At the University of Washington (UW) Department of Epidemiology, our mission is to provide rigorous training in the fundamentals and practice of epidemiology, to contribute to the understanding of the etiology and prevention of disease, and to improve population health through excellence in research and public health practice.

3 Graduate Degrees
Master of Public Health (MPH)
Master of Science (MS)
Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

4 Master’s Tracks
MPH General
MPH Maternal & Child Health
MS General
MS Clinical/Translational Research

8 Undergraduate Courses
We offer a number of undergraduate epidemiology courses annually.

258 Students (2022-2023)
Identify as women 74%
Washington state residents 44%
BIPOC 34%
International 18%

232 Faculty
Primary 30
Joint 21
Adjunct 69
Clinical and Affiliate 72

1,731 Alumni
Our graduates work to improve the health and well-being of communities in Washington state and around the world.

98+% Job Placement
Percentage of job-seeking 2019-2021 graduates employed in related field.

11+ Centers & Institutes
Center for AIDS and STD Research;
Cardiovascular Health Research Unit;
Center for Anti-Racism and Community Health;
Center of Excellence in Maternal & Child Health;
Center for Public Health Nutrition;
Center for Obesity Research;
Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Diagnostic & Prevention Network;
International Clinical Research Center;
National Alzheimer’s Coordinating Center;
The Strategic Analysis, Research & Training Center;
Virology Research Clinic; and Washington Integrated Food Safety Center of Excellence.

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DEPARTMENT OF EPIDEMIOLOGY

Top 10
Graduate Program for Epidemiology. The UW Department of Epidemiology was ranked No. 9 in US News & World Report 2023 - 2024.

5th
Ranked Graduate School for Public Health, according to US News & World Report.

Seattle
Highest number of epidemiologists in US Metro Area according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics 2022.

RESEARCH AREAS

AGING/NEUROEPIDEMIOLOGY
CANCER EPIDEMIOLOGY
CARDIOMETABOLIC DISEASE
CLINICAL EPIDEMIOLOGY
ENVIRONMENTAL/OCCUPATIONAL EPIDEMIOLOGIC METHODS
GENETIC EPIDEMIOLOGY

GLOBAL HEALTH EPIDEMIOLOGY
HEALTH DISPARITIES/SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH
INFECTIOUS DISEASE
INJURY/VIOLENCE EPIDEMIOLOGY
MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH/WOMEN’S HEALTH

NUTRITIONAL EPIDEMIOLOGY
PHARMAÇOEPIDEMIOLOGY
PHYSICAL ACTIVITY, OBESITY AND DIABETES EPIDEMIOLOGY
PSYCHIATRIC EPIDEMIOLOGY
PUBLIC HEALTH PRACTICE

Education
Through more than 50 graduate-level courses, we provide an in-depth approach to public health education. We aim to train future leaders in the field of epidemiology, and as a result, our students have the tools and opportunities to make an impact in their communities and around the world.

Research
Our faculty and students work to advance knowledge regarding the distribution, occurrence, and outcome of disease in human populations by maintaining strong and diverse interdisciplinary research programs. Our research spans critical public health topics, such as infectious diseases, injuries and violence prevention, cardiovascular disease, cancer, mental health, maternal and child health, and environmental, social, and genetic determinants of health.

Service
We are dedicated to providing professional service in epidemiology. Through work with faculty who are evaluating critical health topics, and exposure to our centers and programs, students are encouraged to address real world problems with creative solutions.

Partnerships
We are a key resource and partner for the health of our region. Our faculty and students conduct research in collaboration with organizations such as the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, Harborview Injury Prevention and Research Center, Kaiser Permanente Washington Health Research Institute, PATH, and Seattle Children’s Hospital. We also work closely with government agencies such as the Department of Veteran’s Affairs, Public Health — Seattle & King County, and the Washington State Department of Health.

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