The Ohio State University
College of Public Health

Epidemiology Minor (EPDMLGY-MN)

Overview
The 15-credit hour undergraduate minor in Epidemiology focuses on epidemiologic methods and two important content areas of the field: chronic disease epidemiology and infectious disease epidemiology. The minor in Epidemiology will augment and enhance many different undergraduate bachelor’s degree programs and expands learners’ knowledge and comprehension of issues affecting humans domestically and internationally.

Competencies
Upon successful completion of the undergraduate minor in Epidemiology, students will be better prepared to:
- Apply the fundamental principles of biostatistics and epidemiology to domestic and international population issues.
- Develop quantitative awareness of the multiple-scale, and multiple interactions that characterize public health problems.
- Summarize major factors that contribute to human disease and compromised quality of life.
- Analyze and interpret fundamental statistical and epidemiological data.
- Summarize intervention and disease prevention strategies to sustain and improve quality of life.

Requirements
PUBHEPI 2410 Epidemiology in Public Health (3)

PUBHBIO 2210 or 2210H Biostatistics for Public Health Research (3)

Choose one of the following infectious disease epidemiology courses:
- PUBHEPI 3411 Public Health Field Investigation (3)
- PUBHEPI 5412 Infectious Diseases in the Developing World (3)

Choose one of the following chronic disease epidemiology courses:
- PUBHEPI 5438 Cardiovascular Disease Epidemiology (3)
- PUBHEPI 4410 Social Epidemiology (3)

Required Elective: An upper division course (3 credits) Epidemiology course. Students can choose from the infectious disease or chronic disease epidemiology courses listed. Students who choose to take an alternative epidemiology course should consult with an undergraduate advisor in the College of Public Health to determine approved course.

Epidemiology minor program guidelines
Credit hours required: A minimum of 15. 1000 level courses shall not be counted in the minor. At least 6 credits must be at the 3000 level or above.

Transfer and EM credit hours allowed: A student is permitted to count up to 6 total hours of transfer credit and/or credit by examination.

Overlap with the GE: A student is permitted to overlap up to 6 credit hours between the GE and the minor.

Overlap with the major and additional minor(s):
- The minor must be in a different subject than the major.
- The minor must contain a minimum of 12 hours distinct from the major and/or additional minor(s).

Grades required:
- Minimum C- for a course to be listed on the minor.
- Minimum 2.00 cumulative GPA for all minor course work.
- Point-hour ratio required for the minor.
- Course work graded Pass/Non-Pass cannot count on the minor.
- No more than 3 credit hours of coursework graded Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory may count toward the minor.

Approval required:
Students who wish to declare the minor are required to email cph@cph.osu.edu with the subject line “Declare Epidemiology minor”. An academic advisor in the College will then complete a minor program form and email it to the student and copy the student’s academic advisor. The academic advisor can then declare the minor.

Declaring the minor: The minor should be declared as soon as possible. However, it must be declared by the time of applying for graduation. Call 614-292-8350 to schedule an appointment to complete the minor form.