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**Course Description**

[Description from [Course Catalog](https://catalog.unc.edu/courses/). Note, To avoid issues with degree plans, prevent student confusion and set proper expectations, changes in the course title or description **must** be updated in [CIM](https://registrar.unc.edu/courses/curriculum-inventory-management-cim/).]

**Prerequisites:** [Indicate “None” if there are no prerequisites for the course]

**Instructor**

Your section instructor will provide an introduction, contact information, and preferred method of contact in the course on Digital Campus.

[More faculty information](https://onlinemph.unc.edu/about/faculty/)

**Office Hours:** Each section instructor will hold office hours each week. The day and time will be posted on the course wall no later than Week 1. Students can attend Office Hours by logging into the live classroom.

**Digital Campus:** <https://digitalcampus.instructure.com/> Use your OneLogin to sign in & access your course.

**Course Overview**

[Longer description than from [Course Catalog](https://catalog.unc.edu/courses/). Describe the arc of learning students can expect from this course.]

**Course Format/Sessions**

This course is a fully online course that is completed asynchronously and with live sessions through MPH@UNC. The course will run for 13 weeks straight, with one live online session per week. Each week there are readings, assignments, and asynchronous content, which is expected to be completed before the live online session. You are expected to attend all live sessions and to log into the course at least 4 times a week to participate in discussions and complete tasks and assignments for that week. Live session dates and times for your section are available in Digital Campus and displayed in your [ConnectCarolina](https://connectcarolina.unc.edu/) enrollments.

**Course Schedule**

The instructor reserves the right to make changes to the syllabus, including topics, readings, assignments, and due dates. Any changes will be announced as early as possible. For week-by-week course details, please see below, the Appendix, and the Digital Campus course site. Readings that are not freely accessible via direct link will be located in [Course Reserves](https://library.unc.edu/support/reserves/). All assignments and readings should be completed BEFORE the live session each week.

[Please provide links to all readings that can be accessed online freely (PDFs that are free to use, websites, forms, etc.) and detailed descriptions for articles that need to be accessed through the library, and add those to Course Reserves.]

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**Course Assignments and Assessments**

This course will include the following graded assignments that contribute to your final grade in the course. For assignment descriptions and assignment grading rubrics, see Appendix A. [Instructions: Please copy your detailed assignment descriptions into Appendix A. Assignments are not listed separately in the Digital Campus system; Appendix A is the place students will receive assignment details.]

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| **Graded Assignments****[Examples below.]** | **Points or Percentages of****Final Course Grade****[Examples below.]** |
| 1. Course Discussions | 10 |
| 2. Article Critique | 15 |
| 3. Group Project | 25 |
| 4. Presentation | 25 |
| 5. Final Exam | 25 |
| TOTAL | 100 |

**Course Grading Scale(s)**

[**Instructions:** All MPH@UNC courses use the **H-F** scale.

Final course grades will be determined using the following [UNC Graduate School grading scale](http://handbook.unc.edu/grading.html). The relative weight of each course component is shown in the Graded Assignments table.

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|  | **Description** | **Numeric Value** |
| **H** | High Pass: Clear excellence | [Example] 93-100 |
| **P** | Pass: Entirely satisfactory graduate work | [Example] 80-92 |
| **L** | Low Pass: Inadequate graduate work | [Example] 70-79 |
| **F** | Fail | [Example] 0-69 |

**Map of Competencies to Learning Objectives and Assessment Assignments**

Below you will see the competency(ies) you will develop in this course, the learning objectives that comprise the competency(ies), and the assignment(s) in which you will practice demonstrating this competency.

[**Instructions:**

**Competency:** In the course syllabus, we are **required** to list competencies taught in this course, clearly identify when taught, how taught (e.g., learning objectives), and how assessed (e.g., description of assessment assignment). CEPH uses the term competency, while campus often references learning outcome. Competency refers to CEPH-defined foundational competencies (e.g., BSPH, MPH, DrPH) or school-defined concentration and/or program competencies (e.g., MS, PhD). For BSPH, MPH, DrPH courses, use the competency coding convention (e.g., MPH08, EPID03).

