

University of Washington,
Department of Epidemiology
Master of Science (Epidemiology: General Track)

60 Total Credits¹ which must include 18 numerically-graded, UW graduate class credits. Minimum passing course grade 2.7. GPA required to graduate: 3.0.

All courses indicated by * must be taken for a numerical grade and a minimum grade of 2.7 must be earned. Any course below marked with * must be retaken if a student earns a grade lower than 2.7. Any course below not marked with * must be retaken if a student earns a NC grade.

Course Number/Activity	Course Name	Suggested Quarter	Credits	Complete
Epi Course Requirements				
EPI 512*	Epid Methods I	1 st Autumn	4	<input type="checkbox"/>
EPI 513*	Epid Methods II	1 st Winter	4	<input type="checkbox"/>
EPI 510	Epid Data Analysis <i>Prerequisite for EPI 514. May be waived if substantial R programming.</i>	1 st Autumn	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
EPI 514	Application of Epid Methods	1 st Spring	5	<input type="checkbox"/>
EPI 575	Anti-Racism and Equity: An Epidemiologic Approach	When offered	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
EPI 583 ² EPI 581 ²	Epi Seminar (<i>at least 2 quarters total</i>) Seminar for Epi MS Clinicians (<i>at least 2 quarters total</i>)	Variable	2 (<i>1 per quarter</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/>
PHI 500	Public Health Practice, Science, and Knowledge	Variable	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
EPI 700 ³	Thesis (<i>max 18cr recommended, 9 minimum</i>)	Variable	9-18 cr	<input type="checkbox"/>
Additional EPI Course Requirements ⁴	See note 4 below for details	1st/2 nd Year	__ cr __ cr __ cr	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

Biostatistics Requirements	<i>Complete either sequence:</i> ⁵			
BIOST 511*	Med Biometry I	1 st Autumn	4	<input type="checkbox"/>
BIOST 512*	Med Biometry II	1 st Winter	4	<input type="checkbox"/>
BIOST 513*	Med Biometry III	1 st Spring	4	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>or:</i>				
BIOST 517*	Applied Biostat I	1 st Autumn	4	<input type="checkbox"/>
BIOST 518*	Applied Biostat II	1 st Winter	4	<input type="checkbox"/>

Additional SPH Course Requirements ⁶	See note 6 below for details	1st/2 nd Year	__ cr __ cr	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
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Non-Course Requirements	Visit the Epi Students Canvas site for more info about these requirements			
Funding Survey	Submit via Epi Students Canvas site at regular intervals as detailed on that site		Non-Credit	<input type="checkbox"/>

Human Subjects Form	Before registering for EPI 700A (not required for EPI 700B registration)		Non-Credit	<input type="checkbox"/>
Thesis Committee⁷	Before beginning thesis research		Non-Credit	<input type="checkbox"/>
Thesis Proposal	Before final quarter		Non-Credit	<input type="checkbox"/>
Master's Request	Submit in final quarter via MyGrad		Non-Credit	<input type="checkbox"/>
Complete and submit Thesis	Final Quarter		Non-Credit	<input type="checkbox"/>

Checklist Notes

- Every attempt is made to minimize scheduling changes from year to year, but there is no guarantee a course will be offered at the same time every year. *Some courses are offered every other year, as noted on the [Graduate Course Listings](#).*
- See [UW Time Schedule](#) for days/times of classes, whether an add code is required, and the add code contact. Courses with ">" before the 5 digit SLN number require an add code.
- Students may register for elective courses and EPI 600 Independent Study in order to have enough total credits.
- Students intending to complete a PhD in this department are advised to take the Doctoral Preliminary Examination in June after their first year.
- To request a waiver or substitution of a required course, use the Waiver/Substitution form found on the [Epi Students](#) Canvas site. Review the Waiver/Substitution Policy (also found in Epi Students) to be sure the course you plan to waive/substitute is eligible for waiver or substitution. Follow the instructions for course waivers/substitutions found on the Epi Students Canvas site to request approval.
- This checklist is intended to help you plan for your courses and requirements, but ultimately it is your responsibility to ensure that all requirements for your degree are complete. Please run your [DARS degree audit in MyPlan](#) at least once per quarter to ensure that you are on track to complete all required coursework. Please also reach out at any time to epi@uw.edu to request a degree audit or check in to discuss your plans.

Footnotes

¹**These courses/credits do not count toward a degree in Epidemiology:** Any courses below the 500 level, EPI 500, EPI 511, HUBIO 530, BOST 502-503, BOST 508, BOST 517-18 *when taken in addition to* BOST 511-13, BOST 511-13 *when taken in addition to* BOST 517-18, courses taken to complete a degree program at another department/university, credits in courses for which waivers were granted, non-health related courses.

- *Students, with approval from their faculty advisor and the Graduate Program Director, may count non-health related, graduate level coursework taken at the UW toward their degree, if it is particularly relevant to their research/career.*

²**EPI 583/581:**

- UW MD Fellows, Residents, and Faculty are required to take the Clinical Seminar EPI 581 instead of EPI 583
- All other Epi MS students are required to take Epi Seminar EPI 583 and not EPI 581

³**EPI 700:** Credits may be earned as a combination of **EPI 700A-Thesis** with your committee Chair and **EPI 700B-In-person Thesis Seminar**

⁴**Additional EPI Course Requirements:** Minimum 6 credits total chosen exclusively from among courses listed as D/E or M on the Epi [Graduate Course Listings](#). *At least one course chosen to fulfill this requirement MUST be Disease/Exposure (D/E) Focus.* EPI 600, 700, and 800 cannot be counted toward this requirement.

⁵BIOST 517-518 cover material at a faster pace than the 3-course sequence BIOST 511-513. BIOST 517-518 are recommended for students with some prior background in statistics and R, or who learn mathematics/computer concepts quickly. More detailed discussion of the differences between these course sequences can be found on the [Biostats website](#).

⁶**Additional SPH Requirements:** Minimum 2 SPH graduate courses. This may be fulfilled by taking any two SPH courses of 2 credits or more each. 1 credit courses cannot be used to fulfill this requirement. With approval, non-SPH courses of 2 credits or more with substantial public health content can be used to fulfill this requirement. Follow the instructions for course waivers/substitutions found on the Epi Students Canvas site to request approval. EPI 600, 700, and 800 cannot be counted toward this requirement.

⁷Submit a Committee Update Form prior to beginning research, to inform us of your intended thesis committee, so we can approve and formally establish it. Graduate Program Director approval is required for any non-UW committee members or a chair who is not core Epidemiology faculty. All thesis committee related info and forms can be found on the [Epi Students](#) Canvas site.