



Latin-Greek Medical Terminology

Łacińsko-grecka terminologia medyczna

1. IMPRINT

Academic Year	2026/2027
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 , 2 nd , 3 rd 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	1.20
Discussions (D)			
e-learning (e-L)			
Practical classes (PC)			
Work placement (WP)			
Unassisted student's work			
Preparation for classes and completions		20	0,80

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 the effect of learning in accordance with standards of learning	Effects in the field of: <i>(in accordance with appendix to the Regulation of Minister of Science and Higher education from 29th of September 2023)</i>
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Knowledge – Graduate* knows and understands:

D.W7	the specificity and role of verbal (conscious message construction) and non-verbal communication
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Skills– Graduate* is able to:

D.U5.	critically analyse medical literature, including literature in in English, and draw conclusions
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** 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 in the fields of:
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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
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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, -lysis, -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, -oma</i>)	D.W7., D.U5. K1, K2, S1, S2, SC1
S10	Prepositions and medical prepositional phrases, e.g. <i>ex vivo, in vitro, post mortem</i> etc.	D.W7., D.U5. K1, K2, S1, S2, SC1
S11	Greek and Latin prefixes, e.g. <i>pr(a)e-, sub-, 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., p.r., 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 3.00-4.30 pm room 1.86 UCS

Minimum number of students in a group – 20, maximum – 25.

The person responsible for teaching is the Head of the Centre for Foreign Languages - Maciej Ganczar, PhD, Professor at MUW, maciej.ganczar@wum.edu.pl

Rules and Regulations of the Centre for Foreign Languages of the Medical University of Warsaw

1. The Centre for Foreign Languages offers courses in modern languages and in Latin in accordance with the study programme for each field of study.
2. The language course concludes with a credit, a graded credit or an exam, depending on the language taught and the field of study.
3. The courses focus on a specialized language tailored to the needs of future graduates.

4. Credits are awarded for class participation, passing grades on partial tests, a final written test, and an oral presentation (for modern languages).

5. In case of absences:

- two absences per semester (equivalent to four 45-minute class sessions): both must be made up for within one week of the date of the absence;

- three absences in a semester (equivalent to six 45-minute class sessions): the student is required to submit a request to the Head of the Centre for Foreign Languages asking for permission to make up the third absence on an individual basis; the request must be submitted within seven working days from the date of the third absence;

- four or more absences in a semester (equivalent to eight 45-minute class sessions): the student is obliged to repeat the semester (in the case of hospitalisation or a long-term illness confirmed by a medical certificate, the student may apply for permission to make up for the absences in the resit examination session);

- to justify an absence from classes, tests, or exams, the student is required to notify the course instructor by email or in writing no later than three working days after the date on which the class, test, or exam took place;

- the student must submit the medical certificate justifying the absence to the course coordinator within 7 working days of the date the certificate was issued.

6. The student is obliged to take a written final test on the scheduled date. If the student fails to attend or does not pass the test, they are entitled to one resit date set by the instructor. The resit test must be passed no later than before the start of the examination session. If the student fails the resit, they are entitled to a second resit date in accordance with the Study Regulations of the Medical University of Warsaw.

7. A student applying for exemption from the language course (grade transfer) should submit an appropriate request to the Head of the Centre for Foreign Languages in the first week of classes. For first-year students, grades will not be transferred if the course was not completed in the same field of study, in the same mode, at the Medical University of Warsaw.

8. The form of examination is announced to students in the syllabus and the teaching guide for the given field and year of study.

9. Holding a foreign language certificate or a credit for a language course from another field of study at MUW or another university does not exempt the student from attending the classes required by the curriculum of their current field of study.

10. If classes are moved online, they will take place according to the previously established schedule in the form of video meetings, during which both the instructor and the students must have their webcams turned on. Failure to turn on the camera during class will be treated as the student's absence.

11. Matters not covered by these regulations will be resolved individually by the Head of the Centre for Foreign Languages.

Final test and examination grades are as follows:

2.0 (fail)	below 60%
3.0 (satisfactory)	60%-69.99%
3.5 (better than satisfactory)	70%-79.99%
4.0 (good)	80%-85.99%
4.5 (better than good)	86%-90.99%
5.0 (very good)	91%-100%

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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