

University of Florida
College of Public Health & Health Professions Syllabus
PHC 6104: Evidence-Based Management of Public Health Programs (3 credit hours)
Fall: 2024
Delivery Format: Asynchronous Online in e-Learning / Canvas

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PREREQUISITES

None

PURPOSE AND OUTCOME

Course Overview

This course provides practical guidance on how to monitor achievement of a program's objectives, gather information and evidence of the program's effectiveness, and determine a program's impact in public health settings. We begin with a review of the structure and functions of the public health system, followed by the rationale and application of an evaluation framework that leads to evidence-based decision-making in public health.

Relation to Program Outcomes

The course will focus on fundamental components germane to evaluating and managing public health programs, including: program monitoring, performance measurement, and evaluation research. Furthermore, the topics covered within these three areas will include:

- developing evaluation questions
- how to select performance measures
- research designs
- populations and sampling
- the importance of qualitative data
- acquiring, measuring, and analyzing the data
- other evaluation frameworks (CDC Evaluation Framework; Logical Framework Analysis)
- cost-benefit analysis
- how to utilize the results of evaluation research

Course Objectives and/or Goals

By the end of this course, the student should be able to:

- 1) Recognize the need for evidence-based public health.

- 2) Explain the role of program evaluation in public health practice.
- 3) Understand and apply an appropriate evaluation framework.
- 4) Demonstrate skills in program monitoring methods.
- 5) Demonstrate skills in performance measurement.
- 6) Demonstrate skills in evaluation research methods.
- 7) Prepare and write components of program evaluations.
- 8) Demonstrate an understanding of the political, economic, organizational, and interpersonal influences on evaluation processes.
- 9) Work with the multiple users of evidence, including public health practitioners, policy makers, the public, interest groups, the media, and other stakeholders.

Instructional Methods

The method of instruction for this course will be comprised of online lectures and active student participation in group discussion, followed by exercises using real-world examples that will allow the class to apply the material presented through the lectures while simultaneously demonstrating understanding of the material. Material presented will be linked to the reading assignments. The various components of the course are designed to stimulate critical thinking about interventions that have been implemented to address public health problems and, subsequently, deciding on appropriate approaches used to determine the quality and the effectiveness of these interventions. The course activities are designed to help you strengthen higher order thinking skills such as critical thinking, problem solving, and collaboration. Competency in these skills is critical for today's public health professional. Your performance in this course will be primarily based on your ability to organize and design a public health program evaluation while applying teamwork skills. Other components of the grading for this course will be group discussion participation, assigned exercises, and peer evaluation.

What is expected of you?

You are expected to actively engage in the course throughout the semester. You must view all online lectures in e-Learning, complete any preparatory activities that will facilitate group discussion assignments, and complete all other assignments in order to facilitate a good class experience for yourself as well as your colleagues. This preparation gives you the knowledge or practice needed to engage in higher levels of learning during the class. In general, students are expected to:

- Log into the course website in Canvas regularly
- Complete the required reading PRIOR to lectures and be prepared to participate in and LEAD group discussions.
- Watch lectures after the required reading
- Actively contribute in discussions, participate in exercises, and demonstrate teamwork when assigned group activities or projects.
- Submit assignments on or prior to the due date(s).

Teaching Philosophy

The role of the instructor is to guide, assist and support students through their own process of acquiring the course subject matter. Teaching at the graduate level leads to the proposition that learning is and should be left largely in the hands of each individual student. The aims of graduate school are different from those of undergraduate education. Undergraduate education is concerned primarily with instilling the essential knowledge in a field and—at its best—with preparing students for a lifetime of learning. Graduate education is about turning students into professionals. These different aims correspond to distinct responsibilities for both teachers and learners at the graduate and undergraduate levels. Lectures are designed to facilitate your understanding of the text as you seek to acquire knowledge from internal and external class resources. As aspiring professionals, you are responsible for taking initiative to master the key ideas and literature in the field and for seeking out the resources you need. My role is to facilitate your learning and professional development by introducing you to pertinent literature, by challenging you to evaluate and synthesize the material, and by rewarding individual initiative.

