

# Vergil Course Search

## Mailman School of Public Health

The [Vergil Course Search](#) allows students and school community members to find all current and active courses for past and upcoming semesters.

Vergil offers a variety of filters and in-directory tools to help users navigate and locate their preferred courses.

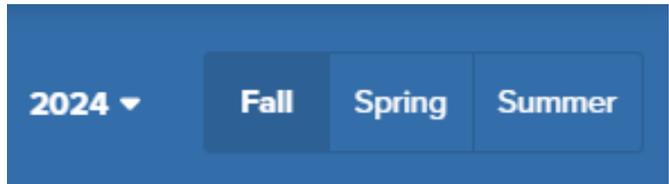
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# Locating Mailman School courses

Once logged in with a UNI account, [Vergil](https://vergil.columbia.edu/vergil/) (<https://vergil.columbia.edu/vergil/>) will prompt a course search for the most current semester. To change the semester you are viewing, select the year and semester on the upper right-hand side of the screen.



To narrow your search to Mailman courses only, type or search for *The Joseph L. Mailman School of Public Health* in the "School(s)" field.

Vergil will then populate all activated courses for the selected semester.

One filter, "Only show courses with sections", will automatically populate – this filter must remain to view active courses.

Now, you can specify your search further by using the "Departments", "Subjects", or "Subterms" fields. (Something to note: typically, Mailman School courses are more readily found by using "Subjects" rather than "Departments")

Select "Search" to view your filtered search results.

Search Courses: Fall 2024

Keywords  
Course Title or Keyword

School(s)  
Search for schools

Department(s)  
Search for departments

Subject(s)  
Search for subjects

Subterm(s)

Reset

Search

# Widely used subject codes

Pictured are some of the most widely used "Subjects" codes for Mailman School courses. To view a full school course listing, leave the "Subjects" code blank and enter *The Joseph L. Mailman School of Public Health* in the "School(s)" field.

Keywords  
Course Title or Keyword

School(s)  
Search for schools

Department(s)  
Search for departments

Subject(s)  
BIST - BIostatistics  
EHSC - ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCIENCES  
EPID - EPIDEMIOLOGY  
HPMN - HEALTH POLICY & MANAGEMENT  
POPF - POPULATION & FAMILY HEALTH  
PUBH - PUBLIC HEALTH  
SOSC - SOCIOMEDICAL SCIENCES  
Search for subjects

Subterm(s)

## Common "Subjects"

<b>Biostatistics</b>	BIST
<b>Environmental Health Sciences</b>	EHSC
<b>Epidemiology</b>	EPID
<b>Health Policy and Management</b>	HPMN
<b>Population and Family Health</b>	POPF
<b>Sociomedical Sciences</b>	SOSC
<b>Public Health</b>	PUBH

# Course search filters

## Filtering

Vergil allows users to further narrow their search using any of these additional filters:

- Keywords (can look up a course by title or course code)
- Call number (a course's unique ID number, primarily used for class registration)
- Instructor
- Day
- Time
- Credits
- Course level (typically, Mailman School course levels are denoted as either 6000, 8000, or 9000)
- Method of instruction (listed as either hybrid, in-person, or on-line only)

Select "Reset" or "Search" to delete any previously selected filters, or search for the filters of interest.

Note: Vergil will default to showing only 10 courses per page. To view more courses at a quicker glance, scroll down and select more "Items per page" using the drop-down menu.

The screenshot shows the 'Search Courses: Fall 2024' interface. It features several filter sections: 'Keywords' (Course Title or Keyword), 'School(s)' (Search for schools), 'Departments(s)' (Search for departments), 'Subjects(s)' (Search for subjects), and 'Subterm(s)'. Below these are 'Reset' and 'Search' buttons. The 'Call Number' and 'Instructor' (Search for instructor) filters are also present. The 'Day(s)' section includes buttons for Sunday (Su), Monday (Mo), Tuesday (Tu), Wednesday (We), Thursday (Th), Friday (Fr), and Saturday (Sa). The 'Times Offered' section has a slider from 5am to 12am. The 'Credits' section has a slider from 0 to 20. The 'Course Level' section has a slider from 0 to 10000. There are also dropdown menus for 'Method of Instruction(s)' and 'Course Type(s)'. At the bottom, there are checkboxes for 'Only show courses with sections', 'Only show classes with open seats', 'Satisfies Global Core Requirement (Columbia College and General Studies)', and 'Satisfies Science Requirement (Columbia College and General Studies)'.



