Further information
For further information about the course please call 02 9657 0361 or email injurycourses@georgeinstitute.org.au
Unit code: PUBH5415
OR visit the School of Public Health website: www.health.usyd.edu.au

To enrol in the unit:
Postgraduate public health students at the University of Sydney are to enrol via the university enrolment procedures.
Postgraduate public health students from another university may be able to arrange a cross-institutional enrolment should they wish to undertake the unit. To arrange a cross-institutional enrolment, please liaise with the institution through which you are enrolled.

Students not currently enrolled in postgraduate studies are able to enrol in the course and also earn course credit. This credit can be accrued towards a possible future enrolment in an approved course of study at the University of Sydney. However to earn course credit, the student will be required to complete the assessment tasks. If you are interested in enrolling as an external student, please contact us using the contact details listed above.

Please note: there is a limit of 40 places, so please book early.

About The George Institute
The George Institute for Global Health is a not-for-profit organisation that aims to help reduce the global burden of non-communicable diseases and injuries through high quality research, evidence-based policy development and a range of capacity development programs. Research at the George Institute has a major focus on the Asia-Pacific region.

The Institute is made up of several divisions and programs, which oversee numerous large-scale international and regional projects.

The Injury Division conducts high quality research into the causes, prevention and treatment options for various kinds of injury.

For more information on The George Institute and the other courses offered by the Injury Division, please visit www.georgeinstitute.org.au

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The Changing Global Burden of Disease
Between 1990 and 2020, deaths from non-communicable diseases and injury are expected to rise from 33 million to 58 million annually, with a similar proportional increase in years of healthy life lost. By 2020, cardiovascular diseases, injury and mental illnesses will be responsible for about one half of all deaths and one half of all healthy life years lost, worldwide. Over the same period, deaths from communicable, nutritional, perinatal and maternal conditions will decline.

About the course
This two-day intensive course is offered by the University of Sydney’s School of Public Health in conjunction with The George Institute for Global Health. The course combines a series of lectures with interactive small group work and a computer-based practical session. The course is conducted from 9am to 5pm each day and the lectures will cover:

- Descriptive epidemiology of injury burden
- Injury data, surveillance and analyses
- Risk group identification: including young males, older persons, indigenous populations and children
- Effective intervention strategies for reduction and control of injury
- Challenges to implementation of injury reduction strategies in health and community settings
- Advocacy in injury prevention

Specific topic areas
- Road traffic injuries
- Falls
- Occupational injury
- Suicide
- Injury in Indigenous Australians
- International injury prevention

Teaching faculty
The coordinator of the course is Dr Lisa Keay, Senior Research Fellow, Injury Division, The George Institute for Global Health.

Speakers at the workshop include academics and professionals currently working in the field of injury prevention and control.

What are the course objectives?
Injuries are a major contributor to the global burden of death and disability, especially among young people aged 1-44 years, in which they are the leading cause of death. This course aims to provide students with a clear understanding of the magnitude of the injury burden, both in the developed and developing world, and the strategies that are required to address this burden. Important contributors to the incidence of injuries and their longer-term sequelae will be discussed, taking into consideration not only individual, but also environmental and other risk factors. Known effective interventions for the prevention of injuries are outlined and challenges in implementing these strategies in community-based settings will be considered. Injury in both the Australian and international contexts (including low income countries) will be highlighted throughout the course with many examples of research, policy and practice.

Who should attend?
This introductory level course is designed for health professionals and managers, academics, doctoral and masters students, researchers, injury practitioners, policy advocates and program planners who wish to gain an understanding of injury prevention, and who wish their decision making in injury prevention and control to be based on the best available evidence.

Course Feedback:
‘The content has been engaging and inspiring and the speakers are very knowledgable and articulate.’

‘Excellent course. Excellent introduction to subject.’

How much will it cost?
The course is open to all full-fee paying interested individuals, as well as currently enrolled students of the University of Sydney. The course may be tax deductible if applicable. The fee per participant is as follows:
- Local award students: AUD $1063
- External students $1063
- International students: AUD $1629

Please note: The course fee does not cover accommodation, lunch, airfares or transportation costs.

Recommended Text

Injury Research: Theories, Methods, and Approaches, edited by Guohua Li from Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health and Susan P. Baker, from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Assessment
The assessment for this unit is based on:
Submission of a written assignment - 90%
Group work participation during workshop - 10%

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