

Guidelines to the Guidelines

As a rule, **you should be following the guidelines in the most recent version of Academic Policies**, particularly procedural matters.

The exception to this rule is new requirements. However, any changes that are adopted for accreditation purposes will be required of everyone unless explicitly stated that they are not.

Hypothetical examples:

- (1) You entered the PhD program in Fall 2009. At that time, the only EPID courses required were EPID 123, 456, and 789. In Fall 2010, a new requirement of EPID 147 was added. Students entering prior to Fall 2010 would not have to take EPID 147 unless it was a prerequisite for another course they were going to take.
- (2) You entered the PhD program in Fall 2009. At that time, the doctoral QE requirement was a take-home exam given by your advisor in which you wrote a 10 page paper on a special topic. In Fall 2010, the QE was changed to an in-class exam that took 2 days. Questions were created by a committee. Students entering in Fall 2009 would take the new format of the exam.
- (3) You entered the PhD program in Fall 2008, at which time an interim committee meeting was optional during the final dissertation phase. In Fall 2009, it became a required in-person meeting. You must adhere to the Fall 2009 changes.
- (4) You entered the MPH program in Fall 2009, at which time BIOS 549 was required. In Fall 2010, the department decided to eliminate that requirement and the requirement was dropped in Academic Policies. Students who enrolled in Fall 2009 would not be required to take an eliminated requirement, in this case BIOS 549.

These examples apply to all EPID degree programs.