

26705 - Scientific English for medicine

Syllabus Information

Academic year: 2023/24

Subject: 26705 - Scientific English for medicine

Faculty / School: 104 - Facultad de Medicina

229 - Facultad de Ciencias de la Salud y del Deporte

Degree: 304 - Degree in Medicine

305 - Degree in Medicine

ECTS: 4.0

Year: 1

Semester: Second semester

Subject type: Compulsory

Module:

1. General information

The purpose of this subject is to help students acquire the essential linguistic skills for the use of the English language in the scientific field, specifically in the practice of medicine. The aim is for them to acquire basic tools and strategies in English to organize, interpret and communicate medical information in real contexts and scenarios. To do so, students will have to work and express themselves in English (written and oral), and face all kinds of real situations: presentations of practical cases to other colleagues, patient examinations, preparation of clinical histories, etc. . These approaches and objectives are aligned with the following Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations Agenda 2030 (<https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/es/>), especially with Goal 3: Health and wellness.

2. Learning results

RA-1. Develop linguistic skills and abilities to understand and interpret in English all types of texts related to Medicine.

RA-2. Expand vocabulary specific to the discipline, both technical and semi-technical.

RA-3. Promote the expression (in writing and orally) of ideas, opinions, agreements and disagreements, both in formal situations, in professional and academic contexts, and in informal and colloquial contexts.

RA-4. Learn to write the different types of texts used to communicate in the field of Medicine.

RA-5. Improve the student's oral expression to communicate effectively in an academic and professional environment.

3. Syllabus

Theory:

Unit 1. Hospital Staff

Unit 2. Equipment.

Unit 3. Anatomy

Unit 4. Health problems and diseases.

Unit 5. Medical Terminology

Unit 6. Body systems

Practical classes:

Unit 1. Presenting complaints

Unit 2. Working in general practise

Unit 3. Instructions and procedures

Unit 4. Explaining and reassuring

Unit 5. Dealing with medication

Unit 6. Lifestyle

4. Academic activities

1. Theoretical-practical classes with presentations and individual and group activities of practical exercises, study of cases and dramatizations that encourage participation, analysis and reflection around central themes of the subject: presentation of complaints; work in general practice; instructions and procedures; explaining and reassuring; medication management ; or lifestyle.

2. Teamwork

3. Individual oral presentations of the work done in teams.
4. Study, personal work, evaluations and tutorials.

5. Assessment system

1-WRITTEN EXAMINATION: 60% of the final grade It is essential to pass it in order to calculate the average with the rest of the grades . It will consist of different sections: vocabulary translation, paragraph writing, gap filling, terminology definition, etc.

2-LISTENING COMPREHENSION TEST: 20% of the final grade Students will answer questions on a topic related to medicine.

3 - CLASSROOM PRACTICE: 20% of the final grade: 10% of the oral presentation and another 10% of the attendance and participation in the practical classes. Students will be required to give an oral presentation on a topic of their choice. In one of the classes students will receive guidance from the teacher and answer questions related to the oral presentation.

4-GLOBAL REVIEW: **All students who have missed more than two classes must sit for the global exam.** The exam includes the material of the theoretical and practical classes, as well as additional material, which is not included in the continuous exam. The student will take an oral test in English on topics included in the subject.

NOTE: The written exam and the oral test will be held on the same day. The exam represents 80% of the final grade and the oral test, the other 20%.