Disclaimer: This syllabus represents my current plans and objectives. As we go through the semester, those plans may need to change to enhance the class learning opportunity. Such changes, communicated clearly, are not unusual and should be expected.

DESCRIPTION OF COURSE CONTENT

Required Course Materials and Technology

- Rossi, Peter H; Lipsey, Mark W; and Henry, Gary T (2019). *Evaluation: A Systematic Approach, 8th Edition*. Sage Publications Inc. ISBN: 978-1-5063-0788-6 (paperback)
- Additional readings, including online resources, may be assigned. Students are directed to the class e-Learning portal in Canvas for weekly supplementary reading assignments, when applicable.
- Additional resources (See pages 12-13 of the Syllabus).
- A computer with access to Canvas, Zoom, a working webcam, and a working microphone.

For technical support for this class, please contact the UF Help Desk at:

- Learning-support@ufl.edu
- (352) 392-HELP - select option 2
- <https://elearning.ufl.edu/help.shtml>

Topical Outline/Course Schedule

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Please note: The instructor reserves the right to modify the course content and schedule as necessary.

Week 1: Thursday, August 22		
Lectures	Welcome and introductions	Marlow
Assignments	Review course syllabus and orient yourself to the Canvas site	Students
Week 2: Monday, August 26		
Lectures	Lecture 1 – Why evidence-based management and evaluation?	Marlow
Readings	Rossi, Lipsey and Henry, Chapter 1	Text
Assignments	Weekly Feedback Survey	Students: due 09/03 at 9:00 AM
Discussions	Week 2 Group Discussion	Student Groups: due 09/03 at 9:00 AM
Week 3: Monday, September 2		
Lectures	Lecture 2 - Roles of the Evaluator and the Political and Cultural Contexts of Evaluation and Assessing the Need for a Program (Domain 1)	Marlow
Readings	Rossi, Lipsey and Henry, Chapter 2 & 12	Text
Assignments	Weekly Feedback Survey	Students: due 09/09 at 9:00 AM
Discussions	Week 3 Group Discussion	Student Groups: due 09/09 at 9:00 AM
Week 4: Monday, September 9		
Lectures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lecture 3a – Planning an Evaluation • Lecture 3b – Assessing Program Theory and Design (Domain 2) 	Marlow
Readings	Rossi, Lipsey and Henry, Chapter 3 & 11	Text

Assignments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weekly Feedback Survey Assign Group Evaluation Project 	Students: due 09/16 at 9:00 AM Student Groups: due 10/21, 11/11, & 12/02 at 9:00 AM
Discussions	Week 4 Group Discussion	Student Groups: due 09/16 at 9:00 AM
Week 5: Monday, September 16		
Lectures	Lecture 4 – Evaluation Questions and SMART Objectives	Marlow
Readings	Supplemental materials may be assigned	Online materials
Assignments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weekly Feedback Survey Assign Exercise 1: Searching for an Article on Evaluation and Identifying the Evaluation Questions 	Students: Survey & Ex. 1 due 09/23 at 9:00 AM
Discussions	Week 5 Group Discussion	Student Groups: due 09/23 at 9:00 AM
Week 6: Monday, September 23		
Lectures	Lecture 5 – Assessing Program Process and Implementation (Domain 3)	Marlow
Readings	Rossi, Lipsey and Henry, Chapter 4	Text
Assignments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exercise 1 due: Searching for an Article on Evaluation and Identifying the Evaluation Questions Weekly Feedback Survey Assign Exercise 2: Outlining a Plan to Evaluate the Implementation of a New Health Clinic 	Students: Ex. 1 due 09/23 at 9:00 AM, Survey & Ex. 2 due 09/30 at 9:00 AM
Discussions	Week 6 Group Discussion	Student Groups: due 09/30 at 9:00 AM
Week 7: Monday, September 30		
Lectures	Lecture 6 – Measuring and Monitoring Program Outcomes (Domain 4)	Marlow
Readings	Rossi, Lipsey and Henry, Chapter 5	Text
Assignments	Exercise 2 due: Outlining a Plan to Evaluate the Implementation of a New Health Clinic Weekly Feedback Survey	Students: Ex. 2 due 9/30 at 9:00 AM, Survey due 10/07 at 9:00 AM
Discussions	None this week	n/a
Week 8: Monday, October 7		
Lectures	Lecture 7 – Impact Evaluation: Isolating the Effects of Social Programs in the Real World (Domain 4)	Marlow
Readings	Rossi, Lipsey and Henry, Chapter 6	Text
Assignments	Weekly Feedback Survey	Students: due 10/14 at 9:00 AM
Discussions	Week 8 Group Discussion	Student Groups: due 10/14 at 9:00 AM
Week 9: Monday, October 14		
Lectures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lecture 8a – Impact Evaluation: Comparison Group Designs (Domain 4) Lecture 8b – Impact Evaluation: Designs with Strict Controls on Program Access (Domain 4) 	Marlow
Readings	Rossi, Lipsey and Henry, Chapter 7 & 8	Text
Assignments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weekly Feedback Survey Assign Exercise 3: Costs and tradeoffs in data collection 	Students: Survey due 10/21 at 9:00 AM, Ex.

