Course Description: This course is designed to provide an overview of the prevalence, incidence and risk factors for major chronic diseases that face the U.S. population and the population of other countries. Methodologic issues in epidemiologic studies in general, and specific methodologies unique to certain chronic diseases, will be discussed.

Course Pre-requisite: Pre-requisite for this course is EPIB610. Students must be enrolled in a graduate program at the University of Maryland School of Public Health, or receive prior approval by the instructor in order to enroll in the course.

Required Texts and Other Readings:

Required Text:


Readings as assigned

Recommended:

Course Learning Objectives:

Upon completing this course, the student will be able to:

1. Identify major sources of health data, including vital statistics and national health surveys to monitor national disease prevention and health promotion objectives (Program competency #1).
2. Understand the benefits and limitations associated with the use of existing sources of data in epidemiologic studies (Program competency 1, 11).
3. Describe the extent of risk of chronic disease to the population and its different subgroups and describe trends in developed and developing countries (Program competency 2, 6).
4. Analyze strengths and weaknesses of the epidemiologic literature examining chronic disease (Program competency 10, 12)
5. Identify primary and secondary prevention strategies for these diseases (Program competency 3).
6. Gain confidence in communicating epidemiologic information to lay and professional audiences (Program competency #8)
7. Describe the role of epidemiology in understanding the relative contribution of genetic and environmental factors in the causation of disease (Program competency 5, 9)
8. Identify factors that are associated with increased risk of specific chronic diseases (Program competency 2, 5, 9)
9. Describe the pathogenic sequence of events associated with development of the diseases (Program competency 5)
10. Analyze strengths and weaknesses of the epidemiologic literature examining chronic disease (Program competency 11, 12)
11. Design a small epidemiologic pilot study to address a chronic disease topic (Epidemiology cognate competency #14)

Program Competencies Addressed in this Course:

This course addresses the core competencies in epidemiology for MPH degrees at the University of Maryland School of Public Health:

- Identify vital statistics and other key sources of data for epidemiological purposes (#1)
- Describe a public health problem in terms of magnitude, person, time and place (#2).
- Discuss the principles and limitations of public health screening programs (#3).
- Explain the importance of epidemiology for informing scientific, ethical, economic and political discussion of health issue (#5).
- Apply the basic terminology and definitions of epidemiology (#6).
- Communicate epidemiologic information to lay and professional audiences (#8).
- Differentiate among the criteria for causality (#9).
- Draw appropriate inferences from epidemiologic data (#10).
- Describe epidemiologic study designs and assess their strengths and limitations (#11)
- Evaluate the strengths and limitations of epidemiologic reports (#12).
- Design, analyze, and evaluate an epidemiology study (Epidemiology cognate competency #14)
Major Graded Assignments:

The class sessions will include lectures, discussions, and classroom exercises to review main concepts of chronic disease epidemiology. Lectures will not necessarily cover all materials included in the reading assignments. Students are expected to complete the assigned readings prior to the class and to be prepared to participate in discussions and exercises during the class. This includes class text reading and assigned journal articles.

Class Participation

This is a graduate level course, and students are expected to attend class regularly, participate in class discussions, complete assigned readings, and put in an average of 9 hours of work outside of class each week to master the material. Students are responsible for determining the most relevant information from each lecture and reading. To help identify the key concepts, students may be asked to compose two questions about the day’s lesson at the end of each class. Students will present their questions at the beginning of the following class to initiate discussion and confirm the previous lecture’s essential information. Alternatively, a posed, content-based question will be provided by the instructor to highlight key points from the readings or lecture. As a courtesy to your instructor and classmates, please notify the instructor in advance if you are unable to attend class. Students who miss class are responsible for obtaining notes and hand-outs from other students.

Oral Presentations

This class will give you multiple opportunities to practice giving oral presentations. When creating Powerpoint slides, consider that each slide will take you at least 1-1.5 minutes to cover. Limit your slides to the amount of time that you have (i.e., no more than 10 slides including the cover slide if you have a ten minute talk), limit text to no more than 6 lines per slide, avoid using complete sentences, and otherwise follow good practice guidelines for creating accessible PowerPoint slide presentations (e.g., https://www.apha.org/events-and-meetings/annual/presenter-information/oral-session-guidelines/access-information-for-presenters).

