

SPPH 507/607
Research Seminar for incoming MSc and PhD students
The University of British Columbia
School of Population and Public Health
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1. COURSE INSTRUCTORS

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Class Time: Fridays 9:00am – 11:30am

Location: SPPH B151

Format: Blended (part online, part in-person)

Credits: 1.5

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge that this course takes place on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Musqueam people.

3. COURSE DESCRIPTION

The SPPH Research Seminar is a required course for new SPPH students in SPPH MSc and PhD (thesis-based) programs. It brings together students enrolled in SPPH 507 (the master's level course) and SPPH 607 (the doctoral level course) to share learning and to encourage development of a supportive environment within and across the two programs.

The overarching aim of the class is to support you in building your cohort with your peers, your network and how to acquire essential skills and soft skills for thriving within a graduate program – both in general, and within SPPH in particular. This course will provide you with knowledge and skills to function effectively as a graduate student and to become familiar with, and immersed in, the intellectual life of SPPH. It offers you an opportunity to interact with other students, with key SPPH and other UBC staff, and with a variety of faculty members; these interactions will allow you to become familiar with program expectations, and to gain insights into succeeding in a graduate program. It will also support you in developing the ability to reflect on key learnings and apply them to support your own development. Topics that have been identified as critical to supporting success

in the program will be addressed by key resource people, including invited speakers, faculty members, students who are more advanced in the program, and others with relevant expertise.

4. LEARNING OBJECTIVES

By the end of this course student's will be able to:

- Reflect on your source of passion and motivation to be in this program and your set goals.
- Build community with other students who share related interests.
- Understand resources available to students for research
- Obtain skills to approach research problems and mistakes both individually and within a team setting

5. REQUIREMENTS AND GRADING

This is a pass-fail class. Completion of the activities (e.g., class participation) is necessary to pass the class. You can meet these expectations of this course by:

- Being well prepared for class and the roles you will play, including those of presenter, facilitator, and active participant.
- Engaging constructively in class.
- Actively participating in small group settings, with a commitment to respect for all.

6. COURSE SCHEDULE

Session	Date	Location	Time	Topic
1	Sept 9	SPPH 151	9:00-9:45	Intro to SPPH 507/607 <i>Guest speaker: Emily Van Gulik</i>
			9:45-10:00	Break
			10:00-11:30	What I wish I knew when I started my program at SPPH <i>Guest speakers:</i> <i>PhD: Arnold Okpani; Orphee Tamba, Atul Aravindakshan</i> <i>MSc: Kartik Sharma; Sabbir Hossain, Cindy Choi</i>
			11:30-1:00	Meet & mingle: catered lunch at SPPH
2	Sept 16	SPPH 151	9:00-11:00	Writing for money – how to get awards <i>Guest speakers:</i> <i>PhD: Hallie Dau & Alex Lukey</i> <i>MSc: Hiro Ito & Alyson Banal</i>
	Sept 23	No Class: Faculty Meeting		
	Sept 30	No Class - Stat holiday-National day for Truth and Reconciliation		
3	Oct 7	Online	9:00-10:10	Introduction to UBC Library Resources <i>Guest speaker: Ursula Ellis</i>
			10:10-10:20	Break
			10:20-11:30	Rock the Boat 1 - Zoom Fatigue
	Oct 14	No Class		
4	Oct 21	SPPH 151	9:00-10:10	Bouncing back from project failure <i>Guest speaker: Fuchsia Howard</i> <u>Reading:</u> <i>Forrester, N. Bounce back from project failure. (2022). Nature.</i>
			10:10-10:20	Break
			10:20-11:30	Rock the Boat 2 – Contentious Authorship
	Oct 28	No Class: Faculty meeting		

5	Nov 4	SPPH 151	9:00-10:10	Knowledge translation <i>Guest speakers: Paul Kershaw & Craig Mitton</i>
			10:10-10:20	Break
			10:20-11:30	Rock the Boat 3 - No Other Choice
	Nov 11	No class: Stat holiday-Remembrance Day		
6	Nov 18	Online	9:00-10:10	Calibration & alignment of your career <i>Guest speaker: Danielle Barkley</i>
			10:10-10:20	Break
			10:20-11:30	Rock the Boat 4 – Disclosures
	Nov 25	No Class: Faculty Meeting		
7	Dec 2	SPPH 151	9:00-11:30	Class wrap up & review