

CRITERIA FOR MINORING IN EPIDEMIOLOGY

The Department of Epidemiology's Graduate Studies Committee has established a set of guidelines as to what constitutes a minor in this department. The following criteria must be met to declare a minor in Epidemiology:

- Doctoral level status
- Minimum of 15 credits hours of EPID courses
- Successful completion of EPID 710, EPID 712, EPID 715, and EPID 716, with the remainder of credits in any **substantive** epidemiology courses.
- EPID 717 and 718 are not required for the minor, nor do they count towards the minor.
- Notes regarding prerequisites and corequisites of the required minor courses:
 - EPID 705 is a prerequisite for EPID 715 but does not count toward the minor.
 - SAS competency is a prerequisite of EPID 715/716 and must be demonstrated via 1.) passing an exemption exam which is offered every summer or 2.) successful completion of BIOS 511 or EPID 700.
 - BIOS 600 is a corequisite for EPID 710/712 and BIOS 645 is a corequisite for EPID 715.

Additional Criteria:

- EPID 600 hours will not count toward a minor in epidemiology.
- Neither independent study hours nor research hours will count toward an epidemiology minor.
- No transfer courses will count toward an epidemiology minor.
- The EPID Academic Coordinator can assist in the planning of appropriate courses.
- A minor advisor is not required.
- Graduate School policy requires that the dissertation committee include at least one faculty member from the minor program.
- The Minor Declaration Form is available on The Graduate School's [Academic Forms](#) webpage. The form must be signed by the Director of Graduate Studies from both the student's major department and the Department of Epidemiology. **The student and their Academic Coordinator are responsible for filing the completed form with The Graduate School.**
- Effective Fall 2005, students must earn a grade of P or better in courses applying to the minor.
- **The Department's "L" grade policy applies to core methods courses for all minor students.**

Department of Epidemiology's "L" Grade Policy:

The following policy applies to a grade of L in an Epidemiology "core methods" course (i.e., EPID 705, EPID 710, EPID 712, EPID 715, EPID 716, EPID 717, and EPID 718):

- A grade of L in a core methods course requires that a meeting among the student, their faculty mentor, the course instructor, and the student's home department Academic Coordinator take place within two weeks. The purpose of the meeting is to ascertain the factors associated with the poor performance and to implement the steps described below. The student's Academic Coordinator is responsible for initiating this meeting at the earliest convenience of all involved.
- Students who receive a grade of L in a core methods course must retake the course and receive a minimum of a P, unless exempted as described below.
- The student is expected to retake the course – or to be granted an exemption by the Department of Epidemiology's Graduate Studies Committee (GSC)– within one year of taking the core methods course that resulted in an L grade. If this timeline is not met, the student must ask his/her advisor to present an alternative timeline to the GSC.
- Students who take a core methods course as part of a minor in epidemiology are required to adhere to the L grade policy of the Department of Epidemiology.

Conditional advancement to a higher-level course for a student who receives a grade of L in a core methods course.

- Students who receive a grade of L in a core methods course may advance to the pertinent higher-level methods course in epidemiology (prior to retaking the course in which they received an L) only if approved by the instructor of the higher-level course and endorsed by the student's faculty mentor.

Exemption from the requirement to retake a core methods course.

- A high performance in the higher-level course (above the 85th percentile) allows the student to submit a request to the EPID GSC to be exempted from having to retake the lower-level course graded as 'low pass' (L).

Questions should be directed to:

EPID Academic Coordinator, epidemiology@unc.edu

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EPID Minor Milestone Checklist

_____ Complete the Declaration of Minor form (available on the [Graduate School Forms](#) page)

Submit the completed Minor Declaration form for:

_____ Approval from your department's Director of Graduate Studies (DGS)
Your Academic Coordinator can help with this step.

_____ Approval from Epidemiology's Director of Graduate Studies (DGS)
The EPID Academic Coordinator will help with this step. Submit to epidemiology@unc.edu.

_____ Processing at The Graduate School
Your Academic Coordinator will help with this step.

Satisfactory completion of required prerequisite courses:

_____ EPID 700 or BIOS 511 (or exemption exam) Semester taken: _____

_____ EPID 705 Semester taken: _____

Satisfactory completion of required corequisite courses:

_____ BIOS 600 (or approved exemption) Semester taken: _____
BIOS 600 is a corequisite to EPID 710/712

_____ BIOS 645 (or approved exemption) Semester taken: _____
BIOS 645 is a corequisite to EPID 715

Satisfactory completion of required minor courses:

_____ EPID 710 & EPID 712 (3 & 2 credits) Semester taken: _____

EPID 710/712 are corequisite courses taken in the same (fall) semester. Permission of instructor is needed for any alternate plan.

_____ EPID 715 (4 credits) Semester taken: _____

_____ EPID 716 (3 credits) Semester taken: _____

EPID 715 and EPID 716 are typically taken together in the same (spring) semester, but can be taken in different years.

_____ Substantive EPID course Semester taken: _____

Specify course: _____ (A list of qualifying courses is on next page.)

_____ Inclusion of an EPID faculty member on your dissertation committee

Faculty member name: _____

Questions? Contact the Academic Coordinator in Epidemiology at epidemiology@unc.edu.

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Substantive EPID courses:

- EPID 625: Injury as a Public Health Problem (Fall)
- EPID 626: Violence as a Public Health Problem (Spring)
- EPID 735: Cardiovascular Epidemiology (Fall)
- EPID 743: Genetic Epidemiology: Methods and Applications (Fall)
- EPID 750: Fundamentals of Public Health Surveillance (Fall)
- EPID 755: Introduction to Infectious Disease Epidemiology (Spring)
- EPID 758: Methods and Principles of Applied Infectious Disease Epidemiology (Summer)
- EPID 759: Methods in Field Epidemiology (Spring)
- EPID 760: Vaccine Epidemiology (Spring)
- EPID 765: Methods and Issues in Pharmacoepidemiology (Spring- odd years)
- EPID 766: Epidemiologic Research with Healthcare Databases (Spring- odd years)
- EPID 770: Cancer Epidemiology and Pathogenesis (Spring; odd years)
- EPID 771: Cancer Epidemiology: Survivorship and Outcomes (Spring; even years)
- EPID 772: Cancer Prevention and Control (Fall; crosslisted with HPM 765 & HBEH 765))
- EPID 785: Environmental Epidemiology (Spring)
- EPID 790: Intervention Epidemiology (Fall; 2 credits)
- EPID 814: Obesity Epidemiology (crosslisted; NUTR administers)
- EPID 818: Analytical Methods in Nutritional Epidemiology (crosslisted; NUTR administers)
- EPID 826: Social Epidemiology: Concepts and Measures (Spring; 2 credits)
- EPID 827: Social Epidemiology: Analysis and Interpretation (Fall; 2 credits)
- EPID 851: Reproductive and Perinatal Epidemiology (Fall)

Notes:

- 1.) Not all of the listed courses are 3 credits. So, an additional substantive course would need to be taken to complete the required credit hours for the minor.
- 2.) Not all courses are offered every year.
- 3.) The semester the course is typically taught is listed above. You should confirm that the course will be taught as stated.