Article discussion leader

Each student will individually summarize (no more than 10 minutes) and lead a discussion of a non-review epidemiologic article on a chronic disease topic that was published during the past year. PowerPoint presentations are not required. Students should choose epidemiologic journal articles from scientific public health or medical journals. Examples of appropriate journals include: American Journal of Public Health, Annals of Epidemiology, American Journal of Epidemiology, Journal of American Medical Association, etc. A list of journals that publish epidemiologic journal articles that are available online has been posted on our library webpage: http://lib.guides.umd.edu/content.php?pid=176901&sid=4948088. The summary and discussion questions should support a critical review of the article and cover: 1) a brief overview of article; 2) background and literature review on the subject matter; 3) relevance to epidemiology (e.g., if nutritional epidemiology article, should describe how the article advanced the field of nutritional epidemiology); 4) description of methods, results and key conclusions; and 5) strengths and limitations of the study. Students must have their article approved by the course instructor at least one week prior to the presentation so that the articles can be posted for classmates to read.

Healthy People 2020 Data Review

Each student will select a chronic disease topic from the syllabus, and summarize and present data related to relevant Healthy People 2020 objectives. Each student will provide a 7-10 minute overview of
the status of selected Healthy People 2020 objectives related to a chronic disease topic from the syllabus using national and state data. Students must briefly describe the datasource, provide the question wording that the objectives are based on, and discuss strengths and limitations of the measures (e.g., reliability, validity). National and state data for their topic should cover a) trends during the past decade and b) current status. Students will use Healthy People 2020 objectives (http://www.healthypeople.gov/2020/topicsobjectives2020/default.aspx), national datasources identified for Healthy People 2020, DATA2010 (http://wonder.cdc.gov/data2010/), and the Maryland Health Improvement Process (http://dhmh.maryland.gov/ship/SitePages/Home.aspx) such as BRFSS. Several national and state datasources can be accessed through links available here: http://sph.umd.edu/department/epib/cchc/national-data

Oral Presentation on Project Proposal
Several organizations provide pre-doctoral support for students interested in chronic disease. These instructions are based on application instructions from several of them.

You will be asked to give a 15 minute oral presentation summarizing a proposed pre-doctoral project on a chronic disease topic of your choice.

The proposal should be for a 1-2 year time period with a maximum annual amount of $25,000 per year.

All items should be addressed. Indicate N/A or None if not applicable to this application.

1. Specific Aims
   Begin the Research Plan here by providing a clear, concise summary of the aims of the work proposed and the hypothesis or hypotheses to be tested. The proposed project should not just be a vehicle for a mechanistic collection of data, but rather should contain a credible plan for research as well as a means for training.

2. Background and Significance. Sketch briefly the background to the proposal. State concisely the relevance of the research to cardiovascular function or disease, stroke, or to related fundamental problems. Describe the importance of the research described in this application by relating the specific aims to broad, long-term objectives (All references cited here are to be included in Item 3 below.)

3. Research Design and Methods
   Provide an outline of:
   a) The research design and procedures to be used to accomplish the specific aims. The description of your project and methodology should be succinct and precise. It is not sufficient to state that standard methods will be used; you should explain specifically which methods you plan to use and under what conditions.
   b) A tentative sequence for the investigation.
   c) The statistical procedures by which the data will be analyzed.
   d) Discussion of potential experimental difficulties and alternative approaches to achieve the desired aims.

4. Ethical Aspects of Proposed Research
   If the research involves human subjects, biohazards, or animals, explain the decision governing these choices. Describe any special consideration you have given to all ethical issues involved in your proposed investigation (biohazards, human or animal subjects), identifying risks and management. Discuss the nature of the informed consent that will be obtained if the research
involves human subjects. If the proposed project involves no ethical questions, indicate "4: NONE".

Note: Except as provided below, if a proposed research project involves human subjects, the population sampled shall be inclusive of the general population, of relevance to the scientific question posed, without restriction in regard to gender, race, age, and socioeconomic status. Proposals that intentionally restrict the population sampled must include a compelling scientific rationale for such research design. Be sure to address this topic.

Specific Aims for Project Proposal
Each student will submit a one-page specific aims section for the same project that they proposed during their oral project presentation. This one-page should be written using four paragraphs:
1) Introduction (e.g., scope of problem, research gap project will address),
2) Proposed solution (e.g., overall long-term goal, overall objective of proposed project, why proposed approach is best solution),
3) Specifics (e.g., 2-4 independent specific aims, each aim written as 1-2 sentences, use bold bullets or stand-alone or run-on headers)
4) Significance (e.g., why project is innovative, expected outcomes, impact on general population)

Specific aims should provide a clear picture of how the project can generate knowledge that may improve human health, its importance to science, and how it addresses a critical research opportunity that can move the field forward. After the aims, add a closing paragraph, emphasizing the significance of the work, and anything else you would like to highlight (e.g., collaborators). The format should match NIH submission requirements (half inch margins, Arial 11 font, single spaced). Grading rubrics, examples and further guidance have been provided in the syllabus section of your course website.

