EPI—Epidemiology

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.

240 Epidemiological Investigations in Nutrition and Health
Summer. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Human Nutrition and Foods. Administered by Epidemiology. P: (HNF 150 or concurrently) or (HNF 260 or concurrently) or approval of department.
Integration of epidemiology with human nutrition concepts to understand the role of dietary intake and nutritional status as determinants of health-related issues in populations.

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.

465 Bayesian Statistical Methods
Fall. 3(3-0) A student may earn a maximum of 0 credits none Interdepartmental with Statistics and Probability. Administered by Statistics and Probability. P: STT 442

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) A student may earn a maximum of 12 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Open to juniors or seniors or graduate 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 Biostats
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.

585 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 Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics 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 master's 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) R: EPI 810 or concurrently or approval of department RB: Linear algebra, calculus. R: Open to graduate students in the Biostatistics Major or in the Epidemiology Major or 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 master's 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 and Biostatistics 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 Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics or approval of department.
Causality in epidemiology. Application of theoretical concepts to the design, analysis, and assessment of epidemiologic research.

814 Nutritional Epidemiology
Spring of even years. 3(3-0) P: (EPI 810) and (EPI 809 or EPI 808B) RB: LCS 829 R: Open to graduate students in the Department of Epidemiology and Biostats or approval of department. SA: HM 814
Methods used in nutritional epidemiology. 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 and Biostatistics or approval of department. SA: HM 815
816 Perinatal Epidemiology
Fall. 3(3-0) R: EPI 810 R: Open to graduate students in the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics or approval of department. SA: HM 816
Epidemiology of adverse health states in pregnancy and the peripuerrium. 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 and Biostatistics 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.

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 and Biostatistics or in the Department of Geography or approval of department. SA: HM 819

823 Cancer Epidemiology
Spring of odd years. 3(3-0) P: (EPI 810) and (EPI 809 or EPI 808B) R: Open to graduate students in the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics or approval of department. SA: HM 823

826 Research Methods in Epidemiology
Fall. 3(3-0) P: EPI 809 R: Open to graduate students in the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics 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: Open to graduate students in the Biostatistics Major or in the Epidemiology Major or 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.
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 master's students in the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics. 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 master's students in the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics. 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. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Statistics and Probability. Administered by Epidemiology. P: (EPI 826 or concurrently) or EPI 826 or approval of department R: Open to graduate students in the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics or approval of department.
Pattern recognition and cluster analysis, longitudinal data analysis, path analysis, repeated measures and time-series analysis.

935  Research Seminar
Summer. 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 826 or concurrently) or EPI 826B RB: Calculus, linear algebra, regression, experimental designs. R: Open to students in the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics 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 Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics or approval of department.
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
Fall of odd years. 3(3-0) P: (EPI 826B or concurrently) or EPI 826 or approval of department RB: Calculus, linear and logistic regressions R: Open to graduate students in the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics or approval of department.
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 even years. 3(3-0) P: (EPI 826 or concurrently) or EPI 826B RB: Calculus, linear and logistic regressions R: Open to graduate students in the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics or approval of department.
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.

977  Social Epidemiology
Spring of even years. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Sociology. Administered by Epidemiology. P: EPI 810 or approval of department RB: (LCS 829 or EPI 812) or equivalent R: Open to graduate students in the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics or approval of department.
Introduction to the field of social epidemiology and the social determinants of health. Contemporary theoretical and methodological issues in social epidemiology.

990  Independent Study
Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 to 3 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 24 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Open to doctoral students in the Epidemiology major.
Doctoral dissertation research.