
**Quantitative Exposure Assessment
OEHS 6730**

Tues/Thurs • 1:00-2:15pm
RMCOEH Classroom

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Course Description

The course will provide instruction in exposure assessment methods, especially the evaluation of exposure data. The course focuses on the principles of exposure science for both occupational and environmental settings.

Credit Hours: 3

Course Objectives

By the end of this course, you will be able to:

- Apply different exposure assessment strategies to given situations
- Analyze exposure assessment data for a given scenario
- Understand exposure distributions, variability and uncertainty
- Compare exposure data to relevant metrics
- Understand exposure assessment in the context of exposure control and risk assessment

Required Text or Materials

Quantitative Exposure Assessment, 2008, Stephen M. Rappaport and Lawrence L. Kupper

Additional Resources

- *A Strategy for Assessing and Managing Occupational Exposures*, 2006, AIHA
- *Threshold Limit Values (TLVs) and Biological Exposure Indices (BEIs)*, 2016, ACGIH;
- *Exposure Assessment Guidelines*, 1992, EPA

Teaching and Learning Methods

This course will be taught using in-class lectures, discussion, and analysis of case studies.

Course Schedule

Week	Date	Topic	Primary Readings*
1	1-7	Introduction/Overview	Chapter 1 of “Exposure Science for the 21 st Century”
	1-9	Qualitative Exposure Assessment	LeBouf et al (2019) article
2	1-14	Exposure Modeling	“Modeling Inhalation Exposure”
	1-16	Exposure Modeling	Arnold et al (2017) article
3	1-21	<i>CASE STUDY #1</i>	
	1-23	Sampling Strategies	Chapter 3 (Rappaport & Kupper)
4	1-28	Inhalation Exposure	
	1-30	<i>CASE STUDY #2</i>	
5	2-4	Ingestion Exposure Dermal Exposure	Tibaldi et al (2014)
	2-6	<i>CASE STUDY #3</i>	
6	2-11	Exposure Distributions	Chapter 4 (Rappaport & Kupper)
	2-13	Exposure Variability	Chapter 5 (Rappaport & Kupper)
7	2-18	Exposure Uncertainty	Chapter 10 (Rappaport & Kupper)
	2-20	<i>CASE STUDY #4</i>	
8	2-25	Common Analysis of Exposure Data	
	2-27	<i>CASE STUDY #5</i>	
9	3-3	Real-Time Exposure Data	
	3-5	MIDTERM EXAM	
SPRING BREAK – NO CLASS			
10	3-17	<i>CASE STUDY #6</i>	
	3-19	Comparison to Exposure Metrics	Chapters 2 & 8 (Rappaport & Kupper); Rappaport Article
11	3-24	<i>CASE STUDY #7</i>	
	3-26	Biological Exposure Indices	BEI Chapter of TLV booklet; Chapter 12 (Rappaport & Kupper)
12	3-31	<i>CASE STUDY #8</i>	
	4-2	Exposure Assessment for Control	Chapter 9 (Rappaport & Kupper)
13	4-7	<i>CASE STUDY #9</i>	
	4-9	Exposure Assessment for Risk Assessment	Libby Asbestos Risk Assessment
14	4-14	<i>CASE STUDY #10</i>	
	4-16	Final Project Presentations	
15	4-21	Final Project Presentations	
	4-27	FINAL EXAM (1:00 PM)	

*Additional readings may be posted on Canvas as needed.

+ Instructor TBD

Grading

Grades will be assigned according to the following weighting:

Case Studies	25%
Midterm Exam	25%
Final Exam	25%
Project Presentation	25%

Late Policy

Case study assignments can generally be completed during scheduled class time. If students need to finish work after class, they have 1 week after that case study class period to turn in the assignment for full credit. Assignments turned in more than 1 week after the case study class period will be deducted 1 point for each week it is late.

Determination of Grades

A	93-100%
A-	90-92.9%
B+	87-89.9%
B	83-86.9%
B-	80-82.9%

Course Policies

Attendance: Students are expected to come to class and participate. There will be 10 case study class periods where assignments will be worked on with the instructor present. It is highly recommended that these class periods are not missed, but if a student is absent, they have 1 week to turn in the completed assignment for full credit (see Late Policy).

Materials in Class: For case study class periods please be prepared with a laptop computer capable of operating Microsoft Excel.

Canvas: All course materials (syllabus, lectures, assignments, datasets, notifications and other information) will be provided on the course website. Please ensure that you are able to access this site. It is recommended that you enable important information be forwarded to an email address that you regularly check. The following Canvas Support page may be helpful as you utilize that system: <http://guides.instructure.com>

Assignments

Tasks/Projects	Due Dates	Points
Case Study #1: Exposure Modeling	1-30	10
Case Study #2: Inhalation Exposure	2-6	10
Case Study #3: Ingestion/Dermal Exposure	2-13	10
Case Study #4: Exposure Distributions/Variability/Uncertainty	2-27	10
Case Study #5: Analysis of Exposure Data	3-5	10
Midterm	3-5	100
Case Study #6: Real Time Exposure Data	3-24	10
Case Study #7: Exposure Metrics	3-31	10
Case Study #8: Biological Exposure Indices	4-7	10
Case Study #9: Exposure Assessment for Control	4-14	10
Case Study #10: Risk Assessment	4-21	10
Project Presentation	4-21	100
Final Exam	4-27	100

University Policies

ADA Statement

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For Drop/Withdrawal dates and any other helpful University related information, please contact your Academic Advisor.

Please Note: This syllabus is meant to serve as an outline and guide for this course. As your instructor I may modify it with reasonable notice to you. I may also modify the course schedule to accommodate the needs of our class. Any changes will be announced in class and or posted on Canvas under Announcements.