		3 due 10/21 at 9:00 AM
Discussions	None this week	n/a
Week 10: Monday, October 21		
Lectures	Lecture 9 – Detecting, Interpreting and Exploring Program Effects	Marlow
Readings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rossi, Lipsey and Henry, Chapter 9 Supplemental materials may also be assigned. 	Text and Online Materials
Assignments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group Evaluation Project Presentation due Exercise 3 due: Costs and tradeoffs in data collection Weekly Feedback Survey Assign Peer Feedback for Group Presentations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students: Ex. 3 due 10/21 at 9:00 AM, Survey & Peer Feedback due 10/28 at 9:00 AM Student Groups: Presentation due 10/21 at 9:00 AM
Discussions	None this week	n/a
Week 11: Monday, October 28		
Lectures	Lecture 10 – Assessing the Economic Efficiency of Programs (Domain 5)	Marlow
Readings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rossi, Lipsey and Henry, Chapter 10 Supplemental online materials may also be assigned. 	Text and Online Materials
Assignments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peer Feedback for Group Presentations due Weekly Feedback Survey Assign Exercise 4: Provide a framework for conducting a cost-benefit analysis of a given public health or social service program 	Students: Peer feedback due 10/28 at 9:00 AM, Survey & Ex. 4 due 11/03 at 9:00 AM
Discussions	Week 11 Group Discussion	Student Groups: due 11/04 at 9:00 AM
Week 12: Monday, November 4		
Lectures	Lecture 11 – The CDC Framework for Evaluation and content from the American Evaluation Association	Marlow
Readings	Supplemental online materials assigned.	Online Materials
Assignments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exercise 4 due: Provide a framework for conducting a cost-benefit analysis of a given public health or social service program Weekly Feedback Survey 	Students: Ex. 4 due 11/04 at 9:00 AM, Survey due 11/11 at 9:00 AM
Discussions	None this week	n/a
Week 13: Monday, November 11		
Lectures	Fireside chat with field expert: Jeff Feller, MSISE; CEO, WellFlorida Council (NOTE: scheduled as a live event via Zoom on Thursday, 11/14, 12 – 1:00 PM EST, session will also be recorded)	Marlow
Readings	Logical Framework Analysis	Online materials
Assignments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group Evaluation Project Progress Report due Weekly Feedback Survey Assign Exercise 5: Overcoming an evaluation communication challenge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students: Survey & Ex. 5 due 11/18 at 9:00 AM Student Groups: Progress Report due 11/11 at 9:00 AM
Discussions	Week 13 Group Discussion	Student Groups: due 11/18 at 9:00 AM

