



Coordinator: Prof D Ip

Course Description:

This is the fundamental survey course for the MPH programme, encompassing the full spectrum of contemporary public health issues locally and globally.

Prerequisite: None

Tutors: Mr Kenneth Hon / Dr Nicole Tsang

Term 1 (Tuesday)

TAs: Ms Clarice Guo/ Dr Nason Tan/ Dr Dana Vackova/ Ms

Yawei Wang/ Mr Rex Wong

Date	Time	Topic	Lecturer	Venue
09 Sept 2025	6:30 – 9:30 pm	Introductory session: Course mechanics	KH, NT	TBC
16 Sept 2025	6:30 – 9:30 pm	WCS1: Public health @ the crossroads	Prof D Ip	TBC
23 Sept 2025	6:30 – 9:30 pm	WCS2: Will we always need a fix?	Prof D Ip/ Prof S Chan	TBC
30 Sept 2025	6:30 – 9:30 pm	WCS3: Epidemics	Prof D Ip/ Prof B Cowling	TBC
08 Oct 2025 (Wed)	6:30 – 9:30 pm	WCS4: The massive but silent killers	Prof D Ip/ Prof R Au Yeung	TBC
28 Oct 2025	6:30 – 9:30 pm	WCS 5: Lost horizons	Prof D Ip/ Prof L Tian	TBC
04 Nov 2025	6:30 – 9:30 pm	WCS6: Methuselah and the Trap of Tithonus	Prof D Ip/ Dr FC Pang	TBC
11 Nov 2025	6:30 – 9:30 pm	WCS7: A beautiful mind	Prof D Ip/ Prof M Ni	TBC
25 Nov 2025	6:30 – 9:30 pm	WCS8: Catastrophic health spending	Prof D Ip/ Prof D Bishai	TBC
02 Dec 2025	6:30 – 9:30 pm	WCS9: Forces across national boundaries	Prof D Ip/ Prof PH Chung	TBC
09 Dec 2025	6:30 – 9:30 pm	WCS10: X lives matter	Prof D Ip/ Prof GM Leung	TBC

Course Assessment:

Continuous assessment: 100%

(60% Written Tasks; 10% Tutorial under the Spotlight; 10% Continuous in-class participation; 10% Newsflash; 10% Principles to Practice presentation)

Recommended Textbooks:

1. Kawachi I, Lang I, Ricciardi W. Oxford Handbook of Public Health Practice Fourth Edition 2020. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
2. Porta M. A dictionary of epidemiology. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014, 6th Ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
3. Donaldson LJ, Rutter P. Donaldsons' Essential Public Health: CRC Press; 2017.

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