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Course Overview

Course Description
This course explores contemporary issues, problems, and controversies in global health through an interdisciplinary perspective; examines the complex tapestry of social, economic, political, and environmental factors that affect global health; analyzes global health disparities through a social justice and human rights lens; and exposes students to opportunities in global health program and research.

Prerequisites
None. Residential summer course is open to graduate students.

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Course Website
https://sakai.unc.edu/welcome/. Use your ONYEN and password to login.

Class Days, Times, Location
This course is a fully residential course that meets weekly on Tuesdays from 3:30 – 6:15 pm in McGavran-Greenberg Hall #2308. Attendance is mandatory and students are expected to participate in discussions and complete tasks and assignments for each week.

Office Hours
There are no set office hours for this course. Students may request an appointment by email. Virtual office hours may be conducted via phone, Skype, or Zoom.
Course Texts

Unless otherwise indicated, all course readings and materials will be available on the course Sakai site (https://sakai.unc.edu/portal). You will need a valid UNC Onyen and password in order to log in to this site.

Note: Some of the readings may be replaced by more recent or relevant readings during the course of the semester. We will rely extensively on the following textbooks to prepare lectures, but purchasing these textbooks is not required for the course.


   Link: http://www.jblearning.com/catalog/9781284123890/

Join the Global Health Community

⇒ Subscribe to Devex for daily news digest. https://www.devex.com/
   “Devex is the media platform for the global development community... A social enterprise, we connect and inform 700,000+ global development professionals through news, business intelligence, and funding & career opportunities.”

⇒ Join the Triangle Global Health Consortium (TGHC)
   http://www.triangleglobalhealth.org/
   UNC is a founding member of the TGHC and there are events, newsletters and job postings from member organizations through their email listserv. There are a number of networking opportunities available throughout the year.

This year, the annual TGHC conference will take place on **October 16, 2019** in Raleigh, NC. For details: http://www.triangleglobalhealth.org/annual-conference

⇒ Science Speaks – Global Infectious Diseases (ID) News:
   http://sciencespeaksblog.org/
   Source of infectious diseases and policy update. We recommend subscribing to the daily newsletter for global health updates.

⇒ Global Health Learning Center online courses:
   https://globalhealthlearning.org/

⇒ Consortium of Universities for Global Health (CUGH): http://cugh.org/
   UNC-CH is a member of the CUGH. You do not need to join as an individual if you have a UNC email address.
**Course Format**

**Course Participation, Assumptions and Expectations**
Class announcements and other important communications will be distributed through the Sakai site, so please ensure your email address is correctly reflected in Connect Carolina. Additional announcements will be made in class.

Students will submit their individual assignments and their final assessment to Sakai as instructed on the Assignment page of the course site. Students will be able to check their grades on the Gradebook in Sakai.

**Team Dynamics and Expectations**
You will be assigned a team for the duration of the semester. Students are expected to participate in team assignments and discussion forums, and engage with other students in the course. Dedicated Forums/Team Sites may be established to facilitate team communications, collaboration, storage of team documentation, and final posting of team assignments to be graded.

Peer evaluations will be sent at the end of the semester. You will be peer-evaluated on the following criteria: 1) participation in team assignments, 2) timeliness of task completion, 3) level of thought and effort, 4) support to team efforts, 5) any additional qualitative feedback on team performance.


**Written Assignments**
All written assignments should be drawn extensively upon the assigned readings and other external sources, and **all references should be cited accordingly**.

**Quizzes and Exams**
There are no quizzes or exams in this course.

**Course Feedback**
We encourage real-time feedback throughout the course. Please feel free to submit feedback to the course instructors at any time during the semester.

**Course Evaluation**
During the last 2 weeks of this course, you will receive an email to participate in an online evaluation of this course. Please participate and provide feedback about your course experience as this helps us improve the excellence of our academic programs.
Course Policies

Recognizing, Valuing and Encouraging Inclusion and Diversity in the Classroom

We share the School’s commitment to diversity. We are committed to ensuring that the School is a diverse, inclusive, civil and welcoming community. Diversity and inclusion are central to our mission — to improve public health, promote individual well-being and eliminate health inequities across North Carolina and around the world. Diversity and inclusion are assets that contribute to our strength, excellence and individual and institutional success. We welcome, value and learn from individual differences and perspectives. These include but are not limited to: cultural and racial/ethnic background; country of origin; gender; age; socioeconomic status; physical and learning abilities; physical appearance; religion; political perspective; sexual identity and veteran status. Diversity, inclusiveness and civility are core values we hold, as well as characteristics of the School that we intend to strengthen.

We are committed to expanding diversity and inclusiveness across the School—among faculty, staff, students, on advisory groups, and in our curricula, leadership, policies and practices. We measure diversity and inclusion not only in numbers, but also by the extent to which students, alumni, faculty and staff members perceive the School’s environment as welcoming, valuing all individuals and supporting their development."

In this class, we practice these commitments in the following ways:

- Develop classroom participation approaches that acknowledge the diversity of ways of contributing in the classroom and foster participation and engagement of all students.
- Structure assessment approaches that acknowledge different methods for acquiring knowledge and demonstrating proficiency.
- Encourage and solicit feedback from students to continually improve inclusive practices.

As a student in the class, you are also expected to understand and uphold the following UNC policies:

- Diversity and Inclusion at the Gillings School of Global Public Health: [http://sph.unc.edu/resource-pages/diversity/](http://sph.unc.edu/resource-pages/diversity/)
UNC Honor Code

As a student at UNC-Chapel Hill, you are bound by the university’s Honor Code, through which UNC maintains standards of academic excellence and community values. It is your responsibility to learn about and abide by the code. All written assignments or presentations (including team projects) should be completed in a manner that demonstrates academic integrity and excellence. Work should be completed in your own words, but your ideas should be supported with well-cited evidence and theory. To ensure effective functioning of the Honor System at UNC, students are expected to:

a. Conduct all academic work within the letter and spirit of the Honor Code, which prohibits the giving or receiving of unauthorized aid in all academic processes.

b. Learn the recognized techniques of proper attribution of sources used in written work; and to identify allowable resource materials or aids to be used during completion of any graded work.

c. Sign a pledge on all graded academic work certifying that no unauthorized assistance has been received or given in the completion of the work.

d. Report any instance in which reasonable grounds exist to believe that a fellow student has violated the Honor Code.