Week 14: Monday, November 18		
Lectures	Fireside chat with field expert: Ashby Walker, PhD; Assistant Professor, Dept. of Health Services Research, Management and Policy; Director of Health Equity, UF Diabetes Institute; Chair of the American Diabetes Association National Health Disparities Committee (NOTE: scheduled as a live event via Zoom on Wednesday, 11/20, 5:30 – 6:30 PM EST, session will also be recorded)	Marlow
Readings	None for this week	n/a
Assignments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exercise 5 due: Overcoming an evaluation communication challenge Weekly Feedback Survey 	Students: Ex. 5 due 11/18 at 9:00 AM, Survey due 12/02 at 9:00 AM
Discussions	None this week	n/a
Week 15: Monday, November 25		
No assignments or lecture this week: Thanksgiving holidays		
Week 16: Monday, December 2		
Assignments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group Evaluation Project Final Report due Peer Evaluation Ratings due 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student Groups: Final Report due 12/02 at 9:00 AM Students: Peer Evaluation due 12/05 at 11:59 PM
Finals Week: Saturday, December 7 – Friday, December 13		
Final Exam	There is NO FINAL EXAM for this course.	

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ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS AND GRADING

Assignments

Group Evaluation Project

The best way to learn evaluation is to design one. Therefore, the chief objective and requirement of this course is to organize and design—but not conduct—an evaluation of a public health program, health policy, or delivery of public health services. Students will be assigned to small groups, and group members will collectively identify a public health program, health policy, or delivery of public health services for their evaluation project. Groups have the advantage of spreading the work and instilling teamwork skills, which are important elements of evaluation, administration and public health practice. Based on field information about the program/policy/service, each group will develop an evaluation question(s) addressing the impacts of the program/policy/service or its implementation (or both). Your group’s assignment is to develop a feasible evaluation design to answer one or both of these questions for the program/policy/service of your choice (i.e., you do not have to actually perform the evaluation for this class). Based on comments received in the class presentation and progress report, each group will submit a final report during the last week of class. There are 3 assignments to fulfill the group evaluation project requirement:

Project Presentation: Student groups will create a video presentation and lead an online discussion of their projects as they are developed. Each group will make one presentation on their progress and lead an online discussion, informed by key readings, on conceptual and methodological challenges encountered in their evaluation projects, as well as political or other issues about the program/policy/service that may affect the evaluation. One member from each group has been

assigned the task of uploading the team's presentation to the discussion thread in Canvas. The presentations are expected to benefit the class in two ways. First, each group will receive comments about their projects from other members of the class and the instructor, which may lead to improvements in the progress and final reports. Second, each presentation may reveal evaluation methods and insights that inform the design of other evaluation projects in the class.

Progress Report: The **Progress Report** is another opportunity for student groups to receive early reviews of their work. The goal is to provide feedback that can improve the quality of the evaluation questions, conceptual model and study design.

Final Report: Based on comments received in the **Presentation** and **Progress Report**, each student group will submit a **Final Report**.

See the assignment details in Canvas for further information. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Peer Evaluation Rating

Each group member will anonymously submit a standardized evaluation of their peers' contributions to their group's work on the **Evaluation Project** assignments during the semester. Peer evaluations will be submitted using the [FeedbackFruits tool](#) assignment in Canvas by 11:59 PM on Dec. 5th. Each group member will submit an objective rating for all members of the group, including their own self-ratings, for the domains of contributing to the team's work, interacting with teammates, keeping the team on track, expecting quality work, and having related knowledge, skills and abilities. Please do not complete your fellow team members' peer evaluations until after your group has completed your final project. Please note that students who do not participate in the peer review process will receive 0% credit toward the peer rating portion of their final grade.

