



HSC 3537: Health & Medical Terminology | Fall 2025
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I. EMAIL & COURSE CORRESPONDENCE:

Course website: <http://elearning.ufl.edu>

Course Communications:

- The best method to reach Dr. Sayedul Huq is by using your GatorMail (mail.ufl.edu)
- In the email, use the directions in the “Emails as Professional Correspondence” document found on e-Learning. This includes writing “HSC3537” in the subject line of your email.
- You may message Dr. Sayedul Huq on Canvas, but the response time may take longer.
- While I try my best to respond to all emails, please know I aim to lead by example in maintaining a work/life balance. So, if you email late Friday afternoon/evening, please do not expect a response during the weekend.
- I will do my best to respond to emails within 48 business hours.

Professionalism is expected in all communication! Review the associated document “Emails as Professional Correspondence.”

II. REQUIRED E-TEXTBOOK:

Fremgen, B.F. & Frucht, S.S. (2019). Medical Terminology: A Living Language. 8th edition.

- You can buy this book through UF All Access. Amazon and other stores may be more expensive.
- You do not need a code.
- I uploaded a guide on eLearning on how to access this text on UF All Access

III. ABOUT THE COURSE

Overview: This 3-credit-hour course is run completely online. Medical terminology is the study of the principles of medical word building to help the student develop the extensive medical vocabulary used in healthcare occupations. Students receive a thorough grounding in basic medical terminology through a study of root words, prefixes, and suffixes.

Course Objectives: By the completion of this course, the student will:

- Spell and define prefixes, suffixes, and word roots common in health-related fields.
- Construct medical compound terms correctly using the appropriate suffixes, prefixes, and roots.
- List prefixes, suffixes, and roots of words common to specific organ systems of the human body

Inclusive Learning Statement: Your success in this class—and at UF and beyond—is important. Therefore, I strive to provide an equitable and conducive learning environment for all students, and I ask that we all be respectful of the diverse opinions in this course.

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, and method of learning, including but not limited to disability, temporary, ongoing personal life circumstances, unexpected emergencies, or other learning differences. You do not need to 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 (25 points total) – The syllabus/orientation quiz and discussion will help you get orientated to the course.
2. Flashcards (65 points total) – Each module has flashcards of the key medical terminology (prefixes, suffixes, root terms, etc.) to help you learn.
3. Worksheets (260 points total) – Each module has a worksheet that will get you to practice building medical terminology.
4. Interactive Discussion Activities (30 points total) – These will be fun activities in some modules that will get you interacting with the medical terminology you are learning.
5. Weekly Quizzes (260 points total) – These will test you on the modules for that week.
6. Midterm examination (100 points) – The exam will be on Canvas and will be proctored through Honorlock. It will cover Modules 1 – 6.
7. Final Exam (125 points) – This final is cumulative meaning you will be tested on all the modules. The exam will be on Canvas and will be proctored through Honorlock. It will cover Modules 1 – 13.

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. Detailed guidelines for this proctoring system are available on the course Canvas page. The following is just an overview:

- Honorlock requires students to use the Google Chrome browser when accessing their exams.
- Students are required to have a microphone and webcam in place during the test-taking period.
- Students will not be allowed to take an exam without a webcam.
- Exams are administered according to the Honorlock guidelines.

Exam Guidelines: The following is just a short overview of all the exam guidelines. Please review the General Exam Guidelines page on Canvas for more information including FAQs.

- Students must take the exam in a private space with a closed door.
- You may schedule a testing room at UF Libraries. More information found on Canvas.
- Students must always be seated in an upright position at a table or desk with their faces fully visible.
- Any additional monitors or screens must be covered with a blanket, laid down, or taped with paper.
- You cannot wear any hats (beanies, baseball caps, etc.).
- Wearable technology, headphones, and calculators are not permitted.
- Your testing environment must be free of sounds, people, and distractions.
- Nobody is allowed in the room with you (including pets).

