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The social and behavioral sciences in public health address the behavioral, social and cultural factors related to individual and population health and health disparities over the life course. Research and practice in this area contribute to the development, administration and evaluation of programs and policies in public health and health services to promote and sustain healthy environments as well as healthy lives for individuals and populations.  
Learning objectives: at the end of the module, the students should be able to:  
1. Identify basic concepts, processes and factors from a range of social and behavioral disciplines that are critical for development and improvement of public health interventions.  
2. Identify the causes and nature of key ecological, social and behavioral factors that affect health of individuals and populations.  
3. Describe steps and procedures for the design, implementation and evaluation of public health programs, policies and interventions to improve individuals and populations’ health.  
4. Apply evidence-based approach for the design and evaluation of public health programs, policies and interventions to improve health of individuals and populations.  
5. Demonstrate a working capacity to collaborate respectfully, equitably and regularly with colleagues from other cultures and disciplines to address complex health challenges. | 3 | 36-40, 2020 (Mondays) |
| 203    | Advanced Core curriculum – Epidemiology (EPI) | Judith MUELLER | Epidemiology (EPI): Module 203  
This module aims at providing students with working knowledge of epidemiology, which will allow them applying epidemiological concepts in a general public health work setting. This includes understanding epidemiological measures, study designs, biases and study validity, diagnostic testing as it relates to screening and use of epidemiological data in decision making and simple models for prediction and evaluation of intervention strategies (decision analysis).  
The module also aims at consolidating pre-existing knowledge to prepare students for the epidemiology track.  
Learning objectives: at the end of the module, the students should be able to:  
1. Explain and apply principal concepts of epidemiological reasoning (validity, causality, power, attributable risk…)  
2. Interpret and discuss epidemiological studies, their design and their contribution to public health  
3. Perform simple epidemiological analyses (measures of frequency and association; standardization and Mantel-Haenszel; test performance; combining probabilities)  
Prerequisites: Introduction to epidemiology (M1 level) | 3 | 36-40, 2020 (Tuesdays) |
| 204    | Advanced Core curriculum – Information sciences and biostatistics (ISB) | Pascal Crépey | Information sciences and biostatistics (ISB) Module 204  
This course is complementary with the M1 biostatistic module. Then, at the end of the present core curriculum, students will have an overview of basic methodological approaches and their application to public health issues.  
Learning objectives: at the end of the module, the students should be able to: | 3 | 36-40, 2020 (Wednesdays) |
1. Discuss the role of epidemiology within the broader field of public health
2. Discuss the principles of disease prevention within populations
3. List and describe key terms used in the epidemiology and prevention of infectious disease
4. Calculate and interpret basic population measures of health and disease occurrence including incidence and prevalence
5. Make appropriate comparisons of disease rates within and between populations
6. Distinguish between basic measures of association, including rate ratio, risk ratio, incidence density ratio, odds ratio, attributable risk, and population attributable risk
7. Select and apply fundamental epidemiologic study designs including randomized clinical trial, cohort, case-control, and ecologic for the purpose of investigating public health problems
8. Identify the role of bias and confounding in epidemiologic research and apply methods appropriate to assessment of confounding and various types of bias
9. Differentiate between various epidemiologic study designs and compare their respective strengths and weaknesses

Critique published epidemiological studies and identify their strengths and weaknesses

Prerequisite: MPH 1 Biostatistics Module

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**205**

Advanced Core curriculum – Health policy & Management (HPM)

Odessa Dariel

Management and health policy sciences (MHPS) Module 205

The multidisciplinary field of health policy and management is concerned with the development of policy and the delivery of healthcare to individuals and populations. This assumes both a policy and managerial concern with the structure, process and outcomes of healthcare services, including costs, financing, organization, accessibility and outcomes of care. This module builds on a basic understanding of health care systems and policies from year 1 and introduces students to more advanced concepts regarding current issues in health policies worldwide. The module is intended to provide basic skills to understand the relationship between public health policy and the healthcare system.

Learning objectives: at the end of the module, the students should be able to:
1. Identify the main components and issues in organizing, financing and delivering health services and public health systems
2. Describe and compare key processes and concepts in health policy development and implementation
3. Identify relationships between stakeholders
4. Provide a broad overview of the content in the HPM majors and minors

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**206**

Advanced Core curriculum – Environmental and occupational health sciences (EOHS)

Aurore Gely-Pernot

Environmental and occupational health sciences (EOHS) Module 206

The EOHS program aims to train practitioners to identify risks run by the general population, consumers or workers exposed to nuisances and hazardous agents, and to propose measures designed to abate exposures and health impacts. It comprises a broad range of disciplines and viewpoints (from individual vulnerability factors to public policies) in order to stimulate the students’ capacity to develop a consistent and cross-cutting problem-solving approach.

In this context, this introductory module to the second year of the Master focuses on principles of health security. Expertise and management of “early signals”, environmental health surveillance and the risk abatement tools will be investigated. This module aims to introduce the notion of risk assessment as well (to go further: module: Impact Assessment Approaches in Environmental Health) and to consolidate notion of toxicology (to go further: Critical windows of exposures and vulnerability). Finally, this module presents epidemiological methods developed for the investigation of health problems resulting from air pollution in outdoor or occupational settings. A group assignment whereby students will prepare and expose critical analyses of a set of papers from the scientific literature in a variety of domains will force them to draw from these different disciplinary areas in an integrative way. Each of these parts is presented in syllabus appendices.

Learning objectives: at the end of the module, the students should be able to:
1. Apply analysis skills and techniques to assess and understand an environmental or occupational health problem
2. Discuss the basic biological concepts that allow to evaluate the exposure-response relationships
3. Describe the principles of exposure and risk assessment for nuisances and hazards related to the environment or to occupational settings