**Learning Objectives:** List the learning objectives that comprise the competency taught in this course.

**Assessment Assignment:** Name and briefly describe assignments that assess student demonstration of the competency taught in this course, making sure the name matches the name of the graded assignment in the graded assignment table above. Make sure to copy detailed assignment descriptions into Appendix A]

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| **Competency** | **Learning Objectives** that comprise the competency | **Assessment Assignment** for evidence of student attainment of competency |
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**Expectations, Policies, and Resources**

**Accessibility at UNC Chapel Hill**

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill facilitates the implementation of reasonable accommodations, including resources and services, for students with disabilities, chronic medical conditions, a temporary disability or pregnancy complications resulting in barriers to fully accessing University courses, programs and activities. Accommodations are determined through the Office of Accessibility Resources and Service (ARS) for individuals with documented qualifying disabilities in accordance with applicable state and federal laws. See the [ARS Website](https://ars.unc.edu/) for contact information or email ars@unc.edu.

**Appropriate Use of Course Resources**

The materials used in this class, including, but not limited to, syllabus, exams, quizzes, and assignments 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 and sharing assessments from prior terms. Instructors are required to report suspected misuse of course resources to the Office of Student Conduct.

You are not permitted to upload any content from this course to the web in any form, including but not limited to Chegg, Course Hero, Coursera, Google Drive, etc. If you post my course content, you may be violating my intellectual property rights. If you post your own work from this course, you are allowing sites to profit from your intellectual property. In utilizing web sources to upload or download course content, you risk violating the University’s Honor Code. <https://studentconduct.unc.edu/instructors/honor-syllabus/>

**Assignments**

Submit all assignments through Digital Campus or assignment links located in the weekly modules or assignments link (if made available by your instructor). Emailing assignments is not acceptable unless prior arrangements have been made. If you are having issues submitting assignments, try a different web browser. If switching browsers does not work, please take the following steps:

1. Contact MPH@UNC’s technical support via live chat, email studentsupport@onlinemph.unc.edu or phone, 855-770-2159. Include the issue you encountered, the time you attempted to submit the assignment, and the result of your attempt. Provide as much specific information as possible (i.e., operating system, browser, screen shot with error message), to assist the technical team with resolving the issue.

2. Send an email to your instructor with the information you provided to the technical support team and the day and time you sent the information. Ask the instructor if an alternative submission method is acceptable; do not send your assignment to the instructor unless asked to do so.

**Attendance/ Participation**

[Instructions: Instructors must include a statement about expectations for attendance and participation in this course. Additional examples may be found at the school’s [syllabus webpage](https://sph.unc.edu/resource-pages/gillings-school-syllabus/).]

[Example:] Your attendance and active participation are an integral part of your learning experience in this course. If you are unavoidably absent, please notify the course instructor (and Teaching Assistant if one is assigned). No right or privilege exists that permits a student to be absent from any class meetings, except for these University Approved Absences:

1. Authorized University activities
2. Disability/religious observance/pregnancy, as required by law and approved by [Accessibility Resources and Service](https://ars.unc.edu/) and/or the [Equal Opportunity and Compliance Office](https://eoc.unc.edu/what-we-do/accommodations/).
3. Significant health condition and/or personal/family emergency as approved by the [Office of the Dean of Students](https://odos.unc.edu/), [Gender Violence Service Coordinators](https://womenscenter.unc.edu/resources/gender-violence-services/), and/or the [Equal Opportunity and Compliance Offic](https://eoc.unc.edu/what-we-do/accommodations/)e.

**Communication**

[Example] You are expected to follow common courtesy in all communication to include email, discussion forums, and other interactions with peers and instructors. All electronic communications should reflect professionalism and respect. The instructor will typically respond to email within 48 hours or less if sent Monday through Friday.

**Contributions**

[Example] You are a valuable contributor to your section. As such, each student is expected to fully participate in individual assignments and group collaboration. This course includes peer evaluation as a portion of the participation grade.

**Discussion Forum**

[Example] You are expected to participate in live session discussions You may also be asked to respond to your fellow students’ comments on the course wall or in other areas. 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. Go to <https://sph.unc.edu/iis/discussion-forum-participation-guidelines/> for general guidelines on discussion forum participation.

