

**University of Florida**  
**College of Public Health & Health Professions Syllabus**  
**Course Number: PHC 6041**

**Landmarks in Psychiatric Epidemiology (1 credits)**  
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Prerequisites: Enrollment in the Certificate in Psychiatric Epidemiology, or permission of the instructor

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## **PURPOSE AND OUTCOME**

### **Course Overview**

Landmarks in psychiatric epidemiology are reviewed with an emphasis on student discovery of studies with enduring value.

### **Relation to Program Outcomes**

Course covers critical historical development and methodological development in the field. Students are responsible for demonstrating competence in this knowledge through the successful completion of this course.

### **Goal:**

After successfully completing the Landmarks in Psychiatric Epidemiology course, students will be able to evaluate the impacts of selected seminal research studies upon the field of Psychiatric Epidemiology, characterizing their historical significance, their influence upon common models and methodological approaches, their roots in socio-ecological or medically-centered paradigms, and their impact upon discipline-forming decisions, concept development, and key professional collaborations that have laid the foundation for the field of Psychiatric Epidemiology.

### **Learning Objectives:**

Landmarks in Psychiatric Epidemiology students will be able to:

1. Appraise the impacts of selected seminal research studies upon the field of Psychiatric Epidemiology so that historical significance, influence upon common models and methodological approaches, roots in socio-ecological or medically-centered paradigms, and impacts upon discipline-forming decisions, concept development, and key professional collaborations are addressed. (Evaluation)
  - A. Characterize the historical significance of selected seminal research studies so that their methodological contributions, departures from previous paradigms, impacts upon the human condition, and notable effects upon the field of Psychiatric Epidemiology are addressed. (Analysis)
    - i. Summarize the findings of selected seminal research studies so that historical implications are addressed. (Comprehension)
  - B. Distinguish the psychological, sociological and ecological models that shaped seminal research studies and the influence of those studies on theoretical models and methodological approaches. (Analysis)

- i. Discuss the strengths and weaknesses of selected seminal research study designs so that validity, ethical considerations, and interpretation of findings are addressed. (Comprehension)
- ii. Discuss the psychological, sociological and ecological models that shaped seminal research studies. (Comprehension)
- iii. Determine the influence of chosen models upon the methodology of selected seminal research studies. (Comprehension)

C. Distinguish the influence that selected seminal research studies have had upon discipline-forming decisions so that developments such as DSM and ICD criteria, theoretical model formation, etiological breakthroughs, integration of bio-statistical methods, advances in detection of neurobiological substrates, and the polarization of approaches to research are addressed. (Analysis)

- i. Trace the formation of concepts such as multimorbidity and comorbidity, present-state-examination, structured diagnostic interviewing and diagnosis to the work done in selected seminal research studies in Psychiatric Epidemiology. (Comprehension)
- ii. Describe the impact made upon the discipline from key professional collaborations that occurred within or as a result of selected seminal research studies in Psychiatric Epidemiology. (Comprehension)

### Instructional Methods

This course is taught online using a combination of work individually before the assigned on-line time, group work, student presentations and other active learning exercises and discussions. Please see below for more information on the “standard” content of each session. **Class size given current format is limited to 10 students.**

## DESCRIPTION OF COURSE CONTENT

### Topical Outline/Course Schedule

Week	Date(s)	Topic(s)	Common Readings	Presentation Readings	Individual Assignments	Group Assignments
1	May 14 to May 20	Introduction to course and overview. Introduction to Voice Thread and Canvas discussions and other resources  Faris & Dunham	None  Faris Ch. 1	None  Faris Ch.2, 3,4, 5	Post a video introduction of yourself to the class  Read common and individual reading. Prepare your presentation for Voice Thread using 3 – 5 slides. In the 3 days following the last day of the module, post a 1 – 2 page essay on why the study qualifies as a landmark study	Read class as a whole posts; you will all be responding to at least 2 posts  Using Voice Thread and video, audio or text, respond to <b>every</b> other student's presentation

Week	Date(s)	Topic(s)	Common Readings	Presentation Readings	Individual Assignments	Group Assignments
2	May 21 to May 27	Hollingshead & Redlich	Hollingshead Ch. 1-2; Mollica	Hollingshead Ch. 6,7,8,11,12	Read common and individual reading. Prepare your presentation for Voice Thread using 3 – 5 slides. In the 3 days following the last day of the module, post a 1 – 2 page essay on why the study qualifies as a landmark study	Using Voice Thread and video, audio or text, respond to <b>every</b> other student's presentation
3	May 29 to June 3	Hagnel	Hagnel pgs. 9-31	Hagnel Ch. 4-7	Read common and individual reading. Prepare your presentation for Voice Thread using 3 – 5 slides. In the 3 days following the last day of the module, post a 1 – 2 page essay on why the study qualifies as a landmark study	Using Voice Thread and video, audio or text, respond to <b>every</b> other student's presentation
4	June 4 to June 10	Stirling County	Leighton Ch. 2	Leighton Ch. 4,5,9,13	Read common and individual reading. Prepare your presentation for Voice Thread using 3 – 5 slides. In the 3 days following the last day of the module, post a 1 – 2 page essay on why the study qualifies as a landmark study	Using Voice Thread and video, audio or text, respond to <b>every</b> other student's presentation
5	June 11 to June 17	Midtown Manhattan	Srole pgs 3-36, Appendix E	Srole Ch. 8,10,11,12	Read common and individual reading. Prepare your presentation for Voice Thread using 3 – 5 slides. In the 3 days following the last day of the module, post a 1 – 2 page essay on why the study qualifies as a landmark study	Using Voice Thread and video, audio or text, respond to <b>every</b> other student's presentation

Week	Date(s)	Topic(s)	Common Readings	Presentation Readings	Individual Assignments	Group Assignments
6	June 18 to 22	Epidemiologic Catchment Area	Robins (1991) Ch. 1,2	Robins (1991) Ch. 3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,13	Read common and individual reading. Prepare your presentation for Voice Thread using 3 – 5 slides. In the 3 days following the last day of the module, post a 1 – 2 page essay on why the study qualifies as a landmark study	Using Voice Thread and video, audio or text, respond to <b>every</b> other student's presentation

### Course Materials and Technology

You will need access to the internet, a webcam, and a microphone (can be the built in computer microphone) for this course and some method of recording presentations.

All readings will be provided in e-learning. Additional journal articles by the authors or collaborators are available for additional reading.

1. Faris REL, Dunham HW. *Mental Disorders in Urban Areas: An Ecological Study of Schizophrenia and Other Psychosis*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, Second Ed, 1967.
2. Hagnell O. *A Prospective Study of the Incidence of Mental Disorder*. Lund: Scandinavian University Books, 1966.
3. Hollingshead AB, Redlich FC. *Social Class and Mental Illness: A Community Study*. New York: John Wiley & Sons. 1958.
4. Leighton DC, Harding JS, Macklin DB, Macmillan AM, Leighton AH. *The Character of Danger: Psychiatric Symptoms in Selected Communities*. The Stirling Country Study of Psychiatric Disorder and Sociocultural Environment Volume III. New York: Basic Books, 1963.
5. Mollica RF, Milic M. Social class and psychiatric practice: A revision of the Hollingshead and Redlich model. *Am J Psychiatry* 1986; 143:12-17.
6. Robins L, Regier D, Eds. *Psychiatric Disorders in America: The Epidemiological Catchment Area Study*. New York: The Free Press, 1991.

### For further study on your own

1. Goldberg J, True W, Eisen S, Henderson W, Robinette CD. The Vietnam era twin (VET) registry: Ascertainment Bias. *Acta Geneticae Medical ET Gemellologiae/Twin Research*, 36(1), 67-78.
2. Helgason T. *Epidemiology of Mental Disorders in Iceland*. Copenhagen: Munksgaard, 1964.
3. Henderson WG, Eisen SA, Goldberg J, True WR, Barnes JB, Vitek ME. The Vietnam era twin (VET) registry: A resource for medical research. *Public Health Reports*, 1990, 105(4):368-373.
4. Ormel J, vonKorff M, Ustun TB, Pini S, Korten A, Oldehinkel T. Common Mental Disorders and Disability Across Cultures: Results from the WHO Collaborative Study on Psychological Problems in General Health Care. *JAMA*. 1994;272(22):1741-1748.
5. Ramakrishnan V, Goldberg J, Henderson, WG, Eisen SA, True W, Lyons MJ, Tsuang MT. Elementary methods for the analysis of dichotomous outcomes in unselected samples of twins. *Gen Epi*, 1992, 9:273-287.
6. Robins L. *Deviant Children Grown Up*. Baltimore: Williams & Wilkins Company, 1966.
7. Romeis JC, Gillespie KN, Coe RM. Older veterans' future use of VA health care services. *Med Care*, 1988, 26(9):854-866.
8. Romeis JC, Gillespie KN, Thorman KE. Female veterans' use of health care services. *Med Care*, 1988, 26(6):589-595.
9. Romeis JC, Gillespie KN, Virgo KS, Thorman KE. Female veterans' and nonveterans' use of health care services. *Med Care*, 1991, 29(9):932-935.

10. Romeis JC, Scherrer JF, Xian H, Eisen SA, Bucholz K, Heath AC, Goldberg J, Lyons MJ, Henderson WG, True WR. Heritability of self-reported health. *Health Serv Res.* 2000, 35(5 Pt 1):995-1010.
11. Srole L, Langner TS, Michael ST, Opler MK, Rennie TAC. *Mental Health in the Metropolis: The Midtown Manhattan Study.* New York: McGraw Hill, 1962.
12. Eisen SA, True WR, Goldberg J, Henderson WG, Robinette CD. The Vietnam era twin (VET) registry: Method of construction. *Acta Geneticae Medical ET Gemellologiae/Twin Research* 1987, 36(1), 61-66.
13. True WR, Romeis JC, Heath AC, Flick LH, Shaw L, Eisen SA, Goldberg J, Lyons MJ. Genetic and environmental contributions to healthcare need and utilization: a twin analysis. *Health Serv Res.* 1997,32(1):37-53.
14. Terris M, Editor. *Goldberger on Pellagra.* Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 1964.
15. Ustun TB. WHO Collaborative Study: An epidemiological survey of psychological problems in general health care in 15 centers worldwide. *Int Rev Psychiatry.* 1994, 6(4):357-363.

