Welcome to the Master Class
(Master’s Thesis Proposal Course)
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Randomly selected Mondays, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

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Why are we here?
- Because other courses don’t fully prepare you to develop your master’s thesis proposal or to complete the thesis
- Because being in a class together can help you help one another
- Because we want to get you out the door with a master’s degree in epi
- Because the master’s degree in epi should mean that the bearer has had the experience of analyzing epidemiologic data and writing it up in the form of a scientific paper

This course is for students who
- Intend to graduate in 2005
- Do not yet have an approved master’s thesis proposal
- Have completed ≥50% of course requirements for MPH, MS, etc.

The syllabus is on CourseWorks
- 9/27 Abstract structure, especially
  - Research question
  - Hypotheses
- 10/11-18 Background, lit review, EndNote*
- 10/25 Epi methods and your dataset
- 11/1-8 Substantive area discussion groups
- 11/15-22 Data management (with SAS)*
- 12/6 Finalizing the abstract and moving on
*In HHSC media center, 2nd floor
31 students submitted surveys

- Practicum
  - 10 have completed
  - 2 have waived
  - 17 have identified
- Have you submitted your practicum form?
- 12-1/2 have found a thesis dataset
  - 5 have 2 readers
  - 2 have 1 reader
  - 1 who has no dataset has 1 reader
- Talk to us!!!
Welcome to the epi research community!

• Benefits
  – Credentials, career advancement
  – Publications, 15 minutes of fame

• Responsibilities
  – Ethical (i.e., careful) data management
  – Honest reporting of results
  – Protection of research subjects

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