Instructors are required to report suspected violations of the Honor Code, including inappropriate collaborative work or problematic use of secondary materials, to the Honor Court. Honor Court sanctions can include receiving a zero for the assignment, failing the course and/or suspension from the university. If you have any questions about your rights and responsibilities, please consult the Office of Student Conduct at https://studentconduct.unc.edu/, or consult these other resources:

- Honor system module.
- UNC library’s plagiarism tutorial.
- UNC Writing Center handout on plagiarism.
Instructor Expectations

Email
The instructors will typically respond to email within 24 hours or less if sent Monday through Friday. The instructor may respond to weekend emails, but it is not required of them. If you receive an out of office reply when emailing, it may take longer to receive a reply. The instructor will provide advance notice, if possible, when they will be out of the office.

Feedback
All graded assignments will receive written feedback that coincides with the assessment rubric. Feedback is meant to be constructive and help the student continue to build upon their skills. The types of feedback you may receive are descriptive feedback, evaluative feedback, and motivational feedback. Feedback is a tool that you as a learner can use to understand the areas that you are succeeding in and what you can do to improve in other areas.

For students, we encourage real-time feedback throughout the course. Please feel free to submit feedback to the course instructors at any time during the semester.

Syllabus Changes
The instructor reserves to right to make changes to the syllabus, including project due dates and test dates. These changes will be announced as early as possible.

Student Expectations

Appropriate Use of Course Resources
The materials used in this class, including, but not limited to, syllabus, assignments and rubrics are copyright protected works. Any unauthorized copying of the class materials is a violation of federal law and may result in disciplinary actions being taken against the student. Additionally, the sharing of class materials without the specific, express approval of the instructor may be a violation of the University’s Student Honor Code and an act of academic dishonesty, which could result in further disciplinary action. This includes, among other things, uploading class materials to websites for the purpose of sharing those materials with other current or future students.

Assignments
Assignment details are posted in Sakai. Once completed, assignments should be uploaded in Sakai, unless otherwise indicated. Only one team member needs to upload assignments on behalf of the team. Please request permission from the instructors for late submissions prior to the deadline.

This course will include graded individual assignments, graded team assignments and discussions, discussion forums, peer evaluations and a (team) semester paper and presentation/panel discussions.

Discussion Board
You are expected to participate in the In-Class Discussions and/or online Discussion Boards. When indicated, you are also expected to reply to at least two student peers’ postings per discussion board. Peer replies should be thoughtful, reflective, and respectful while prompting further discussion using content knowledge, critical thinking skills, questioning, and relevant information of the topic.
Technical support

The PUBH 711 course will use Sakai. We will may use the Zoom Remote Conferencing technology when needed to connect external guest experts. You can access Sakai at https://sakai.unc.edu.

- VoiceThread FAQ: https://help.unc.edu/help/voicethread-faq/
- Zoom Remote Conferencing Overview: https://uncsph.zoom.us/

Your Health Sciences Library (HSL) Librarian:
Mary White, MS, MSHI
Email: mwwhite@email.unc.edu;
Phone: 919-966-0953

Library 101 Tutorial: http://media.sph.unc.edu/adobe/pubh690/library_basics/

The UNC Information Technology Services (ITS) department provides technical support 24-hours per day, seven days per week. If you need computer help, please contact the ITS Help Desk by phone at +1-919-962-HELP (919-962-4357), or by email at help@unc.edu, or by visiting their website at http://help.unc.edu, or by UNC Live Chat at http://its.unc.edu/itrc/chat.
Competencies, Learning Objectives, and Assessment

Competencies

American School of Public Health (ASPH) Global Health Competencies
This course builds competencies in the following three domains identified by ASPH as abilities required by Master’s level students in Global Health Programs:

- **Domain 4: Health Equity and Social Justice**, defined as the framework for the analysis of strategies to address health disparities across socially, demographically, or geographically defined populations.
- **Domain 6: Socio-Cultural and Political Awareness**, defined as the conceptual basis with which to work effectively within diverse cultural settings and across local, regional, national, and international political landscapes.
- **Domain 7: Strategic Analysis**, defined as the ability to use systems thinking to analyze a diverse range of complex and interrelated factors shaping health trends to formulate programs at the local, national, and international levels.

UNC-CH Global Health Concentration Competency #1
- Analyze how the roles, relationships, and resources of entities influencing global health policies and practices affect disparities in health outcomes.

Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- To explore contemporary issues, problems, and controversies in global health through an interdisciplinary perspective
- To understand the roles and agendas of major players in global health
- To understand key global health problems, their distribution, and prevention strategies
- To examine social, economic, political, and environmental factors that affect public health outcomes
- To understand the complexities inherent in implementing health programs on a global scale
Course Assignments and Assessments
The course is offered during Fall 2019 (15-week duration) as a three-credit hour course. The course is composed of weekly online readings and in-person lectures and activities. Work assignments, both individual and team assignments, will be submitted as specified in the weekly course schedule.

Since this is the first iteration of the residential PUBH 711 – Critical Issues in Global Health course, students will be encouraged to help co-create future offerings of the course. Each week, students will be encouraged to submit potential discussion questions or course contents for future years via the following Qualtrics link. https://unc.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eD1wnVyjrUnBsk5 or https://bit.ly/2YUmANY

The methods of communication for this course will require regular access of the Sakai Course Site and requires active engagement of individuals for the team assignments.

