Mailman School Course Catalog

The occurrence of murder, disappearances, and rape are common during complex emergencies and yet the rate of these events is rarely measured while the conflict is ongoing. In some cases, groups are denied life-sustaining services because of race, politics, or HIV status. Public health practitioners are uniquely situated and qualified to advocate for populations whose human rights and survival are threatened by the intentional actions of organized groups. This class will teach students techniques for detecting and estimating the rates of these major abuses of human rights in order to better advocate for the abused, and to permit the evaluation of programs designed to prevent such events. At the end of the course, students will be expected to be able to evaluate the sensitivity of surveillance systems, and undertake surveys, designed to measure the rates of violent deaths and rape. Classes will involve a combination of lectures, case studies, and a research project ending with a debate. Students will be evaluated based on class participation and a paper.

Credits: 1.5
Usual pre-requisites: 1.5
Usual required permissions: P6103 and P6400, or the Quant core module
Department requirement for:
Health and Human Rights (BIST, EHSC, EPID, HPMN, POPF, SOSC)

Certificate selective for:
Certificate elective for: