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Latin language I, II

for the Foundation Year

Description and purpose of the class

The course is a language based practice on which one can learn the basics for Latin language, since most of the scientific terms of health sciences especially medical sciences derived from Greek and Latin terms. On the other hand, in the healthcare systems the language or the outcoming terms are necessary to percieve, since it has a great variety of use and application. Throughout the course one of the major objectives is to use medical English in case of translating terms. The purpose of teaching the subject is to acquire the necessary Latin language background to study health science, to introduce scientific vocabulary, to acquire the language knowledge and general linguistic terms, to study medical terminology (medical reports, prescriptions, terms for anatomy, pathology etc.). To use the terms of medical English when translating Latin and vica versa.

Exermption

This course can be regarded as a university-level course, equivalent to the Medical Latin course of the first year (General Medicine) in both semesters. According to our study regulations we acknowledge that students who achieve 4 (good) or 5 (excellent) as a final semester grade in both semesters to be fulfilled the level of the first and second semester of the university's course.

Learnig ideas:

As a second language acquistion, during the learning of the material we might deal with several transformation problems. Due to that, the class need to provide some basic knowledge in case of learning if it is needed, since the not native learners of English may not acquire the knowledge, since they could not understand the information on the intermediary language. As a general language course the complexity of the necesseary language knowledge is increasing class by class. So, this "blocks" or "elements" cannot be understand without each other. So, based on that, one should follow the learning process continously. On every exam, every already learnt material can be asked since the new tasks are based on the previous ones.

Major linguistic elemnts of the course:

a, Latin alphabet and proanunciation; b, General grammatical terms and parts of speech; c, Dictionary forms and roots; d, Usage of declensions in case of nouns; e, Usage of declensions in case of adjectives f, Rule of agreement and adjective phrase and the neutral rule; g, Possessive, prepositional and adjective phrases combined h, Comparison of adjectives i, Usage of Latin numerals (captials, ordinals, multiplicatives) in phrases j, Usage of rpepostions and suffixes as well in word building

Major vocabulary elements of the coourse

a, Greek and Latin suffixes and prefixes and words with the parallel meaning, b, General terms of human body and organswith reappering collective anatommical names (e.g. muscle, nerve etc.) c, Basic terms of the sceletal system and of osteology d, General terms of articulations and cartilages e, General terms of the muscular system f, General terms of the nervous systhem, g, General terms of sensory nervous systhem, h, General terms of the gastro-enteral systhem i, General terms of cardio-vascular systhem j, General terms of the pulmonary systhem k, General terms of urogenital system l, General terms of the endocrin system, m, Basic patholigical terms and phrases for medical reports n, Basic structures and abbreviations for prescriptions o, Pharmaceutical terms and processes for prescriptions p, Basic words for dentistry especially for the oral cavity.