Canvas:
The syllabus, required journal articles, Powerpoint slides and other course materials will be posted on the Canvas website for EPIB620: elms.umd.edu Please visit this website prior to each class.

Course Policies:

Email – The Official University Correspondence:
Verify your email address by going to www.my.umd.edu.

All enrolled students are provided access to the University’s email system and an email account. All official University email communication will be sent to this email address (or an alternate address if provided by the student). Email has been adopted as the primary means for sending official communications to students, so email must be checked on a regular basis. Academic advisors, faculty, and campus administrative offices use email to communicate important and time-sensitive notices.

Students are responsible for keeping their email address up to date or for redirecting or forwarding email to another address. Failure to check email, errors in forwarding email, and returned email (from “full mailbox” or “unknown user” errors for example), will not excuse a student from missing University announcement, messages, deadlines, etc. Email addresses can be quickly and easily updated at www.my.umd.edu or in-person at the Student Service Counter on the first floor of the Mitchell Building.
For technical support for University email: www.helpdesk.umd.edu or call 301-405-1400.

Absence Policy:
In accordance with University policy if you are absent for a single (1) lecture due to illness or some form of personal or family emergency, this absence will be considered “excused” and the instructor will accept a note from you attesting to the date of the illness/incident, along with an acknowledgement that the information is true. Whenever feasible, you should try to contact the instructor in advance.

Multiple or prolonged absences, and absences that prevent attendance at a major scheduled grading event (like an exam or test) will require written documentation from an appropriate health care provider/organization.

A link to pull information on the new policy covering absences from class can be found at http://www.president.umd.edu/policies/v100g.html

Late work and Missed Exams / Assignments:
Assignments are due at the beginning of the classes specified in the syllabus. Students may consult each other when completing assignments, but each student must turn in his/her own individual work. 10% will be deducted for each day the assignment is late unless arrangement have been made prior to class.

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Available Support Services
The University of Maryland Libraries have many resources that will help with the research for your EPIB 620 project. Required and recommended textbooks for EPIB620 have been placed on reserve in the McKeldin Library. A library webpage has been developed which provides guidance on finding information, data and statistics; epidemiologic journals available at the library; epidemiologic associations; how to read a scholarly article and getting help from a librarian:

Grading Procedures:
Students will be graded from successful completion of course assignments and class participation. Grades will be determined on a 1000-point scale by the following methods:
There will be 1 in-class exam, which will consist of short answer and essay questions and will cover material from class lectures and the assigned readings.

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### Session Outline

#### Session 1

**January 27**

**Topic:** Current issues and challenges in chronic disease control; Methods in chronic disease epidemiology

**Learning Objectives for Session:**
- Describe the extent of risk of chronic disease to the population and its different subgroups and describe trends in developed and developing countries (Program competency 2, 6).
- Identify factors that are associated with increased risk of specific chronic diseases (Program competency 2, 5, 9).
- Identify primary and secondary prevention strategies for these diseases (Program competency 3).

**Readings:** Chapters 1-2


#### Session 2

**February 3**

**Topic:** Role of infectious disease and genetics in chronic disease; Intervention methods for chronic disease control

**Learning Objectives for Session**
- Describe the extent of risk of chronic disease to the population and its different subgroups and describe trends in developed and developing countries (Program competency 2, 6).
- Describe the role of epidemiology in understanding the relative contribution of genetic and environmental factors in the causation of disease (Program competency 5, 9).
- Identify factors that are associated with increased risk of specific chronic diseases (Program competency 2, 5, 9).
- Identify primary and secondary prevention strategies for these diseases (Program competency 3).
- Describe the pathogenic sequence of events associated with development of the diseases (Program competency 5).

**Readings:**
- Chapters 3, 19

Session 3

February 10

Topic: Chronic disease surveillance

Learning Objectives for Session

- Identify major sources of health data, including vital statistics and national health surveys to monitor national disease prevention and health promotion objectives (Program competency #1).
- Understand the benefits and limitations associated with the use of existing sources of data in epidemiologic studies (Program competency 1, 11).
- Analyze strengths and weaknesses of the epidemiologic literature examining chronic disease (Program competency 11, 12)