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<td><strong>Module II: Health Systems</strong></td>
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<td>o Units 4 and 5: Team assignment on health system review (200 points)</td>
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<td><strong>Module III: Critical Issues – Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) and Nutrition</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Module IV: Critical Issues – Infectious Diseases</strong></td>
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<td>o Units 8 and 9: Team assignment with in-class presentation (200 points)</td>
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<td><strong>Module V: Critical Issues – The Environment</strong></td>
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<td>o Unit 10: Team assignment – Choice between qualitative or quantitative assignment (100 points)</td>
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<td>o Unit 11: Team assignment with forum post and in-class discussion (100 points)</td>
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<td><strong>Module VI: Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights</strong></td>
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<td>o Unit 12: Team assignment with in-class discussion (100 points)</td>
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<td><strong>Module VII: Emerging Issues and Semester Project and Presentations</strong></td>
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<td>o Unit 13: No assignment (work on semester project)</td>
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<td>o Semester Project: Paper (200 points), Fact Sheet (100 points) and PowerPoint (100 points) (400 points)</td>
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<td><strong>Peer Evaluation</strong></td>
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**Grading**
Your final grade will be based on a combination of individual assignments, team assignments, and in-class participation. In addition to the grades assigned by the faculty, each individual will also be evaluated by their peers on their performance and participation in the team assignments. The grading scheme can be found below.
Peer evaluation

The purpose of the peer evaluation is to evaluate each of your team members on their performance as a team member in completing team assignments. This electronic peer evaluation is completed after the team assignments. In the peer evaluation, you will be asked to rate individual team members on each of the following statements:
1. This team member actively participated in team assignments
2. This team member accomplished tasks on time
3. This team member’s work reflected an acceptable level of thought and effort
4. This team member functioned as a valuable member of the team by supporting the efforts of fellow team members.

You will evaluate team members using a 5-point Likert scale.

In addition to the statements, the peer evaluation has an open-ended question in which you can write specific comments on the performance of each of your team members or to provide any specific information to the instructor. This overall score from the Likert scale and any comments will be reviewed to determine if any adjustments to the ‘base team grade’ are warranted.

Final course grades will be determined using the following UNC Graduate School grading scale.

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<td>&gt; 93%</td>
<td>High Pass: Clear excellence</td>
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<td>&gt; 80% and &lt; 92%</td>
<td>Pass: Entirely satisfactory graduate work</td>
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<td>L</td>
<td>&gt; 70% and &lt; 80%</td>
<td>Low Pass: Inadequate graduate work</td>
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<td>F</td>
<td>&lt; 70%</td>
<td>Fail</td>
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Grading Notes:
- All members of a team will receive the same base grade (and if required, individual grades may be adjusted based on participation, punctuality and peer evaluation).
- A temporary grade of “IN” – Incomplete work might be assigned if unique circumstances arise. Students who are having difficulties or encounter unique life events are to contact the course instructor to evaluate their progress and determine the best course of action. A grade of incomplete may be taken only because of illness or special circumstances and only with the permission of the course instructors and your departmental adviser. Important Note: IN is a temporary grade that converts to an F* unless the grade is replaced with a permanent grade by the last day of classes for the same term one year later.
- Auditing of this course is not permitted.

Course Schedule
The instructor reserves to right to make changes to the syllabus, including project due dates and test due dates. These changes will be announced as early as possible.
## PUBH 711 FALL 2019 SEMESTER-AT-A-GLANCE

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<td><strong>Unit 1:</strong> August 20 – 25, 2019</td>
<td>Introduction to Global Health</td>
<td><strong>Class:</strong> Tuesday August 20, 2019 at 3:30 – 6:15 pm ET (2306 McG-G)  Team creation  In-class activity (not graded)  Global Health Definition  Submit completed Recording Release Form  <strong>Due:</strong> Sunday August 25, 2019 11:55 pm ET  Research potential topic for semester project</td>
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<td><strong>Unit 2:</strong> August 26 – September 1, 2019</td>
<td>Global Burden of Disease</td>
<td><strong>Class:</strong> Tuesday August 27, 2019 at 3:30 – 6:15 pm ET (2306 McG-G)  In-Class GBD Demonstration  Team assignment with in-class debrief (100 points) –  Introduction to Global Burden of Disease (GBD) Data Visualization Tools  <strong>Due:</strong> Sunday September 1, 2019 11:55 pm ET  Potential topic for semester project</td>
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<td><strong>Unit 3:</strong> September 2 – 8, 2019</td>
<td>Globalization and Global Health Players, Payers and Policy</td>
<td><strong>Class:</strong> Tuesday September 3, 2019 at 3:30 – 6:15 pm ET (2306 McG-G)  Global health funding patterns activity  Team assignment with in-class debrief (100 points) –  Analyzing Global Health Funding Patterns  <strong>Due:</strong> Sunday September 8, 2019 11:55 pm ET  Topic for Semester Project  <strong>Due:</strong> Sunday September 8, 2019 11:55 pm ET</td>
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## MODULE II: HEALTH SYSTEMS

Begin work on team assignment on health system review  
Work on Semester Project: Reference List |
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Team activity on health system review  
Team assignment (200 points) – Health System Review  
Due: Sunday September 22, 2019 11:55 pm ET  
Work on Semester Project: Reference List  
Due: Sunday September 22, 2019 11:55 pm ET |