- You are not permitted to use any additional sources for exams, including but not limited to course notes, course lectures/slides, your textbook, your peers, or any web sources. This is a CLOSED resource/note exam including scratch paper and pen/pencil. A complete list is found on Canvas.
- Honorlock will be proctoring your exam and will notify me if a student fails to follow these instructions. Students who are flagged by Honorlock will be referred to the University of Florida's Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution Office.
- Be aware that your test session is recorded and will be flagged for review if there is suspicious activity. Students in the past have talked to themselves, hummed songs, moved their cameras, and made other noises and their session was flagged. This requires the instructor to go back and watch your entire test session.
- Do not plan to take an exam with HonorLock that will take you past the time of the close of the exam. For example, the exam must be completed by 11:59 pm EST, as the exam will automatically end. Exceptions will not be given due to poor planning.

IV. UNIVERSITY POLICIES

University Policy on Accommodating Students with Disabilities: Accommodations are changes in the learning environment that remove barriers and provide equitable opportunities for accessible learning and participation. Given that barriers may vary depending on the environment, students should meet with a Disability Resource Center (DRC) Learning Specialist well in advance to discuss reasonable accommodations. Contact the DRC: 0001 Reid Hall, (352) 392-8565, <http://disability.ufl.edu>

Students with disabilities requesting accommodations should first register with the Disability Resource Center 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. Students are responsible for communicating accommodation modifications to their instructor.

Accommodations listed in a DRC letter are not retroactive. Students are encouraged to present accommodation letters as soon as they receive one so the accommodations can be put in place as early as possible. Students must allow ample time for the instructor to review and discuss accommodations with the student before implementation

University Policy on Academic Conduct: As a student at the University of Florida, you have committed yourself to uphold the Honor Code, which includes the following pledge: "We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity." You are expected to exhibit behavior consistent with this commitment to the UF academic community, and on all work submitted for credit 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."

It is assumed that you will complete all work independently unless the instructor provides explicit permission for you to collaborate on course tasks. It is also assumed that the work you submit is your original work and you did not use resources provided by students who previously took the course (e.g. papers, discussion posts, assignments, worksheets, and answer keys). Furthermore, as part of your obligation to uphold the Honor Code, you should report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to the appropriate personnel. It is your responsibility to know and comply with all university policies and procedures regarding academic integrity and the Student Honor Code. Violations of the Honor Code at the University of Florida will not be tolerated.

Violations will be reported to the Dean of Students Office for consideration of disciplinary action. For more information regarding the student honor code or student complaints, please see: <https://sccr.dso.ufl.edu/process/student-conduct-code/> 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. Please see the professional correspondence document on Canvas.

Online Course Evaluation: Student assessment of instruction is an important part of efforts to improve teaching and learning. At the end of the semester, students will be allowed to provide feedback on the quality of instruction in this course using a standard set of HHP and university criteria.

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/>.

V. GRADING POLICIES

Assignment Policy: Grades are a direct result of the effort put into this course. Each assignment has been assigned a possible point value. Points are earned when assignments are completed and accumulate to create a final score. Rubrics for assignments can be found in Canvas.

Assignments are due according to the due dates and times listed in the course schedule. All assignments are due by 11:59 pm EST on the due date. Students are responsible for referring to the syllabus and looking at the Canvas assignment due dates to submit assignments on time.

Only uploaded work in Canvas will be accepted. Do not email assignments. Assignments uploaded in the comment section will not be graded. If an assignment requires you to upload, all work should be uploaded as PDFs or .doc(x). All assignments must be legible – clear handwriting and appropriate font size; if we cannot read your assignment, you will receive a 0.

We are unable to see when you attempted to submit something using the app. Please know, that we can view your activity in Canvas when using an internet browser. However, to protect yourself in the event of any technical glitch, do not use the mobile app for submitting any coursework as it is unreliable.

Please be aware that Canvas closes assignments at the time they are due. DO NOT WAIT until the last minute to upload your assignment. It is your responsibility that you upload the correct document by the due date/time.

Last, you should take and save screenshots of all Canvas submission confirmations. Failure to document your submission will result in a zero (0) grade should there be a system error. Do not contact your instructor without proper documentation to support your claims, which includes screenshots of submissions and a ticket number from the Help Desk.