# Course details

## What's available

The below screenshot samples the course details provided once you input your search. Once your search results are populated, to view additional details you must click or select the class you'd like to view.

29 Courses **subject BIST - BIOSTATISTICS** Only show courses with sections

**Introduction to Biostatistical Methods** BIST6104P 1 section

This will make available all relevant course details, including course description, the section code, title, call number, class type, instructor, meeting times, classroom assignment, method of instruction, grading mode, credit amount, and enrollment.

For some courses the "Notes" section may include details related to permissions, priorities, and/or meeting exceptions (please note it is limited to 150 characters).

**Introduction to Biostatistical Methods** BIST6104P 1 section

Like many fields of learning, biostatistics has its own vocabulary often seen in medical and public health literature. Phrases like statistical significance, "p-value less than 0.05", "95% confident", and "margin of error" can have enormous impact in a world that relies on statistics to make decisions: Should Drug A be recommended over Drug B? Should a national policy on X be implemented? Does Vitamin C truly prevent colds? However, do we really know what these terms and phrases mean? Understanding the theory and methodology behind study design, estimation and hypothesis testing is crucial to ensuring that findings and practices in public health and biomedicine are supported by reliable evidence.

Section	Title	Call Number	Class Type	Day, Time, Location & Instructor	Method of Instruction	Grading Mode	Credits	Enrollment
^ D01	Introduction to Biostatistical Methods	15644	LECTURE	TBD Ayton, Sarah (sga2129) 9/3/24 – 12/20/24	In-Person	Standard	3	0 Closed 66 / 84

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**Notes**  
Permission: Placement exam required for non-Public Health students.

[Details](#) [Faculty Evaluations](#) [Syllabus](#) [Book List](#) [View in CourseWorks](#)

Open to 2

<b>School</b> THE JOSEPH L. MAILMAN SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH (SPUB)	<b>Session</b> Full Semester
<b>Department</b> BIOSTATISTICS (BIST)	<b>Instructor</b> Sarah Ayton (sga2129) <span>primary</span>
<b>Subject</b> BIOSTATISTICS (BIST)	

## Multiple sections

Courses with more than one section can be viewed under the same course number. Section details can be further expanded by clicking the specific section (such as "001" or "002").

Section	Title	Call Number	Class Type	Day, Time, Location & Instructor	Method of Instruction	Grading Mode	Credits	Enrollment
001	Healthcare Accounting and Budgeting	15737	LECTURE	Tu 8:30am - 11:20am LL204 HAMMER HLTH SCIENCES CENTER Caracappa, Francine (fc2245) 9/3/24 - 12/20/24	In-Person	Standard	3	Closed 41 / 50
002	Healthcare Accounting and Budgeting	15738	LECTURE	Tu 8:30am - 11:20am LL103 HAMMER HLTH SCIENCES CENTER Engel, Jonathan (je2256) 9/3/24 - 12/20/24	In-Person	Standard	3	Closed 33 / 45

## Associated courses

Vergil allows users to review any associated courses, such as pre-requisites and co-requisites. You can also select each noted course to see further information such as credits and descriptions.

Associated Courses 3
Introduction to Biostatistics - BIST6103P Pre-requisite
Introduction to Biostatistical Methods - BIST6104P Pre-requisite
RESEARCH METHODS & APPLICATIONS - PUBH6032P Pre-requisite

## Class rules and "Open to"

To view class rules (who is permitted to register for the class), select "Open to". Importantly, Vergil only lists which schools the class is open to and hides specific programs. Most commonly, Mailman School courses are open to Mailman School PhD programs (BIST, EHSC, EPID, and SOSC) through the Graduate School of Arts & Sciences, and all other Mailman School students. Certain exceptions are made on an individual program basis depending on details provided by academic departments. If students have permission to enroll in a course, they may be able to register for them or add themselves to the waitlist. If they experience restricted access, it is likely because the select course is not available to them.

# Meetings and room assignments for select dates

Day, time, location, and instructor information are available under course details. Select dates and room location exceptions may also be communicated using the "Notes" section for further clarification.

## Select meeting dates

Select dates can be communicated using meeting patterns (see image to the right).