## MODULE III: CRITICAL ISSUES – NCDs and NUTRITION

| Unit 6: September 23 – 29, 2019 | Non-Communicable Diseases: Malignant Neoplasms, Cardiovascular Disease, Mental Health and Wellness | Class: Tuesday September 24, 2019 at 3:30 – 6:15 pm ET (2306 McG-G)  
Team activity on NCDs  
Team assignment (100 points) – Non-Communicable Diseases  
Due: Sunday September 29, 2019 11:55 pm ET  
Work on Semester Project: Outline |
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| Unit 7: September 30 – October 6, 2019 | The Paradox of Nutrition: Nutrition Policies and Interventions | Class: Tuesday October 1, 2019 at 3:30 – 6:15 pm ET (2306 McG-G)  
Team activity on nutrition  
Team assignment (100 points) – Nutrition  
Due: Sunday October 6, 2019 11:55 pm ET  
Work on Semester Project: Outline |
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<th>MODULE IV: CRITICAL ISSUES – INFECTIONOUS DISEASES</th>
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| **Unit 8:**  
October 7 – 13, 2019 | Infectious Diseases – Chronic and Epidemic  
Class: Tuesday October 8, 2019 at 3:30 – 6:15 pm ET (2306 McG-G)  
Team activity on complex infectious disease interventions  
Team assignment (200 points) – Complex infectious diseases interventions  
Due: Sunday October 20, 2019 11:55 pm ET  
Work on Semester Project: Outline | |

| **Unit 9:**  
October 14 – 20, 2019 | Infectious Diseases – The Need for Complex Interventions  
Class: Tuesday October 15, 2019 at 3:30 – 6:15 pm ET (2306 McG-G)  
Team activity on complex infectious disease interventions  
Team assignment (200 points) – Complex infectious diseases interventions  
Due: Sunday October 20, 2019 11:55 pm ET  
Work on Semester Project: Outline | |

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<th>MODULE V: CRITICAL ISSUES – THE ENVIRONMENT</th>
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| **Unit 10:**  
October 21 – 27, 2019 | Engineering, Economics and Health – Water and Sanitation  
Class: Tuesday October 22, 2019 at 3:30 – 6:15 pm ET (2306 McG-G)  
Water team activity (Choice between qualitative or quantitative assignment)  
Water team assignment (100 points) –  
Due: Sunday October 27, 2019 11:55 pm ET  
Work on Semester Project: Paper, Fact Sheet, Presentation | |
### Module VI: Critical Issues – Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights

**Unit 12:** November 4 – 10, 2019

**Title:** Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights

**Class:** Tuesday November 5, 2019 at 3:30 – 6:15 pm ET (2306 McG-G)

**Reproductive Health Data Trends Assignment**

Reproductive health team assignment (100 points) –

**Due:** November 10, 2019 11:55 pm ET

**Work on Semester Project: Paper, Fact Sheet, Presentation**

### Module VII: Emerging Issues in Global Health

**Unit 13:** November 11 – 17, 2019

**Title:** Emerging Issues in Global Health

**Class:** Tuesday November 12, 2019 at 3:30 – 6:15 pm ET (2306 McG-G)

**No Assignment**

**Work on Semester Project: Paper, Fact Sheet, Presentation**

**Semester Paper and Presentations/Panel Discussions**

**Semester Project: Paper, Fact Sheet, Presentation (300 points)**

**Due:** Tuesday December 3, 2019 11:55 pm ET

**Student Presentations:**

November 19, 2019
November 26, 2019
(December 3, 2019 if needed)

**DUE:** Tuesday December 3, 2019 11:55 pm ET (last day of classes)
MODULE I: THE CONTEXT OF GLOBAL HEALTH

Unit 1: Introduction to Global Health

Dates: August 20 – 25, 2019

Learning Objectives:
After completing this module, students will be able to:

• Define global health and understand it as an evolving concept
• Describe the linkages between global health and local health
• Consider health and well-being through inter-disciplinary lenses
• Identify current health challenges, emerging trends and priorities in global health and sources of disparities in health

Key Topics:

• Definitions of global health
• Global to local/local to global
• Global health from an interdisciplinary perspective
• Trends and priorities in global health

Readings/Videos/Presentations:

LECTURE: Course and Global Health Overview
Karine Dubé, DrPH and Christie Pettitt-Schieber, MPH, PUBH 711 Course Instructors
Date/Time: Tuesday August 20, 2019 at 3:30 – 6:15 pm (2306 McGavran-Greenberg)

REQUIRED READINGS:


OPTIONAL READINGS AND USEFUL REFERENCES:


**Class and Activity:**
- Introductions and Global Health Definition
- Team creation
- Submit completed Recording Release Form by **Sunday August 25, 2019 at 11:55 pm ET**
- Teams start thinking about potential topic for semester project
Unit 2: Global Burden of Disease  
**Dates:** August 26 – September 1, 2019

**Learning Objectives:**  
After completing this module, students will be able to:

- Define the global burden of disease (GBD)  
- Name data sources used to estimate the global burden of disease  
- Name key indicators for measuring the global burden of disease and explain what they stand for (e.g. disability-adjusted life years (DALYs))  
- Describe the leading causes of morbidity and mortality around the world and key findings from the GBD study  
- Explain how the global burden of disease can inform decision making and prioritization of scarce resources  
- Recognize good data visualization techniques

**Key Topics:**
- Global burden of disease project overview  
- Global burden of disease tools  
- Global transitions in health  
- Global disparities in health  
- Data visualization

**Readings/Videos/Presentations:**

**LECTURE: Global Burden of Disease and Demonstration**  
Karine Dubé, DrPH and Christie Pettitt-Schieber, MPH, PUBH 711 Course Instructors  
**Date/Time:** Tuesday August 27, 2019 at 3:30 – 6:15 pm (2306 McGavran-Greenberg)

**VIDEO LECTURES:**

  Playing Time: 2 min 15 sec

- Video of Chris Murray on the Use of the GBD Tools  
  [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wRFc6V8tBJY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wRFc6V8tBJY)  
  Playing Time: 1 hr 32 min 20 sec

