

Faculty of Medicine in Rijeka

Curriculum 2022/2023

For course

Medical English II

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:	2
ECTS:	1
Incentive ECTS:	0 (0.00%)
Foreign language:	Possibility of teaching in a foreign language

Course information:

Medical English is a compulsory course in the second year of Medical Studies in English. It includes 20 hours of seminars (**1 ECTS**).

The course **aims** to provide students with support in navigating through communicative and grammatical structures typical of medical language. By reading professional texts at an advanced level, students will become more familiar with the specifics of (medical) academic language. Additional written assignments and short quizzes during the semester will encourage the development of the ability to summarize, write, and communicate data and information.

Course content: Critical reading of medical texts with follow-up reading comprehension and vocabulary exercises; British and American spelling and recognition of grammatically (in)correct sentences; discussions on a given topic; writing summaries and short critical reviews on a given topic; individual work, pair work, research work. Students' progress is continuously monitored through short quizzes, shorter written assignments, and a final test. Students will receive constructive individual and group feedback on their progress. The course is considered passed after all written assignments have been completed (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
- apply newly acquired grammatical structures and medical terminology in written and oral expression

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.

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

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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 2022/2023

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List of lectures, seminars and practicals:**EXAM DATES (final exam):**
