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...is a major, public, comprehensive, land-grant research university. Florida’s oldest and most comprehensive institution of higher learning, UF, is among the nation’s most academically diverse public universities. The College of Public Health and Health Professions and the College of Medicine are each part of the University’s Health Science Center, which also includes the Colleges of Pharmacy, Nursing, Dentistry, and Veterinary Health.

Core Faculty

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Dean’s Professor and Chair
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Psychiatric Epidemiology

Lusine Yaghjian, MD, MPH, PhD
Cancer and Environmental Epidemiology

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Our Mission Statement
Our mission is to improve health globally through education, training, research and service.

Our Aims are to:

- Advance the field’s theoretical and empirical base through rigorous, multidisciplinary epidemiological research that monitors and improves health globally
- Prepare the next generation of scientific leaders to design and conduct ethical, relevant, and innovative epidemiological studies
- Train a public health workforce committed to working with diverse communities to bring about outcomes that matter
- Develop and refine epidemiological methods that address the dynamic and complex factors impacting public health globally
- Provide leadership and service in epidemiology and public health through international, national, state and local collaboration and community engagement

Department
The Department of Epidemiology, jointly administered by the College of Public Health and Health Professions and the College of Medicine, works closely with major Institutes and Centers located at the University of Florida, including the Emerging Pathogens Institute, the Institute of Child Health Policy, the UF Health Shands Cancer Center, the UF Genetics Institute, the Clinical and Translational Science Institute and the McKnight Brain Institute, all of which provide state-of-the-art environments for research.

Faculty
Faculty in Epidemiology, led by founding Department Chair Linda Cottler, are committed to multi-disciplinary research and are leaders in their respective fields and committed to teaching and advising. Each has a strong research portfolio with access to diverse populations and data sets.

Students
Our diverse student cohort has numerous opportunities that include national and international field experience, training in manuscript and grant writing, internal and external research opportunities, conference attendance and the availability of scholarships and funding. Previous Epidemiology students have received funding from: The Gates Foundation, Fogarty International Center, Fulbright, McKnight Foundation, NIH grants, NSF grants, UF Graduate Student Fellowships, and others.

Opportunities
Faculty spearhead the Haiti Health Study, the Florida component of the NIH ABCD Study, and the Southern HIV and Alcohol Research Center. We also have training slots on a NIDA T32, as well as additional opportunities to participate in faculty research across numerous specialty areas, such as cancer.

To Apply
Students must apply to and be accepted by both the UF Graduate School and the PhD Program in Epidemiology. Applicants with a completed Master’s degree are preferred, although all students are welcome to apply.

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