Peer Feedback for Group Presentations

Students will provide constructive feedback regarding the group project presentations of their fellow classmates. Your grade will be determined based on your ability to provide comments which may lead to improvements in the progress and final reports of the evaluated group. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Group Discussion Participation

There are 8 topics for your group to discuss, and participation in all 8 discussions is required. Discussion summaries with an overall group conclusion will be submitted for review by the instructor, and the quality of participation in the group's discussion will be evaluated for each student's individual grade. Thus, the summary must show evidence that you participated in the discussion. Ideally, each group will designate a day/time to meet and discuss the assigned topic over Zoom while using the AI Companion tool to record and help your group summarize the discussion meeting. Another option is to discuss the assigned topic over GroupMe and compile an interactive chat summary. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Exercises

There will be 5 exercises to complete throughout the duration of the course. Late submissions, submitting the wrong attachment, or failure to work on the exercise will not be accepted. When submitting an assignment through Canvas, it your responsibility to properly attach the correct assignment document.

Weekly Feedback Surveys

Each week there will be a short feedback survey using the quiz tool in Canvas. These are an opportunity for you to ask for further clarification on that week's content, ask a content question not addressed in the lecture, ask specific and/or procedural questions, etc. Common themes will be addressed by the instructor in a class announcement, while other items will be addressed individually. Completion of the survey will result in full points for that week's graded feedback quiz. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Grading

Requirement	Due Date	% of Final grade
Group Evaluation Project Presentation	10/21, 9:00 AM	5%

Peer Feedback for Group Presentations	10/28, 9:00 AM	3%
Group Evaluation Project Progress Report	11/11, 9:00 AM	10%
Group Evaluation Project Final Report	12/02, 9:00 AM	30%
Peer Review Ratings	12/05, 11:59 PM	10%
Group Discussion Participation	Mondays at 9:00 AM	5%
Exercise 1	09/23, 9:00 AM	35%
Exercise 2	09/30, 9:00 AM	
Exercise 3	10/21, 9:00 AM	
Exercise 4	11/04, 9:00 AM	
Exercise 5	11/18, 9:00 AM	
Weekly Feedback Surveys	Mondays at 9:00 AM	2%
		100%

There will be no redistribution or deletion of course requirements. The same evaluation procedure will be consistently applied to all students.

The total number of points earned will be transformed to letter grades as follows. Please note that there will be no rounding up for grade increments:

Points earned	93 or more	90 - 92.99	87- 89.99	83 - 86.99	80 - 82.99	77 - 79.99	73 - 76.99	70 - 72.99	67 - 69.99	63 - 66.99	60 - 62.99	Below 60
Letter Grade	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	E

The letter grade to grade point conversion table is listed below. Letter grade to grade point conversions are fixed by UF and cannot be changed.

Letter Grade	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	E	WF	I	NG	S-U
Grade Points	4.0	3.67	3.33	3.0	2.67	2.33	2.0	1.67	1.33	1.0	0.67	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Please be aware that a C- is not an acceptable grade for graduate students. In addition, a grade of C counts toward a graduate degree only if an equal number of credits in courses numbered 5000 or higher have been earned with an A.

For greater detail on the meaning of letter grades and university policies related to them, see the Registrar's Grade Policy regulations at:

<http://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx>

Policy Related to Make-Up Work

Students are expected to complete all assignments by the appropriate date/time. Students are allowed to make-up work ONLY as the result of illness or other unanticipated circumstances warranting a medical excuse and resulting in the student missing a deadline, consistent with College policy. Late assignments not resulting from one of these circumstances and not pre-arranged and approved by the student's professor will not be accepted and will not receive credit for the assignment. The professor reserves the right to determine appropriate make-up options for each student.

Please note: Any requests for make-ups due to technical issues MUST be accompanied by the ticket number received from LSS when the problem was reported to them. The ticket number will document the time and date of the problem. You MUST e-mail me within 24 hours of the technical difficulty if you wish to request a make-up.

Policy Related to Required Class Attendance and Participation

Excused absences must be consistent with university policies in the Graduate Catalog (<http://gradcatalog.ufl.edu/content.php?catoid=10&navoid=2020#attendance>) and require appropriate documentation. Additional information can be found here: <https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx>

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS, ROLES, AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR INPUT

Communication Guidelines

Students will be expected to communicate via the Canvas messaging system. A response will be received within 24 hours to emails received on weekdays (M-F). Emails during the weekend or after 4:00 PM on Friday will be answered by 4:00 PM on the following Monday.

