

HEALTH & MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY

HSC 3537
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ONLINE

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COURSE WEBSITE: <http://elearning.ufl.edu>

COURSE COMMUNICATIONS:

- Email: Taryn.Buckley@medicine.ufl.edu
 - I will respond to emails within 24 hours during the week day, and within 48 hours over the weekend. Please take this into account when emailing.
- Additionally, you should make a point to regularly check for course-related notices via the Announcement tool on the Canvas course website. Students who fail to keep up with posted Announcements risk missing important information related to the course, including possible changes in assignment due dates.

E-TEXT (HIGHLY RECOMMENDED):

Our textbook is Fremgen, B.F. & Frucht, S.S. (2023). Medical Terminology: A Living Language. 8th edition. ISBN 10: 0138029997

- We are working on getting this edition on UF-All Access. If possible, please buy this book here. It is least expensive this way.
- On the Pearson.com website, the e-textbook is \$44; it is—for some reason—much more expensive on Amazon, so shop wisely!
- There is no access code needed
- The 7th edition is pretty much the same if you prefer to get a hardcopy

COURSE DESCRIPTION: Medical terminology is the study of the principles of medical word building to help the student develop the extensive medical vocabulary used in health care occupations. Students receive a thorough grounding in basic medical terminology through a study of root words, prefixes and suffixes.

COURSE GOALS AND/OR OBJECTIVES: Upon completion of HSC3537, you will be able to:

- List suffixes, prefixes, and word roots common to medical terminology

- Define suffixes, prefixes, and word roots common to medical terminology
- Construct medical terms correctly using the appropriate suffixes, prefixes, and word roots
- List suffixes, prefixes, and word roots common to specific organ systems of the human body
- Construct system specific medical terms using the correct suffixes, prefixes, and word roots

INCLUSIVE LEARNING STATEMENT: Your success in this class—and at UF and beyond—is important to me. I strive to provide an environment that is equitable and conducive to achievement and learning for all students. I ask that we all be respectful of diverse opinions and of all class members.

If there are circumstances that may affect your performance in this class, please let me know as soon as possible so that we can work together to develop strategies to meet both your needs and the needs of the course. I recognize that there are many reasons students may need to adjust their pace, style, or method of learning, including but not limited to disability, temporary or ongoing personal life circumstances, unexpected emergencies, or other learning differences. You need not have a specific reason or diagnosis to talk to me about your needs; everyone deserves to learn in the way that makes the most sense for them at any point in time. Every possible effort will be made to accommodate you to help you succeed.

INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS: The instructional methods used in this course include: video lectures, flashcards, self-testing quizzes, a midterm, and a final.

1. *Introductory activities* (10 points total)- The syllabus quiz and discussion will help you get orientated to the course.
2. *Flashcards* (60 points total)- Each module has flashcards of the key medical terminology (prefixes, suffixes, root terms, etc.) to help you learn.
3. *Worksheets* (60 points total)- Each module has a worksheet that will get you to practice building medical terminology.
4. *Fun learning activities!* (30 points total) – There will be short, fun activities in some modules that will get you interacting with the medical terminology you are learning.
5. *A mid-term examination* (100 points). The exam will be on Canvas, and will be proctored through Honorlock. It will cover the first six modules.
6. *A final, cumulative (all chapters) examination* (125 points). The exam will be on Canvas, and will be proctored through Honorlock. It will cover all module content.

HONORLOCK:

Honorlock will proctor your exams this semester. Honorlock is an online proctoring service that allows you to take your exam from the comfort of your home. You DO NOT need to create an account, download software or schedule an appointment in advance. Honorlock is available 24/7 and all that is needed is a computer, a working webcam, and a stable Internet connection. Please see the Honorlock page in Canvas for more information.

UF POLICIES:

UNIVERSITY POLICY ON ACCOMMODATING STUDENTS WITH

DISABILITIES: Students with disabilities requesting accommodations should first register with the Disability Resource Center (352-392-8565, <https://disability.ufl.edu/>) by providing appropriate documentation. Once registered, students will receive an accommodation letter which must be presented to the instructor when requesting accommodation. Students with disabilities should follow this procedure as early as possible in the semester.

UNIVERSITY POLICY ON ACADEMIC CONDUCT: UF students are bound by The Honor Pledge which states, “We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity by abiding by the Honor Code. On all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: "On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment." The Honor Code (<http://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conduct-honor-code/>) specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code and the possible sanctions. Furthermore, you are obligated to report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel. If you have any questions or concerns, please consult with the instructor or TAs in this class.

CLASS DEMEANOR OR NETIQUETTE: All members of the class are expected to follow rules of common courtesy in all email messages, threaded discussions and chats. For general ‘netiquette’ rules see: <https://bit.ly/3xo9LvB>

ONLINE COURSE EVALUATION: Students are expected to provide professional and respectful feedback on this course by completing course evaluations online via GatorEvals. Guidance on how to give feedback in a professional and respectful manner is available at <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/students/> Students will be notified when the evaluation period opens, and can complete evaluations through the email they receive from GatorEvals, in their Canvas course menu under GatorEvals, or via <https://ufl.bluera.com/ufl/>. Summaries of course evaluation results are available to students at <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/public-results/>.

