



Course: Medical English I

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

Study year: 1st 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 I is a compulsory course in the first year of the study of Medicine in English. It includes 20 hours of seminars (1 ECTS).

The aim of the course is to introduce the students to the language of medicine and medical terminology. They will acquire the rules of word formation, which will enable them to understand the meaning of medical terms and help them understand professional medical texts during their study.

Through the preparation and a short oral presentation on a given topic, the students will improve their ability to find, summarize, and present data and information. They will also develop the ability for individual and teamwork, organization, as well as communication with the instructor and the group.

Course content: The course includes the principles of word formation applied to medical terminology. It explains the combinations of the word root, suffixes, prefixes, and directional terminology in the construction and understanding of medical terms. The course also provides an overview of basic rules of article use in medical writing and classical plurals. The students individually prepare and present a short oral presentation on a topic from their professional courses studied in the first year and receive constructive feedback on their performance. Students' progress will be continuously monitored through online/in-class quizzes and a final test. The course is completed upon the successful completion of all assignments.

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, successfully completed assignments, and oral 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.
Shiland, B. J. 2018. Medical Terminology & Anatomy for Coding. St. Louis, Missouri: Elsevier.
Books, e-books, articles, Internet pages and other sources relevant for the topic of the oral presentation

COURSE TEACHING PLAN:

The list of lectures (with topics and descriptions):

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The list of seminars with descriptions:

S1. Introduction, Word formation

The students are introduced to the aims, contents, and requirements of the course. The students select topics for their presentations. The main word parts are explained and the principles of word analysis are illustrated on the construction of medical terms.

S2. Combining forms - body parts and tissues

Combining forms related to body parts and tissues.

S3. Suffixes, oral presentations

Suffixes denoting states, disorders, diagnostic procedures.

- Students give a short presentation.

S4. Suffixes, oral presentations

Suffixes denoting surgical procedures, pertaining to and resembling.

- Students give a short presentation.

S5. Prefixes, oral presentations

Prefixes denoting position, location, color, measurement, number.

- Students give a short presentation.

S6. Prefixes, oral presentations

Prefixes denoting negation, direction and miscellaneous prefixes.

- Students give a short presentation.

S7. Using articles in medical writing, oral presentations

Use of articles with body parts and tissues, as well as with medical conditions and diseases.

- Students give a short presentation.

S8. Classical Plurals, oral presentations

Formation and pronunciation of plural forms derived from classical languages.

- Students give a short presentation.

S9. Revision, oral presentations

Revision exercises.

- Students give a short presentation.

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 and complete all written assignments (online and in-class).

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 visible to the students on Merlin.

COURSE SCHEDULE (for academic year 2019/2020)

Date	Lectures (time and place)	Seminars (time and place)	Instructor
08.10. 2020		G1: 13-15 h (online) G2: 15-17 (online)	Matea Butković, Ph.D.
16.10. 2020		G1: 12-14 h (online) G2: 14-16 (online)	Matea Butković, Ph.D.
23.10. 2020		G1: 11-13 h (online) G2: 13-15 h (online)	Matea Butković, Ph.D.
26.10. 2020		G1: 16-18 h (online) G2: 14-16 h (online)	Matea Butković, Ph.D.
06.11.2020		G1: 11-13 h (online) G2: 13-15 (online)	Matea Butković, Ph.D.
09.11.2020.		G1: 13-15 h (online) G2: 15-17 h (online)	Matea Butković, Ph.D.
16.11. 2020		G1: 10-12 h (online) G2: 12-14 (online)	Matea Butković, Ph.D.
23.11.2020		G1: 10-12 h (online) G2: 12-14 (online)	Matea Butković, Ph.D.
03.12.2020		G1: 13-15 h (online) G2: 15-17 (online)	Matea Butković, Ph.D.
07.12.2020		G1: 10-12 h (online) G2: 12-14 (online)	Matea Butković, Ph.D.

	SEMINARS (Topics)	Teaching hours	Location/Lecture room
S1	Introduction, Word formation	2	online
S2	Combining forms - body parts and tissues	2	online
S3	Suffixes, oral presentations	2	online
S4	Suffixes, oral presentations	2	online
S5	Prefixes, oral presentations	2	online
S6	Prefixes, oral presentations	2	online
S7	Using articles in medical writing, oral presentations	2	online
S8	Classical plurals, oral presentations	2	online
S9	Revision, oral presentations	2	online
S10	Test	2	online

	FINAL EXAM DATES
1.	09. 02. 2021.
2.	23. 02. 2021.
3.	13. 09. 2021.
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