Academic Integrity

Students are expected to act in accordance with the University of Florida policy on academic integrity. As a student at the University of Florida, you have committed yourself to uphold the Honor Code, which includes the following pledge:

“We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity.”

You are expected to exhibit behavior consistent with this commitment to the UF academic community, and on all work submitted for credit at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied:

“On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment.”

It is your individual responsibility to know and comply with all university policies and procedures regarding academic integrity and the Student Honor Code. Violations of the Honor Code at the University of Florida will not be tolerated. Violations will be reported to the Dean of Students Office for consideration of disciplinary action. For additional information regarding Academic Integrity, please see Student Conduct and Honor Code or the Graduate Student Website for additional details:

<https://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conduct-honor-code/>
<http://gradschool.ufl.edu/students/introduction.html>

Please remember cheating, lying, misrepresentation, or plagiarism in any form is unacceptable and inexcusable behavior.

Policy on Generative AI Assistance

All work submitted in this course must be your own. Properly cite any sources you reference or use in your assignments and projects. Unless otherwise specifically stated, students are strictly prohibited from using any generative AI tools (such as ChatGPT, DALL-E, or similar technologies) to complete or assist with their assignments. This includes, but is not limited to, generating content, drafting responses, or providing analysis that forms part of your work. Unless otherwise specifically stated, all submissions must be entirely your own original work, produced without the aid of AI-driven tools. Any violation of this policy will be considered academic misconduct and will be subject to the relevant disciplinary procedures as outlined in the academic integrity policy of this course.

Policy Related to Recording Within the Course

Students are allowed to record video or audio of class lectures. However, the purposes for which these recordings may be used are strictly controlled. The only allowable purposes are (1) for personal educational use, (2) in connection with a complaint to the university, or (3) as evidence in, or in preparation for, a criminal or civil proceeding. All other purposes are prohibited. Specifically, students may not publish recorded lectures without the written consent of the instructor.

A “class lecture” is an educational presentation intended to inform or teach enrolled students about a particular subject, including any instructor-led discussions that form part of the presentation, and delivered by any instructor hired or appointed by the University, or by a guest instructor, as part of a University of Florida course. A class lecture does not include lab sessions, student presentations, clinical presentations such as patient history, academic exercises involving solely student participation, assessments (quizzes, tests, exams), field trips, private conversations between students in the class or between a student and the faculty or lecturer during a class session.

Publication without permission of the instructor is prohibited. To “publish” means to share, transmit, circulate, distribute, or provide access to a recording, regardless of format or medium, to another person (or persons), including but not limited to another student within the same class section. Additionally, a recording, or transcript of a recording, is considered published if it is posted on or uploaded to, in whole or in part, any media platform, including but not limited to social media, book, magazine, newspaper, leaflet, or third party note/tutoring services. A student who publishes a recording without written consent may be subject to a civil cause of action instituted by a person injured by the publication and/or discipline under UF Regulation 4.040 Student Honor Code and Student Conduct Code.

Policy Related to Guests Attending Class

Only registered students are permitted to attend class. However, we recognize that students who are caretakers may face occasional unexpected challenges creating attendance barriers. Therefore, by exception, a department chair or his or her designee (e.g., instructors) may grant a student permission to bring a guest(s) for a total of two class sessions per semester. This is two sessions total across all courses. No further extensions will be granted. Students are responsible for course material regardless of attendance. For additional information, please review the Classroom Guests of Students policy in its entirety. Link to full policy: <http://facstaff.php.ufl.edu/services/resourceguide/getstarted.htm>

Software Use

All faculty, staff, and students of the University are required and expected to obey the laws and legal agreements governing software use. Failure to do so can lead to monetary damages and/or criminal penalties for the individual violator. Because such violations are also against University policies and rules, disciplinary action will be taken as appropriate. We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to uphold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity.

