Course Description:

This course provides a substantial introduction to the major diseases of tropical and developing countries. Emphasis is placed on important parasitic diseases, gastroenteritis, and vaccine preventable diseases. Course material focuses on the etiology, pathogenesis, symptomatology, diagnosis, and treatment of these diseases; epidemiological characteristics, control methods, and current research directions are also described. Lectures feature recognized authorities with firsthand experience in the tropics.
Learning Objectives:

1. Recognize clinical syndromes of major importance in the tropics
2. Propose a rational diagnostic strategy to diagnose major disease processes presented in the course
3. Differentiate between similar clinical presentations caused by disparate pathogens or processes
4. Select appropriate therapy for major disease processes presented in the course
5. Discuss the risk factors for health problems during travel
6. Recommend appropriate strategies for the traveler to avoid health problems during travel