- The Global Burden of Disease Study: What Does it Mean for NIH and Global Health Research?  
  [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Exce4gy7aOk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Exce4gy7aOk)  
  Playing Time: 9 min 08 sec

**REQUIRED READINGS:**


10053. [http://www.thelancet.com/gbd/2015](http://www.thelancet.com/gbd/2015) (Students are not expected to read the entire file; please observe main trends and data visualization techniques)

**OPTIONAL READINGS AND USEFUL REFERENCES:**

**Class and Assignment:**
- Unit 1 recap: Our definitions of ‘global health’
- Team assignment with in-class debrief (100 points) – details on Sakai
  - Introduction to Global Burden of Disease (GBD) data visualization tools due in Sakai by [Sunday September 1, 2019 at 11:55 pm ET](http://www.thelancet.com/gbd/2015) (one submission per team)
- Teams continue researching topic for semester project
Unit 3: Globalization and Global Health Players, Payers, and Policy
Date: September 2 – 8, 2019

Learning Objectives:
After completing this module, students will be able to:
• Describe key aspects of globalization and explain the linkages between globalization and health
• Name key entities and funding agencies active in the global health landscape and describe their role in broad terms
• Explain some of the essential elements of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and describe how they may be important in strengthening public health systems in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs)
• Identify criteria for allocating resources to respond to global health priorities

Key Topics:
• Globalization and trade
• Governance for global health
• Key entities active in the global health landscape
• Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
• Health disparities versus health equity
• Global health funding mechanisms
• Effectiveness of international aid
• Setting global health priorities

Readings/Videos/Presentations:
LECTURE: Globalization and Global Health Players, Payers, and Policy
Guest Expert Speaker: Bruce Fried, PhD, UNC Health Policy and Management (4 – 5: 15 PM ET)
Date/Time: Tuesday September 3, 2019 at 3:30 – 6:15 pm (2306 McGavran-Greenberg)

VIDEO LECTURES:
• Video of Sustainable Development Goals Explained, 2015
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NkAv9L1_r1M
  Playing Time: 4 min and 13 sec

• OPTIONAL: Video of Laurie Garrett’s lecture, Columbia University, September 2011.
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S3EByJ5uWA8
  Playing Time: 1 hr 21 min 46 sec

• OPTIONAL: Video from TED Talk: Andrew Mwende: Let’s Take a New Look at Africa Aid, 2007
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RfobLjsj230
  Playing Time: 19 min and 04 sec

REQUIRED READINGS:

**OPTIONAL READINGS AND USEFUL RESOURCES:**

**Class and Assignment:**
• Unit 2 debrief on Global Burden of Disease findings – by teams/countries
• Team Assignment (100 points) – details on Sakai
  o Analyzing global health funding patterns due in Sakai by Sunday September 8, 2019 at 11:55 pm ET (one submission per team)
• Topic for semester project – due Sunday September 8, 2019 11:55 pm ET (must be approved by instructors)
MODULE II: HEALTH SYSTEMS

Unit 4: Delivering Health – Overview, Components and Financing

Date: September 9 – 15, 2019

Learning Objectives:
After completing this module, students will be able:
• Define a health care system and its functions
• Define the role governments play in delivering health
• List the key components of public health infrastructure and understand how they might be in flux
• Describe the role of WHO and other key players in global health
• Discuss the importance of human resources and information systems in global health infrastructure
• Define universal health care and discuss program in realizing universal health care in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs)

Key Topics:
• Overview of health systems
• Components of a health system
• Financial models of health care
• Service delivery models
• Health resources for health
• Health information systems
• Health system reform
• Universal health care

Readings/Videos/Presentations:
LECTURE: Primary Care in Low-Income Countries
Guest Expert Speaker: Sean Sylvia, PhD, UNC Health Policy and Management (4 – 5:15 pm ET)
Date/Time: Tuesday September 10, 2019 at 3:30 – 6:15 pm (2306 McGavran-Greenberg)

REQUIRED READINGS:
OPTIONAL READINGS AND USEFUL RESOURCES:


Class and Assignment:

- Unit 3 debrief on global health funding patterns
- Begin work on team project on health systems
- Work on semester project – reference list
Unit 5: Delivering Health – Health Systems Strengthening (HSS), Performance and Resilience
Date: September 16 – 22, 2019

Learning Objectives:
After completing this module, students will be able to:
• Discuss key elements involved in health systems strengthening
• Make basic comparisons of the public health infrastructure of selected countries
• Make recommendations for improving the infrastructure of selected countries based on lessons learned in other countries
• Numerate essential features of resilient health care systems

Key Topics
• Health systems strengthening (HSS)
• Health systems performance
• Health systems resilience
• Quality improvement

Readings/Videos/Presentations:
LECTURE: Quality Improvement (QI) in Low- and Middle-Income Countries
Guest Expert Speaker: Rohit Ramaswamy, PhD, UNC Public Health Leadership Program (PHLP) and Maternal and Child Health (MCH) (4 – 5:15 pm ET)
Date/Time: Tuesday September 17, 2019 at 3:30 – 6:15 pm (2306 McGavran-Greenberg)

VIDEO LECTURES:
• Janet Hatcher Roberts on Health Systems Strengthening
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2AAx7cT5j2I
  Playing Time: 11 min 57 sec
• Systems Thinking for Health Systems Strengthening
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iIs6zQXUpAU&feature=youtu.be
  Playing Time: 6 min 30 sec
• Strengthening Human Resources for Health in Ivory Coast
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OzvlpFPx-hU&feature=youtu.be
  Playing Time: 4 min 37 sec
• OPTIONAL: YouTube Video: Registering Community Members for National Health Insurance in Ghana
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JvRK5p2jMfo
  Playing Time: 4 min 15 sec
• OPTIONAL: YouTube Video: Efficient Service Delivery at Aravind Eye Clinics in India
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3cjnPua7Ag
  Playing Time: 6 min 07 sec
REQUIRED READINGS:

OPTIONAL READINGS AND USEFUL RESOURCES:

Class and assignment:
- Team Assignment (200 points) – details on Sakai
  - Analysis and comparison of health systems due in Sakai by **Sunday September 22, 2019 at 11:55 pm ET** (one submission per team)
- Work on semester project – reference list due **Sunday September 22, 2019 11:55 pm ET**
MODULE III: CRITICAL ISSUES – NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES (NCDs) AND NUTRITION

Unit 6: Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs): Malignant Neoplasms, Cardiovascular Disease, Mental Health and Wellness

Date: September 23 – 29, 2019

Learning Objectives:
After completing this module, students will be able to:

• Define a non-communicable disease (NCD)
• Understand why NCDs represent a current and growing challenge in developed and low- and middle-income countries
• Identify and use data sources that measure and track NCDs
• Describe the contribution of cancer, CVD, and mental health to global mortality and morbidity in high, middle, and low-resource countries
• Compare and contrast an NCD’s epidemiology in a developed and LMIC country and describe 3 – 4 factors that might explain differences in disease prevalence between the two countries

Key Topics:
• Cardiovascular health
• Cancer
• Mental health and wellness
• Aging
• Physical (in)activity

Readings/Videos/Presentations:

LECTURES:
• Claire Bosire, ScD, UNC Department of Health Behavior – Global Cancer Disparities (3:30 – 4:15 pm ET)
• Lori Carter-Edwards, PhD, UNC Public Health Leadership Program (PHLP), Health Behavior and Epidemiology – Global Cardiovascular Disease (4:15 – 5 pm ET)
• Ed Fisher, PhD, UNC Department of Health Behavior – Global Mental Health (pre-recorded)

Date/Time: Tuesday September 24, 2019 at 3:30 – 6:15 pm (2306 McGavran-Greenberg)

REQUIRED READINGS:

Cancer:

Cardiovascular Health:

Mental Health and Wellness:
- OPTIONAL READINGS AND USEFUL RESOURCES:
  - “NYTimes video, which is associated with the other articles http://www.nytimes.com/video/health/100000003764816/praying-for-a-cure.html
  - Still We Rise” Documentary FilmLiberia: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KWTyvblhAjQ&feature=endscreen

Physical (In)activity:
Aging:

Class and Assignment:
- Debrief on Weeks 4 & 5 team assignment (health system review)
- Team assignment on NDC (Unit 6) (100 points) – see details on Sakai
  - PowerPoint slides due in Sakai by Sunday September 29, 2019 at 11:55 pm ET (one submission per team) and in-class presentation/discussion on Tuesday October 1, 2019
- Work on semester project – project outline
Unit 7: The Paradox of Nutrition and Nutrition Interventions and Policies

Date: September 30 – October 6, 2019

Learning Objectives:
After completing this module, students will be able to:
- Summarize key tenets of the double burden of malnutrition (undernutrition coupled with overweight and obesity)
- Define various dimensions of food security
- Name some of the micronutrient deficiencies and short-term and long-term impacts of undernutrition
- Explain the nutrition transition
- Describe global patterns and trends related to nutrition, such as over nutrition and the global obesity pandemic
- Describe some of the interventions and policies to address undernutrition and their pros and cons
- Compare national nutrition action plans between countries and make recommendations for improvement

Key Topics:
- Double burden of malnutrition
- Food security and undernutrition
- Maternal and child undernutrition: global patterns and trends
- Micronutrient deficiencies
- Short-term impacts of undernutrition
- Long-term impacts of undernutrition
- Nutrition transition
- Over nutrition: global patterns and trends
- Nutrition-related non-communicable diseases (NCDs)
- Interventions to address undernutrition
- Interventions to address poor dietary habits and chronic diseases
- National and global policies: what works and what still needs to be done

Readings/Videos/Presentations:
LECTURE: Global Health and Nutrition
Guest Expert Speakers: Margaret (Peggy) Bentley, PhD and Stephanie L. Martin, PhD, Department of Nutrition (4 – 5:30 pm ET)
Date/Time: Tuesday October 1, 2019 at 3:30 – 6:15 pm (2306 McGavran-Greenberg)

VIDEO LECTURES:
- Lancet Maternal and Child Nutrition Series – Watch video 2 (Robert Black's presentation of paper 1 (27 min 33 sec)), video 3 (Robert Black Q&A – 20 min 53 sec) and video 10 (Robert Black's Call to Action – 21 min 25 sec)
  http://www.thelancet.com/series/maternal-and-child-nutrition
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y8IlSawaqa8&feature=related
  Playing Time: 1 hr 12 min
Playing Time: 6 min 25 sec

REQUIRED READINGS:
• WHO. Levels and Trends in Child Malnutrition. (2019). https://www.who.int/nutgrowthdb/jme-2019-key-findings.pdf?ua=1

OPTIONAL READINGS AND USEFUL RESOURCES:

Class and Assignment:
• Unit 6 in-class presentations (5 minutes per team)
• Team assignment on nutrition (Unit 7) (100 points) – see details on Sakai
  ○ PowerPoint slides due in Sakai by Sunday October 6, 2019 at 11:55 pm ET (one submission per team) and in-class presentation/discussion on Tuesday October 8, 2019
• Work on semester project – project outline
MODULE IV: CRITICAL ISSUES – INFECTION DISEASES

Unit 8: Infectious Diseases – Chronic and Epidemic
Date: October 7 – 13, 2019

Learning Objectives:
After completing this module, students will be able to:
- Enumerate characteristics of infectious diseases that set them apart from other diseases and make their control difficult
- Name key infectious diseases that are leading causes of deaths worldwide
- Describe the concepts of “One Health” and “Global Health Security”
- Understand conditions necessary for disease ‘eradication’

