



Course: Medical English IV

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Department: Department of Social Sciences and Medical Humanities

Study program: Integrated Undergraduate and Graduate University Study of Medicine in English language

Study year: 4th year

Academic year: 2020/2021

SYLLABUS

Course description (a brief description of the course, general instructions, where and in what form the lessons are organized, necessary equipment, instructions for attendance and preparation for classes, student obligations, etc.):

Medical English IV is a compulsory course in the third year of the study of Medicine in English. It includes 20 hours of seminars (1 ECTS).

The aim of the course is twofold: to assist the students in improving their communicative competence (with an emphasis on medical terminology) and to improve upon their academic language skills with a special emphasis on writing scientific reports.

The students are also required to prepare and give a short oral presentation on a given topic. Thus, they develop the ability to find, summarize, and present data and information.

Course content: The course includes analysis of texts dealing with relevant medical topics, which will serve as a starting point for vocabulary building relevant for the development of communicative competence, and written assignments (summaries, critical analyses, quizzes).

Course structure:

The course is organized through 20 hours of seminars. It is distributed continuously through 10 weeks in the first semester of the study. The course is based on the students' active participation in the seminars and presentations.

Assigned reading:

Handouts
Dorland's Illustrated Medical Dictionary, W.B. Saunders Company
Merriam-Webster online dictionary

Optional/additional reading:

Chabner, D.-E. 2017. The Language of Medicine. St. Louis, Missouri: Elsevier.
Books, e-books, articles, Internet pages and other sources relevant for the topic of the oral presentation and written assignments.

COURSE TEACHING PLAN:

The list of lectures (with topics and descriptions):

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The list of seminars with descriptions:

S1. Introduction

The students are introduced to the aims, contents, and requirements of the course. The students select topics for their presentations.

Introduction to writing scientific reports

S2. Text analysis – focus on verb tenses

S3. Writing practice – writing a scientific abstract

S4. Text analysis – focus on common mistakes in English

S5. Writing practice – focus on the passive voice

S6. Text analysis – summarizing

S7. Writing practice – cause and effect

S8. Writing practice – generalizations

S9. Revision.

S10. Test

(pass/fail basis)

Students' obligations:

In order to meet the basic requirements of the course, the students should attend seminars regularly.

Absence is allowed according to the Statute of the Faculty. The students are also required to prepare and present a short oral presentation in front of the group.

Assessment (exams, description of written / oral / practical exam, scoring criteria):

The course does not end with a formal examination, but with a test on a **pass/fail** basis, which is taken on the last day of the course. After having completed all the requirements, the students will receive a passing grade.

Other important information regarding to the course:

Course description and all announcements related to the course will be available on Merlin.

COURSE SCHEDULE (for academic year 2020/2021)

Date	Lectures (time and place)	Seminars (time and place)	Instructor
20.04.2021		12-14 h	Matea Butković, Ph.D.
22.04.2021		15-17 h	Matea Butković, Ph.D.
26.04.2021		14-16 h	Matea Butković, Ph.D.
03.05.2021		14-16 h	Matea Butković, Ph.D.
11.05.2021		15-17 h	Matea Butković, Ph.D.
18.05.2021		15-17 h	Matea Butković, Ph.D.
21.05.2021		14-16 h	Matea Butković, Ph.D.
25.05.2021		14-16 h	Matea Butković, Ph.D.
28.05.2021		14-16 h	Matea Butković, Ph.D.
31.05.2021		14-16 h	Matea Butković, Ph.D.

	SEMINARS (Topics)	Teaching hours	Location/Lecture room
S1	Introduction to the course	2	Faculty of Health Studies or online depending on the epidemiological situation
S2	Text analysis – focus on verb tenses	2	Faculty of Health Studies or online depending on the epidemiological situation
S3	Writing practice – writing a scientific abstract	2	Faculty of Health Studies or online depending on the epidemiological situation
S4	Text analysis – focus on common mistakes in English	2	Faculty of Health Studies or online depending on the epidemiological situation
S5	Writing practice – focus on the passive voice	2	Faculty of Health Studies or online depending on the epidemiological situation
S6	Text analysis – summarizing	2	Faculty of Health Studies or online depending on the epidemiological situation
S7	Writing practice – cause and effect	2	Faculty of Health Studies or online depending on the epidemiological situation
S8	Writing practice – generalizations	2	Faculty of Health Studies or online depending on the epidemiological situation
S9	Revision	2	Faculty of Health Studies or online depending on the epidemiological situation
S10	Test	2	Faculty of Health Studies or online depending on the epidemiological situation

	FINAL EXAM DATES
1.	18.06.2021
2.	08.07.2021
3.	06.09.2021
4.	20.09.2021