Assignment	Point Value	Grading Scale	
Introduction Activities (syllabus/orientation quiz and discussion)	25	A	93% and up
Flashcards (13 modules times 5 points each)	65	A-	90%-92.99%
Worksheets (13 modules times 20 points each)	260	B+	88-89.99%
Interactive Discussion Activities (2 activities times 15 points each)	30	B	83-87.99%
Weekly Quizzes (13 modules times 20 points each)	260	B-	80-82.99%
Mid-Term Examination (Modules 1 – 6)	100	C+	78%-79.99%
Final Examination (Cumulative on Modules 1 – 13)	125	C	73%-77.99%
		C-	70%-72.99%
		D+	68%-69.99%
		D	63%-67.99%
		D-	60%-62.99%
Total	865	E	0%-59.99%

Late Assignment Policy:

This course is self-paced meaning while it has deadlines you may work ahead, but do not procrastinate. Procrastinating leads to late assignments and poor performance on quizzes/exams. Assignments are submitted through Canvas and are due by 11:59 pm EST on the date indicated on the course calendar.

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.

As a result, I will allow you to submit TWO assignments up to TWO days past the deadline to remain eligible for grading.

- However, you must email Dr. Sayedul Huq at MONAHUQ@peds.ufl.edu
- **If the assignment is two days past due, an extension will not be granted.**
- Assignments will not be accepted without written instructor approval .
- Late points will not be deducted as long as you give me a heads-up within the proper amount oftime. All other late work will receive a zero.

This DOES NOT apply to quizzes/exams, optional/extra credit work, or any work due on the last day of the semester.

Please note that if you wait until close to 11:59 pm EST before attempting to submit your assignment forthe first time and experience technical difficulties, you will not be granted additional time as a result.

- My advice is to attempt to submit before the scheduled due date to resolve technical issues that may arise if any.
- Do not wait until 11:59 pm EST to try and submit for the first time as work will not be accepted late if something goes wrong.
- Your quizzes, midterm exam, final exam, and optional work must be received by their due date. No exceptions.

You are expected to complete all assignments within the course by the specified dates.

Requirements for class assignments and other work are consistentwith university policies that can be found at: <https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/attendance-policies/>

Canvas Assignment Submissions

- I am unable to see when you attempted to submit something using the app (I can view your activity in Canvas).
- To protect yourself in the event of any technical glitch, do not use the mobile app for submitting assignments.
- Additionally, I recommend taking and saving screenshots of all Canvas submission confirmations. **Failure to document your submission will result in a zero (0) grade should there be a system error.**
- If you encounter an issue, contact the HelpDesk and obtain a ticket number.
- **Do not contact your instructor without proper documentation to support your claims, which includes screenshots of submissions and a ticket number from the Help Desk. Failure to do so will result in a zero (0) grade and there will be no opportunity for resubmission.**

Medical Excuses: To receive an extension, please:

- Obtain a note from your primary care physician or care center.
- Contact the Care Team at U Matter, We Care
- An extension may be granted after the instructor receives an email directly from U Matter, We Care asking for accommodations.
- For more information, please see the university policy regarding university and medically excused absences.

Unforeseen Emergencies (including death of a loved one)

- In the event of an unforeseen emergency (death in the immediate family, sudden illness, etc.), please contact your instructor as soon as possible and contact U Matter, We Care.
- Documented emergencies letters must be sent to the instructor directly from U Matter, We Care.
- Be proactive and forthcoming.
- Failure to communicate with your instructor may result in a zero (0) grade for assignments, quizzes, and exams.

Grade Adjustments: It is unethical and in direct violation of the Honor Code to request an unjustifiable grade adjustment. No extra credit opportunities are offered in this course. Please note that students have 1 week to review assignment grades/comments and contact the instructor with questions concerning the grade. Students who fail to review their assignment scores within one week of the release of grades may not request retroactive adjustments on scores.

Contacting Your Instructor: Keep in mind that email exchanges between students, faculty, and staff are a form of professional correspondence and permanent documentation between two (or more) people, and they are NOT confidential. Be sure your emails are polite, professional, and well-prepared before hitting send.

Although most faculty try to answer emails promptly, you should allow 2 business days (48 hours) before expecting a response. While I may respond to your emails after business hours or on the weekends, please still be patient with me.

Email and Web Access Requirement: All students are required to have a UF email account and must be able to access Canvas. You are responsible for regularly checking both your UF email and the Canvas site for the course calendar, announcements, and other course resources/materials. If you are experiencing issues with Canvas call 352-392-HELP or connect via email (helpdesk@ufl.edu). Phone and email support are available 24/7. Do not contact your instructor without a ticket number from the help desk.