Key Topics:
- Perpetual challenge of infectious diseases
- Diseases of poverty
- Zoonoses and “One Health”
- Global Health Security

Readings/Videos/Presentations:

LECTURE: Infectious Diseases – Chronic and Epidemic
Guest Expert Speaker: Timothy Mastro, MD, FHI 360 Chief Sciences Officer (4 – 5:15 pm ET)
Date/Time: Tuesday October 8, 2019 at 3:30 – 6:15 pm (2306 McGavran-Greenberg)

WEBSITES:
- PEPFAR: https://www.pepfar.gov/
- President’s Malaria Initiative: https://www.pmi.gov/

PODCASTS:

REQUIRED READINGS:

OPTIONAL READINGS AND USEFUL RESOURCES:

OPTIONAL RESOURCES:
• Global Health Security Agenda: https://www.ghsagenda.org/

Class and Assignment:
• Unit 7 in-class presentations (5 minutes per team)
• Begin work on team assignment on designing complex interventions for infectious diseases
• Work on semester project – draft outline
Unit 9: Infectious Diseases – The Need for Complex Interventions
“A health intervention is an act performed for, with or on behalf of a person or population whose purpose is to assess, improve, maintain, promote or modify health, functioning or health conditions.”
– World Health Organization

Date: October 14 – 20, 2019

Learning Objectives:
After this module, students will be able to:
• Understand the complexity of preventing, treating and curing infectious diseases
• Apply principles learned in the course to combat transmission of infectious diseases
• Explain differences between biomedical, behavioral, structural and integrated or combination interventions
• Propose and prioritize interventions to respond to infectious disease threats around the world

Key Topics:
• Complexity of prevention and treatment interventions
• Biomedical interventions
• Behavioral interventions
• Structural interventions
• Integrated interventions

Readings/Videos/Presentations:
LECTURE: Infectious Diseases – HIV Prevention
Guest Expert Speaker: Jim Herrington, PhD, Department of Health Behavior (3:30 – 4:45 pm ET)
Date/Time: Tuesday October 15, 2019 at 3:30 – 6:15 pm (2306 McGavran-Greenberg)

VIDEO LECTURE:

REQUIRED READINGS:
OPTIONAL READINGS:


Class and Assignment:

- Team assignment on designing complex interventions for infectious diseases (200 points) – details on Sakai
  - PowerPoint slides due in Sakai by **Sunday October 20, 2019 at 11:55 pm ET** (one submission per team) and in-class presentation/discussion on Tuesday October 22, 2019
- Work on semester project: outline due by **Sunday October 20, 2019 11:55 pm ET**
MODULE V: CRITICAL ISSUES – THE ENVIRONMENT

Unit 10: Engineering, Economics and Health – Water and Sanitation
Date: October 21 – 27, 2019

Learning Objectives:
• Describe key aspects of water and sanitation from a global health perspective
• Understand the basic causes of and types of diseases associated with water and sanitation and how they account for the global burden of disease
• Recognize Sustainable Development Goal #6 focused on water and sanitation
• Explain some issues around supplying water on a global level
• Interpret basic data and metrics related to water and sanitation

Key Topics:
• Effect of water and sanitation on global health
• Water and sanitation development goals and progress
• Global water supply: issues and intervention
• Improving sanitation and hygiene: issues and intervention

Readings/Videos/Presentations:

LECTURE: Global Health, Water and Sanitation
Guest Expert Speaker: Michael B. Fisher, UNC Water Institute (5 – 6:15 pm ET)
Date/Time: Tuesday October 22, 2019 at 5 – 6:15 pm (2306 McGavran-Greenberg)

TOPIC: Overview

TOPIC: Effect of Water and Sanitation on Global Health
• Prüss-Üstün A, Bos R, Gore F, Bartram J. (2008) Safer Water, Better Health: Costs, Benefits and Sustainability of Interventions to Protect and Promote Health. World Health Organization, Geneva. http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/43840/1/9789241596435_eng.pdf (pages 7-26) (This article may look old but it was the last time that the WHO wrote something this all-encompassing for WaSH).

TOPIC: Water and Sanitation Development Goals and Progress
TOPIC: Global Water Supply: Issues and Intervention

TOPIC: Improving Sanitation and Hygiene: Issues and Intervention

OPTIONAL READINGS AND USEFUL RESOURCES:
- The SDGs for Water and Sanitation: Big Promises, Big Challenges. IRC, September 2015. https://www.ircwash.org/blog/sgd-water-and-sanitation-big-promises-big-challenges (listen to the video at the bottom of the article)

WEBSITES WITH GLOBAL (COUNTRY-LEVEL) DATA:

Class and Assignment:
- Units 8 & 9 in-class presentations (5 minutes per team)
- Team assignment (100 points) – details on Sakai
  - Qualitative OR quantitative assignment due in Sakai by Sunday October 27, 2019 at 11:55 pm ET (one submission per team)
- Teams work on semester project: paper (12 pages), critical issues fact sheet (1-page), brief PowerPoint presentation
Unit 11: The Health Effects of Climate Change
Date: October 28 – November 3, 2019

Learning Objectives:
After completing this module, students will be able to:
- Define climate change, explain its basic mechanisms and how weather differs from climate
- Explain the health effects of global climate change and the direct and indirect ways in which it threatens global public health
- Identify major actors and initiatives in the current climate change policy landscape as well as measure to mitigate the effects of climate change

Key Topics:
- Global climate change and health effects
- Planetary health
- Environmental security

Required Readings/Videos/Presentations:

LECTURE: Global Climate and Health
Guest Expert Speaker: Kimberly Thigpen Tart, JD, MPH (4 – 5:15 pm ET)
Date/Time: Tuesday October 29, 2019 at 3:30 – 6:15 pm (2306 McGavran-Greenberg)