Reading: Chapter 4


Session 4

February 17

Topic: Diet and nutrition; High Blood Cholesterol; Physical activity

Learning Objectives for Session

- Describe the extent of risk of chronic disease to the population and its different subgroups and describe trends in developed and developing countries (Program competency 2, 6).
- Identify factors that are associated with increased risk of specific chronic diseases (Program competency 2, 5, 9)
- Identify primary and secondary prevention strategies for these diseases (Program competency 3).
- Describe the role of epidemiology in understanding the relative contribution of genetic and environmental factors in the causation of disease (Program competency 5, 9)
- Describe the pathogenic sequence of events associated with development of the diseases (Program competency 5)
- Understand the benefits and limitations associated with the use of existing sources of data in epidemiologic studies (Program competency 1, 11).
- Analyze strengths and weaknesses of the epidemiologic literature examining chronic disease (Program competency 11, 12)
Readings: Chapters 6, 7, 12


Session 5  February 24

Topic: Tobacco use; Alcohol use

Learning Objectives for Session
- Describe the extent of risk of chronic disease to the population and its different subgroups and describe trends in developed and developing countries (Program competency 2, 6).
- Identify factors that are associated with increased risk of specific chronic diseases (Program competency 2, 5, 9)
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- Describe the pathogenic sequence of events associated with development of the diseases (Program competency 5)
- Understand the benefits and limitations associated with the use of existing sources of data in epidemiologic studies (Program competency 1, 11).
- Analyze strengths and weaknesses of the epidemiologic literature examining chronic disease (Program competency 11, 12)

Readings: Chapters 5, 8


Sessions 6 & 7  
March 3 & 10

**Topic: Oral project presentations**

Learning objectives for Session:

- Gain confidence in communicating epidemiologic information to lay and professional audiences (Program competency #8)
- Analyze strengths and weaknesses of the epidemiologic literature examining chronic disease (Program competency 11, 12)
- Design a small epidemiologic pilot study to address a chronic disease topic (Epidemiology cognate competency #14)

Session 8  
March 24

**Topic: Cardiovascular Disease and High Blood Pressure**

Learning Objectives for Session

- Describe the extent of risk of chronic disease to the population and its different subgroups and describe trends in developed and developing countries (Program competency 2, 6).
- Identify factors that are associated with increased risk of specific chronic diseases (Program competency 2, 5, 9)
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- Describe the role of epidemiology in understanding the relative contribution of genetic and environmental factors in the causation of disease (Program competency 5, 9)
- Describe the pathogenic sequence of events associated with development of the diseases (Program competency 5)
- Analyze strengths and weaknesses of the epidemiologic literature examining chronic disease (Program competency 11, 12)

**Readings:** Chapters 11, 13


McGill Jr HC; McMahan CA; Gidding SS. Preventing Heart Disease in the 21st Century. Implications of the Pathobiological Determinants of Atherosclerosis in Youth (PDAY) Study. Circulation 2008;117;1216-1227


Recommended:


Session 9   Mar 31

Topic: Alzheimers Disease; Autism

Learning Objectives for Session

- Describe the extent of risk of chronic disease to the population and its different subgroups and describe trends in developed and developing countries (Program competency 2, 6).
- Identify factors that are associated with increased risk of specific chronic diseases (Program competency 2, 5, 9)
- Describe the pathogenic sequence of events associated with development of the diseases (Program competency 5)
- Analyze strengths and weaknesses of the epidemiologic literature examining chronic disease (Program competency 11, 12)
**Readings:**
Chapter 17


Media reports on autism article:
- [http://www.time.com/time/health/article/0,8599,1927824,00.html](http://www.time.com/time/health/article/0,8599,1927824,00.html)

**Session 10**

**April 7**

**Topics: Cancer; NCI Guest Speaker (Invited)**

**Learning Objectives for Session**
- Describe the extent of risk of chronic disease to the population and its different subgroups and describe trends in developed and developing countries (Program competency 2, 6).
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- Analyze strengths and weaknesses of the epidemiologic literature examining chronic disease (Program competency 11, 12)

**Readings:** Chapter 14


Session 11  
April 14

**Topic: Chronic Respiratory Diseases; Sleep Apnea; Asthma**

Learning Objectives for Session

- Describe the extent of risk of chronic disease to the population and its different subgroups and describe trends in developed and developing countries (Program competency 2, 6).
- Identify factors that are associated with increased risk of specific chronic diseases (Program competency 2, 5, 9).
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- Describe the role of epidemiology in understanding the relative contribution of genetic and environmental factors in the causation of disease (Program competency 5, 9).
- Describe the pathogenic sequence of events associated with development of the diseases (Program competency 5).
- Analyze strengths and weaknesses of the epidemiologic literature examining chronic disease (Program competency 11, 12).