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

- [Learning-support@ufl.edu](mailto:Learning-support@ufl.edu)
- (352) 392-HELP - select option 2
- <https://lss.at.ufl.edu/help.shtml>

## ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS AND GRADING

### Assignments

Each week you will be responsible for four tasks, which will be graded in three assignments:

1. Reading the common reading for the class that will provide you with the study methodology and background when provided. This is graded through **Assignments 1 and 3.**
2. Reading a specific chapter or article and reporting on your reading to the class through a **3-5 minute video** uploaded to canvas (or provide working video link). The readings/chapters you are responsible for each week will be assigned at the beginning of the semester. Please be warned: these readings are sometimes very long and each study requires an analysis of findings and methods first, in its historical context and, second, from a contemporary psychiatric epidemiological context. You are responsible for posting your presentation on the course Voice Thread page. Communicate the information from the chapter or reading you feel is essential. This requires that you delve in to the primary material.

This is graded as **Assignment 1:**

Points will be assigned as follows:

- 1 point for uploading the video or link on time (not on time, 0 points);
- Up to 3 points for describing important findings from the chapter or article (1 point each for a table, graph or text point illustrating an important finding based on analysis of the historical importance of the work to the field of psychiatric epidemiology; 0 points if no historically important finding highlighted);
- Up to 2 points for methods or implications as relevant (2 points if provide insightful discussion of both; 1 point for either alone; 0 if neither).

You are responsible for posting on Voice Thread by 9 am Wednesday morning in each class week. The video each week is worth a maximum of 6 points.

3. Watching all your fellow student's (and faculty presentations) and responding to each of the other presentations. This is graded as **Assignment 2.**

Points will be assigned as follows:

- 1 point for responding to some presentations
- 2 points for responding to each presentation
- 3 points for responding to each presentation and for promoting synthesis or application of the knowledge

4. Within three days of the closing of the module, post a 1 to 2 page summary and reflection piece on the study, clearly describing how the study fits the criteria for a landmark study (or doesn't) and what the historical importance of the study has proven to be. This is graded as **Assignment 3:**

You will receive 1 point for each module assuming you submit your paper as a posting on time and have responded to how/if the study qualifies as a landmark study, and the historical importance of the study.

### Schedule & Grading

Week	Landmark Study	Assignment 1: Video Due Date (6 pts)	Assignment 2: Voice Stream Response for Each Presentation (3 pts)	Assignment 3: Summary and Reflection Paper (1 pt)	Total Points Each Week
1	Faris & Dunham	5/17	5/19	5/23	10
2	Hollingshead & Redlich	5/24	5/26	5/30	10
3	Hagnel	5/31	6/2	6/6	10
4	Stirling County	6/7	6/9	6/13	10
5	Midtown Manhattan	6/14	6/16	6/20	10
6	Epidemiologic Catchment Area	6/18	6/20	6/21	10
<b>Total Points</b>					60

This course will be graded satisfactory/unsatisfactory following the policies described here

<http://gradcatalog.ufl.edu/content.php?catoid=10&navoid=2020#grades>

**This course is graded Satisfactory (S) or Unsatisfactory (U). Grade points are not given for S and U grades; S and U grades are not used to calculate grade point averages. Those with 40 to 60 points will be graded “satisfactory” and those with 59 or fewer points will be graded “unsatisfactory.”**

### Exam Policy

There are no exams in this course.

### Policy Related to Make up Exams or Other Work

If you cannot submit either the discussion question/response or the video on time it is your job to communicate that information ahead of time to Dr. Striley. Late work will be accepted on a case-by-case basis.

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

This is an online course, but you are expected to remain active and engaged in the material throughout the semester.

All faculty are bound by the UF policy for excused absences. For information regarding the UF Attendance Policy see the Registrar website for additional details:

<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx>

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## STUDENT EXPECTATIONS, ROLES, AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR INPUT

### **Expectations Regarding Course Behavior**

As previously stated, students are expected to be engaged, active learners throughout the duration of the course.

### **Communication Guidelines**

Active communication is not only encouraged, but expected for this course. In all communications with both the professor and other students courteous and respectful discourse is expected.

### **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://gradcatalog.ufl.edu/content.php?catoid=10&navoid=2020#academic-integrity>

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

### **Online Faculty Course Evaluation Process**

Students are expected to provide feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing online evaluations at <https://evaluations.ufl.edu>. Evaluations are typically open during the last two or three weeks of the semester, but students will be given specific times when they are open. Summary results of these assessments are available to students at <https://evaluations.ufl.edu/results/>.

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## **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 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.

### **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:  
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.

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