VI. COURSE SCHEDULE

Module	Module Topic	Assignments	Due Date
	Orientation Module	Discussion & Orientation quizzes	Wednesday , 8/27/25 @ 11:59PM
1	Intro to Medical Terminology <i>Note: Orientation Module & Module 1 are due on the same date</i>	Worksheet, flashcards, quiz	Wednesday , 8/27/25 @ 11:59PM
2	Body Organization	Worksheet, flashcards, quiz	Friday, 8/29/25 @11:59PM
3	Integumentary system	Worksheet, flashcards, quiz	Friday, 9/5/25 @11:59PM
4	Musculoskeletal system	Worksheet, flashcards, quiz	Friday, 9/12/25 @11:59PM
5	Cardiovascular system	Worksheet, flashcards, quiz, & discussion activity Discussion Activity: Your post is due 9/17 Your replies are due 9/19	Friday, 9/19/25 @11:59PM
6	Blood/ lymphatic/ immunesystems	Worksheet, flashcards, quiz	Friday, 9/26/25 @11:59PM
Midterm Exam		Opens 9/27/25 and Closed on 10/3/25 @11:59 PM	
7	Respiratory system	Worksheet, flashcards, quiz	Friday, 10/10/25 @11:59PM
8	Digestive system	Worksheet, flashcards, quiz	Thursday , 10/16/25 @11:59PM
9	Urinary system	Worksheet, flashcards, quiz	Friday, 10/24/25 @11:59PM
10	Reproductive systems	Worksheet, flashcards, quiz	Friday, 10/31/25@11:59PM
11	Endocrine system	Worksheet, flashcards, quiz	Friday, 11/7/25 @11:59PM
12	Nervous system	Worksheet, flashcards, quiz, & discussion activity Discussion Activity: Your post is due 11/12 Your replies are due 11/14	Friday, 11/14/25 @ 11:59PM
13	Special Senses	Worksheet, flashcards, quiz	Friday, 11/21/25 @11:59PM
Final Exam		Opens 11/22/25 and Closes on 12/5/25 @11:59PM	

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.

UNIVERSITY RESOURCES

The University of Florida has support services available for all students. If you need additional support, you are encouraged to reach out to your instructor. The following are just a few highlighted resources; many more are found online in Canvas.

Counseling and Wellness Center (<https://counseling.ufl.edu/>) offers services and resources related to a variety of personal concerns, including but not limited to test-related stress, anxiety and depression, substance use, relationships, and sexual orientation and gender. All services are confidential. If a student is having a mental health emergency, they may call 352-392-1575 to speak to a crisis counselor. Additional contact information: 3190 Radio Road, (352) 392-1575, <http://counseling.ufl.edu>

Office of Victim Services (<https://police.ufl.edu/about/divisions/office-of-victim-services/>) recognizes that few events, if any, that may occur in one's life can compare to the potentially traumatizing effects of being a victim of a crime. A victim advocate is available 24/7 to provide support for victims of actual or threatened violence. All services are free and confidential. You can speak to an advocate directly by calling 352-392-5648 during business hours (M-F, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.) or 24/7 by calling the University Police Department's Dispatch Center at 352-392-1111.

GatorWell Health Promotion Services (<http://gatorwell.ufsa.ufl.edu/>) is UF's health promotion department. Services include HIV testing, Quit Tobacco coaching, Wellness Coaching for Academic Success, Health Huts, and various other outreach/educational events. GatorWell also provides free condoms and other sexual health resources to students. Visit one of their three campus locations including their main location on the First Floor of the Reitz Union.

UF Computing Help Desk (<http://helpdesk.ufl.edu/>) is available to help students with technical issues, including CANVAS. You can call the UF Help Desk 24/7 at 352-392-HELP.

UMatter, WeCare (<http://www.umatter.ufl.edu/>) is an initiative committed to creating a culture of care on our campus by encouraging members of our community to look out for one another and to reach out for help if someone is in need. If you or a friend is in distress, please submit a care concern here: <https://umatter.ufl.edu/refer-or-report/>