**Feedback**

[Example] All graded assignments will receive written feedback that aligns 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.

**Grading**

[Example] Assignments will be graded no more than two weeks after the due date. Assignments that build on the next assignment will be graded within one week of the final due date. Early submissions will not be graded before the final due date.

**Honor Code**

[**Instructions:** Instructors must include a statement about the Honor Code. Students need to know specifically what is allowed and what is not allowed for each assignment in each course

because it varies by instructor and assignment. Keep/edit applicable content and delete what is not applicable to your course. Additional examples may be found at the school’s [syllabus webpage](https://sph.unc.edu/resource-pages/gillings-school-syllabus/).]

[Example] As a student at UNC Chapel Hill, you are bound by the [university’s Honor Code](https://catalog.unc.edu/policies-procedures/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. To ensure an effective Honor System at UNC, in this course students are expected to:

* [Example] 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.
* [Example] Learn and apply 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.
* [Example] Students may use materials they wrote for other courses, but only if the student themselves produced the work.
* [Example] For homework, students may verbally discuss approaches to the problems but each student should independently write up the answer and verify solutions.

[Example] For take-home tests, students must work completely independently without communicating with other students, tutors, or anyone else about any material related to the test questions. The test is ‘open book’ and ‘open notes.’

If you have any questions about your rights and responsibilities, consult the [Office of Student Conduct](https://studentconduct.unc.edu/) or review the following resources: [Honor System](https://studentconduct.unc.edu/honor-system); [Honor System module](https://studentconduct.unc.edu/honor-system-module); [UNC Library’s plagiarism tutorial](https://guides.lib.unc.edu/plagiarism); [UNC Writing Center’s handout on plagiarism](https://writingcenter.unc.edu/tips-and-tools/plagiarism/).

**Inclusive Excellence**

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.

For more information about how we are practicing inclusive excellence at the Gillings School, visit the following webpages: [Inclusive Excellence](https://sph.unc.edu/resource-pages/inclusive-excellence/), [Inclusive Excellence Action Plan](https://sph.unc.edu/diversity/inclusive-excellence-action-plan/), [Minority Health Conference](https://minorityhealth.web.unc.edu/), and [National Health Equity Research Webcast](https://sph.unc.edu/mhp/nat-health-equity-research-webcast/).

Additional campus resources include: the [LGBTQ Center](https://lgbtq.unc.edu/); [Non-Discrimination Policies at UNC Chapel Hill](https://eoc.unc.edu/our-policies/policy-statement-on-non-discrimination/); [Ombuds](https://ombuds.unc.edu/); and [Prohibited Discrimination, Harassment, and Related Misconduct at UNC Chapel Hill](https://eoc.unc.edu/our-policies/ppdhrm/).

[Example] In this class, we practice the Gillings School’s commitment to inclusion, diversity, anti-racism and equity 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.
* Treat all members of the Gillings community (students, faculty, and staff) as human persons of equal worth who deserve dignity and respect, even in moments of conflict and disagreement.
* Contribute to creating a welcoming and inclusive classroom environment, where all are able to learn and grow from one another.
* Acknowledge and respect the diversity of experiences that others bring to the classroom and the ways in which this richness enhances everyone’s learning
* Strive to maintain a spirit of curiosity and generosity, particularly in the face of new and/or seemingly contradictory information and perspectives Encourage and solicit feedback from students to continually improve inclusive practices.

**Land Acknowledgement**

Please read The Gillings School’s [Land Acknowledgement](https://sph.unc.edu/diversity/land-acknowledgement/).

**Late Work**

[Example 1] Late work will not be accepted.

[Example 2] Assignment due dates will not be changed because of exams or assignments in other courses or because of conflicting vacation travel plans. Late submissions will receive a 1-point reduction for every day that they are late. After seven days, late submissions will receive no points. Corrected submissions will not be accepted unless stated otherwise. You must inform the instructor on the first week of class if you cannot attend an exam or presentation due to extenuating circumstances, such as medical procedures or professional travel. Attendance on the day of the presentation and exams is otherwise required to receive points for those activities.

