

Faculty of Medicine in Rijeka

**Curriculum
2021/2022**

For course

Medical English III

Study program:	Medical Studies in English (R) University integrated undergraduate and graduate study
Department:	Department of Humanities and Social Sciences in Medicine
Course coordinator:	doc.dr.sc. Butković Matea
Year of study:	3
ECTS:	1
Incentive ECTS:	0 (0.00%)
Foreign language:	Possibility of teaching in a foreign language

Course information:

Medical English III 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 to assist the students in improving their communicative competence and developing academic writing skills. Active participation in classes, completion of written assignments, and preparation of a seminar paper will contribute to improving language fluency and writing skills and developing the ability to find, summarize, write, and present data and information.

Course content: Critical reading of medical texts with accompanying reading comprehension exercises at an advanced level, which will serve as a starting point for improving vocabulary relevant to the development of communication competence and key grammatical structures and spelling specificities of American and British English; individual work; pair work. Students' progress is continuously monitored through short quizzes and a final test. Students will receive constructive individual and group feedback on their progress. The course is considered passed after completing all written assignments (no later than the final seminar in week 10), the student participated in at least 70% of classes, and the final test has been passed.

Learning outcomes:

- understand professional and scientific texts, identify key ideas and specific information
- distinguish and apply different language registers (formal/informal expression)
- recognize grammatical and lexical structures typical of medical language in speech and writing
- spot grammatically and orthographically incorrect parts of sentences and be able to offer the correct solution
- apply the rules of British and American spelling
- apply grammatical and lexical structures typical of medical language in writing

Course structure:

The course is organized through 20 hours of seminars, distributed continuously for 10 weeks. It is based on students' active participation in the seminars, written assignments, and the final test.

List of assigned reading:

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

List of optional reading:

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

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Student obligations:

Students must regularly attend seminars (minimum 70%), actively participate in classes, submit all written assignments on time, and pass the final test. If a student cannot complete a particular assignment by the agreed deadline and/or take the final test for justified reasons (e.g., in case of illness), they must inform the instructor at least 1 day in advance.

Exam (exam taking, description of the written/oral/practical part of the exam, point distribution, grading criteria):

The course ends with a test on a pass/fail basis, which is taken on the last day of the course. After completing all course requirements and participating in at least 70% of seminars, the students will receive a passing grade.

The test is considered passed when at least 50% of the total number of points is obtained.

Other notes (related to the course) important for students:

All updates, weekly class materials, and test results will be available to students on the Merlin platform.

In order to promote academic integrity, all written work will be checked in the Turnitin plagiarism system and the AI Content Detector software to check for AI-generated content.

COURSE HOURS 2021/2022

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List of lectures, seminars and practicals:

EXAM DATES (final exam):