Student Privacy

There are federal laws protecting your privacy with regards to grades earned in courses and on individual assignments. For more information, please see the [Notification to Students of FERPA Rights](#).

Online Faculty Course Evaluation Process

Students are expected to provide professional and respectful feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing course evaluations online via GatorEvals. Guidance on how to give feedback in a professional and respectful manner is available at <https://gatorevals.ua.ufl.edu/students/>. Students will be notified when the evaluation period opens, and can complete evaluations through the email they receive from GatorEvals, in their Canvas course menu under GatorEvals, or via <https://ufl.bluera.com/ufl/>. Summaries of course evaluation results are available to students at <https://gatorevals.ua.ufl.edu/public-results/>.

SUPPORT SERVICES

Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

If you require classroom accommodation because of a disability, you must register with the Dean of Students Office <http://www.dso.ufl.edu> within the first week of class. The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation of accommodations to you, which you must then give to me as the instructor of the course to receive accommodations. Please make sure you provide this letter to me by the end of the second week of the course. The College is committed to providing reasonable accommodations to assist students in their coursework.



U Matter, We Care

Your well-being is important to the University of Florida. The [U Matter, We Care](#) initiative is committed to creating a culture of care on our campus by encouraging members of our community to look out for one another and to reach out for help if a member of our community is in need. If you or a friend is in distress, please contact umatter@ufl.edu so that the U Matter, We Care Team can reach out to the student in distress. A nighttime and weekend crisis counselor is available by phone at 352-392-1575. The U Matter, We Care Team can help connect students to the many other helping resources available including, but not limited to, Victim Advocates, Housing staff, and the Counseling and Wellness Center. Please remember that asking for help is a sign of strength. In case of emergency, call 9-1-1.

Counseling and Student Health

Students sometimes experience stress from academic expectations and/or personal and interpersonal issues that may interfere with their academic performance. If you find yourself facing issues that have the potential to or are already negatively affecting your coursework, you are encouraged to talk with an instructor and/or seek help through University resources available to you.

- The Counseling and Wellness Center 352-392-1575 offers a variety of support services such as psychological assessment and intervention and assistance for math and test anxiety. Visit their web site for more information: <http://www.counseling.ufl.edu>. On-line and in person assistance is available.
- You Matter We Care website: <http://www.umatter.ufl.edu/>. If you are feeling overwhelmed or stressed, you can reach out for help through the You Matter, We Care website, which is staffed by Dean of Students and Counseling Center personnel.
- The Student Health Care Center at Shands is a satellite clinic of the main Student Health Care Center located on Fletcher Drive on campus. Student Health at Shands offers a variety of clinical services. The clinic is located on the second floor of the Dental Tower in the Health Science Center. For more information, contact the clinic at 392-0627 or check out the web site at: <https://shcc.ufl.edu/>
- Crisis intervention is always available 24/7 from the Alachua County Crisis Center: (352) 264-6789 <http://www.alachuacounty.us/DEPTS/CSS/CRISISCENTER/Pages/CrisisCenter.aspx>

Do not wait until you reach a crisis to come in and talk with us. We have helped many students through stressful situations impacting their academic performance. You are not alone so do not be afraid to ask for assistance.

Student Health Care Center: Call 352-392-1161 for 24/7 information to help you find the care you need, or [visit the Student Health Care Center website](#).

University Police Department: [Visit UF Police Department website](#) or call 352-392-1111 (or 9-1-1 for emergencies).

