



**Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health  
University of Arizona**

**SYLLABUS**

**Doctoral Seminar in Epidemiology (EPID 796A)  
FALL 2008**

**Time:** Mondays, 12:00-12:50

**Location:** Drachman Hall, A119

**Instructor:** Eyal Shahar, MD, MPH  
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**Office Hours:** By appointment. (You may also try to stop by.)

**Teaching Assistant:** None

**Course Description:** A forum for doctoral students to explore advanced concepts and methods in epidemiology—through presentations of research material and discussions.

**Course Prerequisites:** EPI 573A, EPI 573B, EPI 573C, EPI 576A, EPI 576B, EPI 576C;  
An epidemiology doctoral student (major or minor) who passed the qualifying exam and completed at least 40 epidemiology units.

**Course Learning Objectives:** To gain a deeper understanding of epidemiological concepts and methods by studying real and theoretical examples.

**Course Notes:** None

**Recommended Texts/Readings:** None

**Course Requirements:** Each week a student will present a research article for group discussion. The focus of the presentation should be research methods, analysis, and data presentation. All students are expected to participate in discussions of presented material. The article you select must be provided one week before the presentation. We all have busy schedules, so don't send your material a day or two before your presentation!

**Grading/Student Evaluation:** S, P, C, D, E. Contribution and participation throughout the course will determine the grade.

**Class Attendance/Participation:** Regular attendance is expected. All holidays or special events observed by organized religions will be honored for those students who show affiliation with that particular religion. Absences pre-approved by the UA Dean of Students (or Dean's designee will be honored.)

**Course Schedule:** Shown below

**Required Statements:**

**Communications:** You are responsible for reading emails sent to your UA account from your professor and the announcements that are placed on the course web site. Information about readings, news events, your grades, assignments and other course related topics will be communicated to you with these electronic methods. The official policy can be found at: <http://www.registrar.arizona.edu/emailpolicy.htm>

**Disability Accommodation:** If you anticipate issues related to the format or requirements of this course, please meet with me. I would like us to discuss ways to ensure your full participation in the course. If you determine that formal, disability-related accommodations are necessary, it is very important that you be registered with Disability Resources (621-3268; [drc.arizona.edu](http://drc.arizona.edu)) and notify me of your eligibility for reasonable accommodations. We can then plan how best to coordinate your accommodations. The official policy can be found at: <http://catalog.arizona.edu/2008%2D09/policies/disability.htm>

**Academic Integrity:** All UA students are responsible for upholding the University of Arizona Code of Academic Integrity, available through the office of the Dean of Students and online: The official policy found at: <http://dos.web.arizona.edu/uapolicies/scc5308abcd.html> and <http://dos.web.arizona.edu/uapolicies/cai1.html>.

**Classroom Behavior:** (Statement of expected behavior and respectful exchange of ideas) Students are expected to be familiar with the UA Policy on Disruptive Behavior in an Instructional Setting found at <http://web.arizona.edu/~policy/disruptive.pdf> and the Policy on Threatening Behavior by Students found at <http://web.arizona.edu/~policy/threatening.pdf>

**Grievance Policy:** Should a student feel he or she has been treated unfairly, there are a number of resources available. With few exceptions, students should first attempt to resolve difficulties informally by bringing those concerns directly to the person responsible for the action, or with the student's graduate advisor, Assistant Dean for Student and Alumni Affairs, department head, or the immediate supervisor of the person responsible for the action. If the problem cannot be resolved informally, the student may file a formal grievance using the [Graduate College Grievance Policy](http://grad.arizona.edu/catalog/policies/academic-policies/grievance-policy) found at <http://grad.arizona.edu/catalog/policies/academic-policies/grievance-policy>

**Grade Appeal Policy:** <http://catalog.arizona.edu/2008%2D09/policies/gradappeal.htm>

**Syllabus Changes:** Information contained in the course syllabus, other than the grade and absence policies, may be subject to change with reasonable advance notice, as deemed appropriate.

**Course Schedule (to be completed):**

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Aug 25	Introduction/Eyal	
Sep 1	Labor Day	
Sep 8		
Sep 15		
Sep 22		
Sep 29		
Oct 6		
Oct 13		
Oct 20		
Oct 27		
Nov 3		
Nov 10		
Nov 17		
Nov 24		
Dec 1		
Dec 8		