HEALTH SERVICES AND OUTCOMES RESEARCH (HSR)

HSR 302-0 Introduction to Biostatistics (1 Unit)
This is an introductory course to general concepts and fundamentals in the practice of biostatistics as commonly used in medical research. This will form the foundation for more advanced topics to come in later courses. Through this course you will gain knowledge of the basic statistical tests and when to use them. You will also learn how to incorporate statistical analysis plans into the larger study design and research question formation.

HSR 421-0 Intermediate Biostatistics (1 Unit)
This course builds upon the material learned in Introduction to Biostatistics and Introduction to Epidemiology. Specifically, the course will focus on multivariable methods of analysis for epidemiologic and clinical studies including correlation, linear regression, logistic regression, and Cox proportional hazards regression.

HSR 425-0 Introduction to Quantitative Methods in Health Services & Outcomes Research (1 Unit)
This course provides an overview of methods for conducting health services research. It is intended to complement students' coursework and research project development. The course will cover basic statistical tests and when to use them, as well as the main epidemiologic study designs. Topics include: overview of research design, basic measurement concepts, estimating effect sizes (e.g., odds ratios, chi-sq tests), issues in effect estimation (precision, selection bias, misclassification bias), methods for dealing with covariates (stratified analysis, effective modification, confounding), introduction to multivariate analysis, and interpreting research findings to guide decision-making. Includes practical computer-lab sessions in Stata.

HSR 426-0 Topics in Health Services Research: Grant Writing (0.5 Unit)
This course will provide students with an overview of the grant writing process and practical strategies for writing successful grant proposals. The course includes online lectures, faculty-led writing workshops, guest lectures and discussions, and a mock study section in which students critically evaluate grant proposals.

HSR 433-0 Health Economics and Healthcare Financing (1 Unit)
This course examines selected topics in health economics that have major implications for healthcare delivery, healthcare financing and clinical and public health research. Essential economic theories and methods for analyzing each topic will be discussed along with examples drawn from the existing research literature on the application of these theories and methods.

HSR 435-0 Applied Qualitative Methods and Analysis for Health Researchers (1 Unit)
This course introduces descriptive and analytic epidemiology and how to apply these methods to the study of health services and outcomes research. Key epidemiological concepts such as association, bias and confounding will be covered, as well as the main epidemiologic study designs. Topics include: overview of research design, basic measurement of health services data, defining and measuring appropriate health outcomes, constructing research questions, conducting univariate analyses, and interpreting results.

HSR 441-0 Topics in Health Services Research: Grant Writing (0.5 Unit)
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HSR 465-0 Intermediate Quantitative Methods in Health Services & Outcomes Research (1 Unit)
This course provides the student with an opportunity to learn and practice more advanced epidemiologic methods in the context of health services and outcomes research. Topics include: epidemiologic research strategies and how to apply these to various research questions, review of univariate analysis (e.g., odds ratios, chi-sq tests), issues in effect estimation (precision, selection bias, misclassification bias), methods for dealing with covariates (stratified analysis, effective modification, confounding), introduction to multivariate analysis, and interpreting research findings to guide decision-making. Includes practical computer-lab sessions in Stata.

HSR 466-0 Capstone Project (1 Unit)
The Capstone Project serves as a culminating experience and summative assessment of students' knowledge in a particular area related to health services or outcomes research. The Student must identify a faculty member who is willing to sponsor and oversee the independent study course.

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HSR 498-0 Independent Study (0.5 Unit)
With guidance from a faculty member, the student develops a course of study that advances his or her knowledge in a particular area related to health services or outcomes research. The Student must identify a faculty member who is willing to sponsor and oversee the independent study course.

HSR 500-0 Capstone Project (1 Unit)
The Capstone Project serves as a culminating experience and summative assessment of students' experiences in the Master's program. By completing the Capstone Project, students will: (1) develop, conduct, and complete an original and independent health services and/or outcomes research study, and (2) report the results in a completed manuscript that is ready to submit for publication.

with large data sets, obtaining Institutional Review Board approval, quality improvement vs. research projects, vulnerable populations and community-based participatory research, informed consent, conflicts of interest, patient safety, using electronic health records as a data source and research misconduct and authorship dilemmas.

HSR 461-0 Topics in Health Services Research: Methods & Measurement (0.5 Unit)
This course provides an overview of methods for conducting health services and outcomes research. It is intended to complement students' coursework and research project development. The course will cover basic statistical tests and when to use them, as well as the main epidemiologic study designs. Topics include: overview of research design, basic measurement concepts, estimating effect sizes (e.g., odds ratios, chi-sq tests), issues in effect estimation (precision, selection bias, misclassification bias), methods for dealing with covariates (stratified analysis, effective modification, confounding), introduction to multivariate analysis, and interpreting research findings to guide decision-making. Includes practical computer-lab sessions in Stata.