



Latin-Greek Medical Terminology Łacińsko-grecka terminologia medyczna

1. IMPRINT

Academic Year	2025/2026
Department	Faculty of Medicine
Field of study	Medicine
Main scientific discipline	Medical sciences
Study Profile	General academic
Level of studies	Uniform MSc
Form of studies	Full-time studies
Type of module / course	Non-compulsory (optional)
Form of verification of learning outcomes	Completion
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2. BASIC INFORMATION

Year and semester of studies	1 st and 2 nd year, 1 st semester	Number of ECTS credits	2.00
FORMS OF CLASSES		Number of hours	ECTS credits calculation
Contacting hours with academic teacher			
Lecture (L)			
Seminar (S)		30	1,2
Discussions (D)			
e-learning (e-L)			
Practical classes (PC)			
Work placement (WP)			
Unassisted student's work			
Preparation for classes and completions		20	0,8

3. COURSE OBJECTIVES

O1	The student should be able to recognise and use Latin-Greek basic medical terms, including anatomical terminology.
O2	The student should be able to use terms and abbreviations of Latin origin in medical record and medical prescription.
O3	The student should be able to discern the relationship between Latin and other modern languages.

4. STANDARDS OF LEARNING – DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF EFFECTS OF LEARNING

Code and number of effect of learning in accordance with standards of learning	Effects in time of:
Knowledge – Graduate* knows and understands:	
D.W7.	the specificity and role of verbal (conscious message construction) and non-verbal communication
Skills– Graduate* is able to:	
D.U5.	critically analyse medical literature, including literature in English, and draw conclusions

* In appendix to the Regulation of Minister of Education from 29 September 2023 „graduate”, not student is mentioned.

5. ADDITIONAL EFFECTS OF LEARNING

Number of effect of learning	Effects of learning in time
Knowledge – Graduate knows and understands:	
K1	Latin and Greek medical terms
K2	Latin phrases and abbreviations used in medical and pharmaceutical terminology
Skills– Graduate is able to:	
S1	use Latin and Greek medical terms
S2	use Latin phrases and abbreviations used in medical and pharmaceutical terminology
Social Competencies – Graduate is ready for:	
SC1	continually broadening their knowledge

6. CLASSES

Form of class	Class contents	Effects of Learning
S1	A brief history of Latin and an introduction to the language.	D.W7., D.U5. K1, K2, S1, S2, SC1
S2	Latin nouns and their basic forms. Grammatical gender. Human skeleton structure.	D.W7., D.U5. K1, K2, S1, S2, SC1
S3	Latin adjectives. Anatomical plans and directions.	D.W7., D.U5. K1, K2, S1, S2, SC1
S4	Forms and functions of the possessive/genitive case. Names of muscles.	D.W7., D.U5. K1, K2, S1, S2, SC1
S5	Plural forms of Latin nouns in the nominative. Human body.	D.W7., D.U5. K1, K2, S1, S2, SC1
S6	Greek alphabet. An introduction to the language.	D.W7., D.U5. K1, K2, S1, S2, SC1
S7	Greek and Latin synonyms present in European languages and medicine.	D.W7., D.U5. K1, K2, S1, S2, SC1
S8	Basic word structure. Word analysis. Medical suffixes, e.g. <i>-ectomy</i> , <i>-lysis</i> , <i>-malacia</i> etc.	D.W7., D.U5. K1, K2, S1, S2, SC1
S9	The most popular suffixes - their origin and meanings. The names of inflammatory conditions and tumours (the suffixes <i>-itis</i> , <i>-oma</i>)	D.W7., D.U5. K1, K2, S1, S2, SC1
S10	Prepositions and medical prepositional phrases, e.g. <i>ex vivo</i> , <i>in vitro</i> , <i>post mortem</i> etc.	D.W7., D.U5. K1, K2, S1, S2, SC1
S11	Greek and Latin prefixes, e.g. <i>pr(a)e-</i> , <i>sub-</i> , <i>retro-</i> etc.	D.W7., D.U5. K1, K2, S1, S2, SC1

S12	Latin and English names of diseases and medical reports.	D.W7., D.U5. K1, K2, S1, S2, SC1
S13	Elements of pharmacology. Prescription. Common abbreviations, e.g. <i>i.m.</i> , <i>p.r.</i> , <i>b.i.d.</i> etc.	D.W7., D.U5. K1, K2, S1, S2, SC1
S14	Latin abbreviations and phrases used in articles and scientific works.	D.W7., D.U5. K1, K2, S1, S2, SC1
S15	Summary and miscellaneous exercises.	D.W7., D.U5. K1, K2, S1, S2, SC1

7. LITERATURE

Obligatory

B. Olędzka, *Latin and Greek in Medicine. A textbook with exercises*, Medyk Sp. z o.o., Warszawa 2023.

Supplementary

8. VERIFYING THE EFFECT OF LEARNING

Code of the course effect of learning	Ways of verifying the effect of learning	Completion criterion
D.W7., D.U5., K1, K2, S1, S2, SC1	Active participation in classes. Short tests/quizzes checking current knowledge.	Positive assessment of active participation in classes and tests.

9. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Classes are held in the winter semester, Wednesday 14.45-16.15 room 140 in DC
Minimum number of students in a group – 20, maximum – 25.

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ATTENTION

The final 10 minutes of the last class of the block/semester/year should be allotted for students to fill out the Survey of Evaluation of Classes and Academic Teachers