**Readings:** Chapter 15


Session 12  
April 21

**Topics: Mental Disorders; Schizophrenia; Depression**

Learning Objectives for Session

- Describe the extent of risk of chronic disease to the population and its different subgroups and describe trends in developed and developing countries (Program competency 2, 6).
- Identify factors that are associated with increased risk of specific chronic diseases (Program competency 2, 5, 9).
- Identify primary and secondary prevention strategies for these diseases (Program competency 3).
- Describe the role of epidemiology in understanding the relative contribution of genetic and environmental factors in the causation of disease (Program competency 5, 9).
- Analyze strengths and weaknesses of the epidemiologic literature examining chronic disease (Program competency 11, 12).

**Readings:** Chapter 16

Kessler RC, Wang PS. The descriptive epidemiology of commonly occurring mental disorders in the...


Session 13

**Topics: Obesity and overweight; Diabetes; Chronic Kidney Disease**

Learning Objectives for Session:
- Describe the extent of risk of chronic disease to the population and its different subgroups and describe trends in developed and developing countries (Program competency 2, 6).
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- Analyze strengths and weaknesses of the epidemiologic literature examining chronic disease (Program competency 11, 12)

**Readings:** Chapters 9, 10, 20


**CourseEvalUM Submission for Spring 2015 opens this week**

Session 14

**Topics: Federal policy/programs on chronic disease**

Learning Objectives for Session
• Identify primary and secondary prevention strategies for these diseases (Program competency 3).

Additional Readings to be Assigned

Session 15       May 12

Topic: Specific Aims for Project Proposal are Due

• Gain confidence in communicating epidemiologic information to lay and professional audiences (Program competency #8)
• Analyze strengths and weaknesses of the epidemiologic literature examining chronic disease (Program competency 11, 12)
• Design a small epidemiologic pilot study to address a chronic disease topic (Epidemiology cognate competency #14)

CourseEvalUM Submission for Spring 2015 ends May 13
Critical University Policies:

Religious Observances
The University's policy on religious observance and classroom assignments and tests states that students should not be penalized for participation in religious observances and that, whenever feasible, they should be allowed to make up academic assignments that are missed due to such absences. Tests and major assignments have not been scheduled on certain holiday dates: Friday, April 3-Sunday, April 5, 2015 and Friday, April 10-Saturday, April 11, 2015 (Passover), and Friday, April 3, 2015 (Good Friday).

It is the student's responsibility to inform the instructor of any intended absences for religious observances within the first two weeks of the semester. Prior notification is especially important in connection with final examinations, since failure to reschedule a final examination before the conclusion of the final examination period may result in loss of credits during the semester.

Special Accommodations / Disability Support Services:
If you have a documented disability and wish to discuss academic accommodations for test taking or other needs, you will need documentation from Disability Support Service (301-314-7682). If you are ill or encountering personal difficulties, please let the instructor know as soon as possible. You can also contact Learning Assistance Services (301-314-7693) and/or the Counseling Center (301-314-7651) for assistance.

Academic Integrity:
The University's code of academic integrity is designed to ensure that the principle of academic honesty is upheld. Any of the following acts, when committed by a student, constitutes academic dishonesty:

- CHEATING: intentionally using or attempting to use unauthorized materials, information, or study aids in an academic exercise.
- FABRICATION: intentional and unauthorized falsification or invention of any information or citation in an academic exercise.
- FACILITATING ACADEMIC DISHONESTY: intentionally or knowingly helping or attempting to help another to violate any provision of this code.
- PLAGIARISM: intentionally or knowingly representing the words or ideas of another as one's own in any academic exercise.

For more information see: http://www.president.umd.edu/policies/docs/III-100A.pdf.

The Honor Pledge is a statement undergraduate and graduate students should be asked to write by hand and sign on examinations, papers, or other academic assignments. The Pledge reads:

Ipledge on my honor that I have not given or received any unauthorized assistance on this assignment/examination.

The University of Maryland, College Park has a nationally recognized Code of Academic Integrity, administered by the Student Honor Council. This Code sets standards for academic integrity at Maryland for all undergraduate and graduate students. As a student you are responsible for
upholding these standards for this course. It is very important for you to be aware of the consequences of cheating, fabrication, facilitation, and plagiarism. For more information on the Code of Academic Integrity or the Student Honor Council, please visit http://www.shc.umd.edu.

Inclement Weather / University Closings:
In the event that the University is closed for an emergency or extended period of time, the instructor will communicate to students regarding schedule adjustments, including rescheduling of examinations and assignments due to inclement weather and campus emergencies. Official closures and delays are announced on the campus website (http://www.umd.edu) and snow phone line (301-405-SNOW), as well as local radio and TV stations.