## Room assignments

Room assignments are located below the meeting times. For now, only one room or commonly joined rooms (ARB 532A/B, VEC joining rooms, etc.) can be represented here. Classes with multiple rooms for breakout sessions will be provided to academic departments directly and communicated to students by the department or faculty.

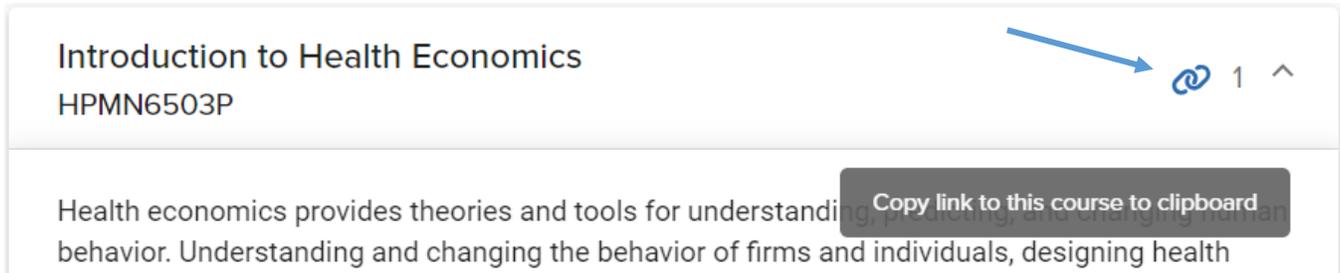
Section	Title	Call Number	Class Type	Day, Time, Location & Instructor
^ 001	Current Work in Injury Control and Prevention Seminar	15693	LECTURE	Mo 1:00pm - 2:20pm 322 HAMMER HLTH SCIENCES CENTER 📧 Mielenz, Thelma (tim2141) 9/22/24 – 9/28/24
				Mo 1:00pm - 2:20pm 322 HAMMER HLTH SCIENCES CENTER 10/20/24 – 10/26/24
				Mo 1:00pm - 2:20pm 322 HAMMER HLTH SCIENCES CENTER 11/17/24 – 11/23/24
				Mo 1:00pm - 2:20pm 322 HAMMER HLTH SCIENCES CENTER 12/1/24 – 12/7/24

# Additional features

## Sharing searches and linking courses

To share your Vergil Course Search results, copy and paste the URL directly from your browser. This copied URL will maintain any filters used in your search.

To share a specific course, hover over the section code and copy to your clipboard – this will only send course information related to that specific course.



The screenshot shows a course card for 'Introduction to Health Economics' with the course code 'HPMN6503P'. A blue arrow points to a share icon (two interlocking circles) next to the number '1' and an upward-pointing arrow. Below the course title, there is a text snippet: 'Health economics provides theories and tools for understanding, predicting, and changing human behavior. Understanding and changing the behavior of firms and individuals, designing health'. A dark grey button with white text 'Copy link to this course to clipboard' is overlaid on the right side of the card.

## Doctoral registration

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Doctoral students – DrPH and PhD – are expected to maintain continuous enrollment until their expected graduation. Information on the continuous registration policy can be found in the [Student Handbook](#). For helpful information on RESI and MTFC courses, visit the [GSAS website](#).

PhD candidates continue their registration by enrolling in either a Residency Unit, Matriculation and Facilities, or an Extended Residency.

- To find call numbers for Matriculation and Facilities, users should search for *MTFC – Matriculation and Facilities* using the “Subject(s)” filter. Course information will include:
  - Title: F/T Matriculation Health Sciences
  - Course Number: MTFC0003G
- To find call numbers for Residency Units and Extended Residency, users should search for *RESI – Residence Unit* using the “Subject(s)” filter. Course information will include:
  - Title: 1-RESIDENCE UNIT-HLTH SCIENCE
  - Course Number: RESI0006G

DrPH Candidates continue their registration by enrolling in coursework or through Doctoral Research Registration. For helpful information on RSRH courses, visit the [Registration page](#) on the Mailman School website.

- To find call numbers for Doctoral Research Registration, users should search for RSRH – Research using the “Subject(s)” filter. Course information will include:
  - Title: Doctoral Continuous Registration
  - Course Number: RSRH0001P or RSRH0003P or RSRH0004P

# Questions?

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Questions regarding the Vergil Course Search can be directed to the Enrollment Services team at [msph-enrollment@cumc.columbia.edu](mailto:msph-enrollment@cumc.columbia.edu).