

POPH90112 Infectious Disease Epidemiology

Credit Points:	12.50						
Level:	9 (Graduate/Postgraduate)						
Dates & Locations:	This subject is not offered in 2014. Classroom						
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: 24 hours: 2 hour weekly seminar for 12 weeks Total Time Commitment: 120 hours						
Prerequisites:	<p>This subject can be taken concurrently</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Subject</th> <th>Study Period Commencement:</th> <th>Credit Points:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>POPH90014 Introduction to Epidemiology</td> <td>Semester 1</td> <td>12.50</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:	POPH90014 Introduction to Epidemiology	Semester 1	12.50
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Corequisites:	None						
Recommended Background Knowledge:	None						
Non Allowed Subjects:	None						
Core Participation Requirements:	For the purposes of considering request for Reasonable Adjustments under the Disability Standards for Education (Cwth 2005), and Students Experiencing Academic Disadvantage Policy, academic requirements for this subject are articulated in the Subject Description, Subject Objectives, Generic Skills and Assessment Requirements of this entry. The University is dedicated to provide support to those with special requirements. Further details on the disability support scheme can be found at the Disability Liaison Unit website.						
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Subject Overview:	<p>The epidemiology of infectious diseases differs from chronic disease - cases may be the source of infection for further cases, immunity is an important factor in disease transmission and control, and there is often the need for urgency in the detection and response to disease. This subject introduces students to the strategies used to predict, detect and respond to infectious disease outbreaks, including vaccine-preventable diseases. Content is updated daily incorporating current outbreak reports, and emphasis is given to a practical understanding of infectious disease epidemiology and to developing the team-working skills central to outbreak investigations. Students will learn the basic steps of outbreak detection and response, and will develop the terminology and written and oral skills for effective reporting. Students will also develop problem-solving skills in scenario based workshops.</p>						
Learning Outcomes:	<p>On completion of this subject, students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # describe the epidemiologic principles underpinning disease surveillance and the mechanisms for disease control; # examine and appraise surveillance systems; # analyse, interpret and present outbreak data; # determine appropriate strategies to monitor, investigate and control or prevent infectious diseases at the population level; # provide written/oral reports to fellow health professionals and the public; # be an effective investigation/research team member; and 						

	# critically appraise the evidence base for public health infectious disease decision making.
Assessment:	Short-answer quiz questions (of 200 words each), four spread throughout the semester (24%), Major assignment of 3000 words (60%) due the 10th week of semester, Group work (2 week preparation and 10 minute oral presentation per group) due week 12 (10%) Group work summary (300 words) due in the first week of the examination period (6%)
Prescribed Texts:	Heymann D. Control of Communicable Diseases Manual, 19th Ed., American Public Health Association, Washington 2008
Recommended Texts:	Giesecke J. Modern Infectious Disease Epidemiology, Arnold, Edward 2002. Gregg M., Field Epidemiology, Oxford 3rd Edition, 2008. Plant A & Watson C. Communicable Disease Control: an Introduction. IP Communications, 2008
Breadth Options:	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees
Generic Skills:	After completing this subject, students will develop skills in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Critical thinking and analysis # Working with others and in teams # Problem-solving # Oral communication # Finding, evaluating and using relevant information # Written communication # Decision-making
Links to further information:	http://www.sph.unimelb.edu.au
Notes:	
Related Course(s):	Master of Epidemiology Master of Public Health Master of Science (Epidemiology)
Related Majors/Minors/Specialisations:	Epidemiology and Biostatistics Global Health Public Health Public Health Tailored Specialisation Tailored Specialisation