



King Saud University, College of Dentistry  
Department of Preventive Dental Sciences  
DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DENTISTRY  
PDS 421

Principles of Dental Public Health - First Semester  
Community Dentistry - Second Semester

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**Scheduled time & Location**

**Course Title and Code :** Principles of Dental Public Health & Community Dentistry PDS 421

**Lecture:** Sunday 1:00 - 2:00 pm

**Location:** College of Dentistry, Malaz University Campus (MUC)

**Project Discussion/Field Work :** 2:00-4:30 pm

**Credit Hours:** 4 Hours

**Level :** First and Second Semester of 5<sup>th</sup> year

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

The objective of this course is to explore the concepts of the dental public health in the light of the oral health problems found in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Priority will be placed on practical approaches to program planning, organization and financing of Saudi dental care, practice management and professional ethics. The “clinical” component of the course will focus on the student developing and implementing a community-based oral health project

**COURSE ASSESSMENT**

The final grade of the course will be based on the following:

- Quizzes - 5%
- First examination - 10%
- Second examination - 15%
- Critique project - 15%
- Third examination - 10%
- Final examination - 15%
- Community project - 30%

To obtain a passing grade the student need to have a final cumulative score of 60%

**ATTENDANCE**

Please be reminded absentees will be recorded for all students whom their names appears on the class list.

If any student is absent for more than **25%** of the total lectures, she will not be permitted to sit for the final examination. Students who came 10 minutes late for the lecture their attendance will not be taken for that lecture.

## Required Reading

Dentistry, Dental Practice and the Community, 5th Edition By: Burt and Eklund, Saunders, 1999.

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- a. Principles of Dental Public Health By: J.M. Dunning
- b. Dental Public Health By: Geoffrey Slack
- c. Statistical Methods for Health Care Research By: Barbara H. Munro & Ellis B.

**NOTE :** students are strongly advised to purchase the required textbook for the course which will be used in the first and second semester.