GETTING HELP:

For issues with technical difficulties for Canvas, please contact the UF Help Desk at:

- <http://helpdesk.ufl.edu>
- (352) 392-HELP (4357)
- Walk-in: HUB 132

Any requests for make-ups due to technical issues **MUST** be accompanied by the ticket number received from the Help Desk when the problem was reported to them. The ticket number will document the time and date of the problem. You **MUST** e-mail your instructor within 24 hours of the technical difficulty if you wish to request a make-up.

Other resources are available at <http://www.distance.ufl.edu/getting-help> for:

- Counseling and Wellness resources

- Disability resources
- Resources for handling student concerns and complaints
- Library Help Desk support

Should you have any complaints with your experience in this course please visit <http://www.distance.ufl.edu/student-complaints> to submit a complaint.

GRADING POLICIES:

LATE WORK POLICY: Your success in this class depends on keeping up with coursework. While this is your responsibility as a student, I also understand that “life happens” and things come up that affect our ability to complete all of our responsibilities according to a predetermined schedule, especially with recent world events.

Communicate directly with me via email if you are experiencing a life event that requires extended time to complete your coursework. Extended time will be granted on a case-by-case basis. Attaching backup documentation to your email (doctors’ notes, etc.) is preferred.

ASSIGNMENT POLICY: Assignments are due according to the due dates and times listed in the course schedule. All assignments are due by 11:59 ET on the due date. Rubrics for assignments can be found in Canvas. Do not email assignments to the instructor or to the TAs. Only uploaded work in Canvas will be accepted. All work should be uploaded as PDFs or .doc(x). Please be aware that Canvas closes assignments at the time they are due. **DO NOT WAIT** until the last minute to upload your assignment or the assignment may be closed. It is your responsibility that you upload the correct document by the due date/time. Check to make sure you have uploaded the correct document. Failure to upload the correct document before Canvas closes the assignment will result in a 0 for that assignment. Submit early to avoid being stressed about this!

INFORMATION ON CURRENT UF GRADING POLICIES FOR ASSIGNING GRADE POINTS:

- Please visit the following for more information:
<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx>
- Final grades will be posted on Canvas 24 hours after the final exam window has closed. Grades may be disputed up to 48 hours after the final grades have been posted. **For this semester, that means final grades will be posted on Canvas on December 14, 2025. You have until December 16, 2025 at 11:59pm to dispute your grade. After this time, all final grades will be submitted to the registrar’s office and will not be changed.**

METHODS BY WHICH STUDENTS WILL BE EVALUATED AND THEIR GRADE DETERMINED:

Assignment	Points
Syllabus Quiz	5 points
Introductory Discussion Post	5 points
Terminology Worksheets (5 points x 12)	60 points
Flashcards (5 points x 12)	60 points
Fun Learning Activities! (15 points x 2)	30 points
Weekly Quizzes (20 points x 12)	240 points
Midterm Exam	100 points
Final Exam	125 points
	Total points = 625

GRADING SCALE :

A	(93% or better)	Note: There is <u>NO</u> rounding on Canvas.
A-	(90% or better)	Plan accordingly!
B+	(88% or better)	
B	(82% or better)	
B-	(80% or better)	
C+	(78% or better)	
C	(72% or better)	
C-	(70% or better)	
D+	(68% or better)	
D	(60% or better)	
F	(below 60%)	

GRADE ADJUSTMENTS: It is unethical and in direct violation of the UF Student Honor Code to request an *unjustifiable* (e.g., “rounding up”) grade adjustment (UF Student Honor Code: “Conspiracy to Commit Academic Dishonesty”).

Disclaimer. This syllabus represents my current plans and objectives. As we go through the semester, those plans may need to change to enhance the class learning opportunity. Such changes, communicated clearly, are not unusual and should be expected.

Special note: If your schedule allows it, I highly encourage you to REST and take the time off on official school holidays. This semester’s official school holidays include:

September 1- Labor Day

October 17- UF Homecoming

November 11- Veterans Day- thank a Veteran!

November 24-28- Thanksgiving Break- spend time with family/friends!

COURSE SCHEDULE:**A WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF TOPICS AND ASSIGNMENTS:**

Module	Module Topic	Assignments	Due Date
	Orientation Module	Intro discussion, syllabus quiz	9/2/25
1	Intro to Medical Terminology	Worksheet, flashcards, quiz	9/2/25
2	Body Organization	Worksheet, flashcards, quiz	9/7/25
3	Integumentary system	Worksheet, flashcards, quiz	9/14/25
4	Musculoskeletal system	Worksheet, flashcards, quiz	9/21/25
5	Cardiovascular system	Worksheet, flashcards, activity , quiz	9/28/25
6	Blood/lymphatic/immune systems	Worksheet, flashcards, quiz	10/5/25
	Midterm Exam	Midterm exam will CLOSE 10/19/25	
7	Respiratory system	Worksheet, flashcards, quiz	10/19/25
8	Digestive system	Worksheet, flashcards, quiz	10/26/25
9	Urinary system	Worksheet, flashcards, quiz	11/2/25
10	Reproductive systems	Worksheet, activity , flashcards, quiz	11/9/25
11	Endocrine system	Worksheet, flashcards, quiz	11/16/25
12	Nervous system	Worksheet, flashcards, quiz	12/7/25
	Final Exam	Final exam will CLOSE on 12/12/25	