for analysis of categorical data as applied to public health research, including contingency tables, logistic regression, multivariate logistic models, log-linear models, and models for matched-pairs.
Prerequisite: EPIB651.
Recommended: EPIB697 or previous experience working with SAS is highly recommended.

EPIB653 Applied Survival Data Analysis (3 Credits)
Overview of statistical methods for analyzing censored survival data, including the Kaplan-Meier estimator, the log-rank test, Cox PH model.
Prerequisite: EPIB651.

EPIB655 Longitudinal Data Analysis (3 Credits)
Statistical models for drawing scientific inferences from longitudinal data, longitudinal study design, repeated measures and random effects to account for experimental designs that involve correlated responses, handling of missing data.
Prerequisite: EPIB651.

EPIB656 Applied Bayesian Data Analysis (3 Credits)
The theory and practical application of Bayesian statistical methods in the field of public health and related areas. A variety of models will be discussed including linear regression, multilevel model, generalized linear model, generalized linear mixed model.
Prerequisite: EPIB652 or STAT700; or permission of instructor.

EPIB657 Spatial Statistics for Public Health Data (3 Credits)
Overview three main areas of spatial statistics: point patterns, geostatistical data, and lattice (areal) data. Application of spatial statistical models including CSR, k-function, krigging, semivariogram, CAR, SAR, GWR, spatial GLM, and multilevel model to public health and environmental data analysis.
Prerequisite: EPIB651 and EPIB652; or permission of instructor.

EPIB660 Analysis of National Health Survey Data (3 Credits)
Provides background on how features such as stratification, clustering, and unequal sample selection probabilities can invalidate the assumptions underlying traditional statistical techniques, those implicitly assuming a simple random sampling with replacement design. Application using the SURVEY family of SAS/STAT procedures (Version 9.4 or later).
Prerequisite: EPIB650; or permission from Instructor.
Recommended: EPIB697.

EPIB663 SAS Programming (3 Credits)
Learn how to analyze and summarize data using SAS. The course begins by introducing the students to basic SAS programming and data manipulation techniques. More advanced themes, such as preliminary data analysis and graphs, are explored later in the semester. Finally, the class covers the implementation of several advanced statistical concepts in SAS, including T-tests, ANOVA, non-parametric tests, regression and normality tests.
Credit Only Granted for: EPIP698E or EPIB663.
Formerly: EPIB698E.

EPIB672 Public Health Informatics (3 Credits)
A basic overview of Informatics and its application in a public health setting. The major goal is for students to understand the basic tools and building blocks needed to utilize this technology in order to improve their professional productivity
Restriction: Instructor permission is required for students not enrolled in a degree seeking program in the School of Public Health. Also offered as: HLTH672.
Credit Only Granted for: HLTH670 or HLTH672 or EPIB672.
Formerly: HLTH670.
Additional Information: Course hashtag - #umdphi12.

EPIB697 Public Health Data Management (3 Credits)
This course is designed to provide students with the expertise needed to effectively manage research data using SAS as the statistical programming language.
Prerequisite: Permission of instructor.

EPIB698 Special Topics in Epidemiology and Biostatistics (1-3 Credits)
Open to master or doctoral students who desire to pursue special topics in Epidemiology and Biostatistics.

EPIB710 Grantsmanship for Epidemiologic Research (3 Credits)
In-depth study of the knowledge and skills needed to design, conduct, and evaluate an epidemiologic research study. Development of a complete research project.
Prerequisite: EPIB650, EPIB610, EPIB612, EPIB651, and EPIB611.
EPIB740 Advanced Methods in Epidemiology (3 Credits)
In-depth investigation of epidemiologic methods for making causal inferences and solving complex methodological problems. Multivariate models emphasized.
Prerequisite: EPIB650, EPIB610, EPIB612, EPIB651, and EPIB611.

EPIB778 Internship in Public Health (1-4 Credits)
Internship and seminar providing an opportunity to apply previously acquired knowledge and skills in a health or allied health organization. Setting of the internship will depend upon the student's background and career goals.
Prerequisite: Permission of SPHL-Epidemiology & Biostatistics department.
Repeatable to: 4 credits.
Credit Only Granted for: EPIB785 or EPIB778.

EPIB786 Capstone Project in Public Health (3 Credits)
Capstone experience providing opportunity to apply knowledge and skills to a specific public health problem or issue. Completion of project relevant to public health under the direction of an advisor.
Prerequisite: Permission of SPHL-Epidemiology & Biostatistics department.

EPIB788 Critical Readings in Epidemiology and Biostatistics (1-3 Credits)
Open to master and doctoral students to discuss critical readings in Epidemiology and Biostatistics.
Prerequisite: Must have completed or be concurrently enrolled in EPIB610.
Repeatable to: 6 credits if content differs.

EPIB798 Independent Study (1-6 Credits)
Master or doctoral students who desire to pursue special research problems under the direction of a faculty member of the department may register for 1-6 hours of credit under this number.
Prerequisite: Permission of SPHL-Epidemiology & Biostatistics department.
Repeatable to: 9 credits if content differs.

EPIB799 Master's Thesis Research (1-6 Credits)
EPIB898 Pre-Candidacy Research (1-8 Credits)
EPIB899 Doctoral Dissertation Research (1-8 Credits)