UF Health Shands Emergency Room / Trauma Center: For immediate medical care call 352-733-0111 or go to the emergency room at 1515 SW Archer Road, Gainesville, FL 32608; [Visit the UF Health Emergency Room and Trauma Center website.](#)

Academic Resources

- [E-learning technical support](#), 352-392-4357 (select option 2) or e-mail to Learning-support@ufl.edu.
- [Career Resource Center](#), Reitz Union, 392-1601. Career assistance and counseling.
- [Library Support](#), Various ways to receive assistance with respect to using the libraries or finding resources.
- [Teaching Center](#), Broward Hall, 392-2010 or 392-6420. General study skills and tutoring.
- [Writing Studio](#), 302 Tigert Hall, 846-1138. Help brainstorming, formatting, and writing papers.
- [Student Complaints Campus](#)
- [On-Line Students Complaints](#)

College of Public Health and Health Professions Inclusive Learning Environment

Public health and health professions are based on the belief in human dignity and on respect for the individual. As we share our personal beliefs inside or outside of the classroom, it is always with the understanding that we value and respect diversity of background, experience, and opinion, where every individual feels valued. We believe in, and promote, openness and tolerance of differences in ethnicity and culture, and we respect differing personal, spiritual, religious and political values. We further believe that celebrating such diversity enriches the quality of the educational experiences we provide our students and enhances our own personal and professional relationships. We embrace The University of Florida's Non-Discrimination Policy, which reads, "The University shall actively promote equal opportunity policies and practices conforming to laws against discrimination. The University is committed to non-discrimination with respect to race, creed, color, religion, age, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, marital status, national origin, political opinions or affiliations, genetic information and veteran status as protected under the Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act." If you have questions or concerns about your rights and responsibilities for inclusive learning environment, please see your instructor or refer to the Office of Multicultural & Diversity Affairs website: www.multicultural.ufl.edu

ADDITIONAL POTENTIAL RESOURCES

Public Health Journals

- American Journal of Public Health, a journal of the American Public Health Association (www.ajph.org).
- Journal of Public Health Management and Practice, a journal of the National Association of County and City Health Officials (www.jphmp.com)
- Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, a journal of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (www.cdc.gov/mmwr)
- American Journal of Preventive Medicine, a journal of the American College of Preventive Medicine and the Association of Teachers of Preventive Medicine (www.ajpm-online.net)

Public Health Resources

Government Agencies

- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (www.dhhs.gov) and its various Public Health Service agencies
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (www.cdc.gov)
- Food and Drug Administration (www.fda.gov)
- Health Resources and Services Administration (www.hrsa.gov)
- National Institutes of Health (www.nih.gov)
- Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (www.ahrq.gov)

- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (www.epa.gov)
- Florida Department of Health (www.doh.state.fl.us)

Public Health Organizations

- American Public Health Association (www.apha.org)
- Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (www.astho.org)
- National Association of County and City Health Officials (www.naccho.org)
- Association of Schools and Program of Public Health (www.aspph.org)
- Florida Public Health Association (www.fpha.org)
- Public Health Foundation (www.phf.org)
- Association of Teachers of Preventive Medicine (www.atpm.org)

International Health

- United Kingdom Public Health Association (www.ukpha.org)
- World Health Organization (www.who.org)
- Global Health Council (www.globalhealth.org)
- Pan American Health Organization (www.paho.org)
- Family Health International (www.fhi.org)

Public Health Data and Information

- CDC Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (www.cdc.gov/brfss)
- Healthfinder (www.healthfinder.gov)
- National Center for Health Statistics (www.cdc.gov/nchs)
- National Library of Medicine (www.nlm.nih.gov)
- National Health Information Center (www.health.gov/nhic)
- National Women’s Health Information Center (www.4women.gov)
- Institute of Medicine (www.iom.edu) and National Academy Press (www.nap.edu) –

Other Resources

- Medline Plus (www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus)
- Medscape (www.medscape.com)
- Public Health Grand Rounds (national live webcasts) (www.publichealthgrandrounds.unc.edu)
- Florida CHARTS (www.floridacharts.com)
- CDC Wonder (<http://wonder.cdc.gov>)
- US Census (www.census.gov)
- Fedstats (www.fedstats.gov)
- CDC Mortality and Morbidity Weekly Reports (free subscriptions) (www.cdc.gov/mmwr) and MMWR morbidity and mortality data by time and place (www.cdc.gov/mmwr/distrnds.html)
- State Health Facts (www.statehealthfacts.kff.org) provides individual state health data.
- State Public Health Information Database (www.statepublichealth.org)