VIDEOS
- Human Support Systems: Risks to Human Health
  http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LoLP-zUBH_k
  Playing Time: 6 min 34 sec
- World Bank: Warmer World Will Trap Millions in Poverty
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=REFEgy6jUVU
  Playing Time: 4 min 28 sec

READINGS:
- WHO. Global Climate Change: Implications for International Public Health Policy.
  http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/85/3/06-039503/en/

OPTIONAL READINGS AND USEFUL RESOURCES:
  https://health2016.globalchange.gov/ (skim this report and website at your leisure)
Class and Assignment:

- Debrief on Unit 10 water assignment
- Team assignment with forum post and in-class discussion (100 points) – details on Sakai
  - Climate change blog and call to action due in Sakai (Forum) by **Sunday November 3, 2019** at 11:55 pm ET (one submission per team)
- Continue work on semester project: paper (12 pages), critical issues fact sheet (1-page), brief PowerPoint presentation
MODULE VI: CRITICAL ISSUES – SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS

Unit 12: Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights
Date: November 4 – 10, 2019

Learning Objectives:
After completing this module, students will be able to:
• Discuss key issues related to sexual and reproductive health, contraception and family planning, safe motherhood, and abortion
• Explain why sexual and reproductive health should be understood with the lenses of human rights and equity
• Describe why investing in family planning can contribute to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals
• Name policies that prevent the effective attainment of reproductive health (e.g., Global Gag rule or Mexico Policy)
• Identify sources of sexual and reproductive health data, describe trends over time and possible causes of those trends

Key Topics:
• Contraception and family planning
• Safe motherhood
• Elimination of unsafe abortion
• Prevention and treatment of sexually transmitted infections (STIs), cervical cancer and other gynecological morbidities
• Promotion of healthy sexuality (sexual health, sexuality and sexual rights)
• Sexual and reproductive rights and the SDGs
• Disparity in access to sexual and reproductive health
• Policies and social forces that prevent effective attainment of reproductive health

Required Readings/Videos/Presentations:
LECTURE: Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights
Guest Expert Speakers: Ilene Speizer, PhD, Department of Maternal and Child Health (MCH) (4 – 5 pm ET) and Stellah Bosire, Co-Executive Director of East African Sexual Health and Rights Initiative (will join remotely via Zoom 5:15 – 6:15 pm ET)
Date/Time: Tuesday November 5, 2019, 2019 at 3:30 – 6:15 pm (2306 McGavran-Greenberg)

OPTIONAL VIDEO LECTURES:
  Playing time: 56 min 22 sec

  Playing Time: 20 min, 23 sec
  http://www.ippf.org/resource/ippfs-sexual-rights-declaration
  Playing Time: 20 min 11 sec

REQUIRED READINGS:

OPTIONAL READINGS AND USEFUL RESOURCES:

WEBSITES OF INTEREST:
• Family Planning 2020: https://www.familyplanning2020.org/
• WHO – Sexual Health Issues: http://www.who.int/reproductivehealth/topics/sexual_health/issues/en/
• American Public Health Association – Reproductive and Sexual Health: https://www.apha.org/topics-and-issues/reproductive-and-sexual-health
• Guttmacher Institute: https://www.guttmacher.org/
• Center for Health and Gender Equity (CHANGE): http://www.genderhealth.org/
Class and Assignment:
- Debrief on Unit 11 climate change assignment
- Team assignment with in-class discussion (100 points) – see details on Sakai
  - Reproductive health data trends assignment due in Sakai by **Sunday November 10, 2019 at 11:55 pm ET** (one submission per team)
- Continue on semester project: paper (12 pages), critical issues fact sheet (1-page), brief PowerPoint presentation

**MODULE VII: EMERGING ISSUES IN GLOBAL HEALTH**

**Unit 13: Emerging Issues in Global Health**
**Date:** November 11 – 17, 2019

**Learning Objectives:**
After completing this module, students will be able to:
- Identify and describe emerging issues in global health
- Describe the local and global interconnectivity of emerging issues in global health
- Identify some of the key global health players and their role in this area
- Summarize some of the key characteristics of these emerging issues in global health
- Identify criteria to help prioritize funding and resources to help tackle these emerging global health issues
- List possible interventions to respond to these global health priorities
- Identify priorities to help advance practice and/or knowledge related to these emerging topics
- Envision a career in global public health focusing on a possible topic of passion

**Key Topics:**
- Injuries and traffic crashes
- Falsified medicines
- Electronic waste, pesticides and globalization
- Refugee and migrant health
- Emergency and crisis management
- Technology (fourth revolution) and its role in global health and mHealth

**Readings/Videos/Presentations:**
**LECTURE: Emerging Issues in Global Health – Falsified Medicines and Electronic Waste**
Guest Expert Speaker: Jim Herrington, PhD, Department of Health Behavior (3:30 – 4:45 pm ET)
**Date/Time:** Tuesday November 12, 2019 at 3:30 – 6:15 pm (2306 McGavran-Greenberg)

**Injuries:**
- CDC. Road Traffic Injuries and Deaths – A Global Problem.
  [https://www.cdc.gov/features/globalroadsafety/index.html](https://www.cdc.gov/features/globalroadsafety/index.html)
Falsified Medicines:

Electronic Waste, Pesticides, and Globalization:

Refugee and Migrant Health:

Technology:

Class and Assignment:
- Work on semester project: paper (12 pages), critical issues fact sheet (1-page), brief PowerPoint presentation

Units 14 and 15: Semester Project Presentations (400 points)
- Semester project details posted in Sakai (400 points)
  Due in Sakai by Tuesday December 3, 2019 at 11:55 pm ET (one submission per team)
- Student Presentations: November 19, November 26 (and December 3, 2019 if needed)