**Readings**

Readings will be posted in [Course Reserves.](https://library.unc.edu/support/reserves/) Additional readings may be shared by the instructor on the course wall. All assigned readings should be completed prior to the weekly live session and before completing associated activities.

**Student Feedback and Equity Concerns**

The Gillings School has in place a [mechanism for students to provide feedback](https://feedback.sph.unc.edu/), including specifically equity concerns and bias-related issues. You can use this form to describe feedback, both positive and negative, about anything including issues related to your experience as a student at Gillings, administrative processes, and classroom activities. This form will also allow you to specifically describe incidents in which racial or other equity-related bias, or microaggressions, occurred. You may submit this form anonymously. However, for us to follow up and provide the necessary support, we encourage you to include your contact information. For further information, please visit the [Student Feedback and Equity Concerns FAQ](https://sph.unc.edu/students/student-feedback-and-equity-concerns-faq/).

Please note that this form does not take the place of any University process or policy. If you would like to report an incident under the University’s policy on [Prohibited Discrimination, Harassment, and Related Misconduct including Sexual and Gender Based Harassment, Sexual Violence, Interpersonal Violence, and Stalking](https://policies.unc.edu/TDClient/2833/Portal/KB/ArticleDet?ID=132487#autoid-drq2r), please visit [Safe At UNC](https://safe.unc.edu/) or the [Equal Opportunity and Compliance Office](https://eoc.unc.edu/) (EOC) for additional information, including resources, contact, and reporting options.

**Syllabus Changes**

The instructor reserves the right to make changes to the syllabus, including topics, readings, assignments, and due dates. Any changes will be announced as early as possible.

**Technical support**

Submit assignments and quizzes at least 24 – 36 hours prior to the due date and time, to prevent last-minute technical issues from interfering with successful completion. Your instructor cannot resolve technical issues, but it’s important to notify them if you are experiencing issues. If you have problems submitting an assignment or taking a quiz in Digital Campus, immediately take these steps:

1. Contact MPH@UNC’s technical support via live chat, email or phone. Include the issue you encountered, the time you attempted to perform the course action, and the result of your attempt. Provide as much specific information as possible (e.g., operating system, browser, screen shot with error message), to assist the technical team with resolving the issue.

2. Send an email to your instructor with the information you provided to the technical support team and the day and time you sent the information. Ask the instructor if an alternative submission method is acceptable; do not send your assignment/assessment to the instructor unless asked to do so.

MPH@UNC provides technical support 24-hours per day, seven days per week. If you need computer help, please contact student support at 855-770-2159 or studentsupport@onlinemph.unc.edu. There is also online chat available in the bottom right corner of the Digital Campus learning management system.

**Telephone Messages**

[Example] MPH@UNC faculty and students span multiple time zones. This can make placing and receiving telephone calls challenging. Students are encouraged to log in during Office Hours to interact with their instructors in real-time. Email communication is preferred for other, time-sensitive questions.

**Title IX at UNC Chapel Hill**

Any student who is impacted by discrimination, harassment, interpersonal (relationship) violence, sexual violence, sexual exploitations, or stalking is encouraged to seek resources on campus or in the community. Please contact the Director of Title IX Compliance / Title IX Coordinator (Adrienne Allison), Report and Response Coordinators in the Equal Opportunity and Compliance Office, Counseling and Psychological Services (confidential), or the Gender Violence Services Coordinators (confidential) to discuss your specific needs. Additional resources are available at the [“Safe at UNC” website](https://safe.unc.edu/).

**Appendix A: Assignment Descriptions and Rubrics**

**Assignment Descriptions**

[**Instructions:**

MPH@UNC students receive all their assignment directions from this page in the syllabus. Please provide specific directions for number of words, submission format, etc.]

## **1. Assignment [Example.] Course Discussions (10%)**

Description.

## **2. Assignment [Example.] Journal Article Critique (15%)**

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## **3. Assignment [Example.] Group Project (25%)**

Description.

## **4. Assignment [Example.] Presentation (25%)**

Description.

## **5. Assessment [Example.] Final Exam (25%)**

Description.

**Rubric(s)**