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CLAS 250: LANGUAGE FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Course Information Sheet and Syllabus

Course Description:

Language for Health Professions is an online course designed for students who could benefit in learning the various connections between medical terms and the grammatical structures of Latin and Ancient Greek. No prerequisites required. The course will focus on showing students the systematic ways in which the English language has borrowed from Ancient languages to develop its medical vocabulary.

Course Learning Outcomes: By the end of the course the students will be able to:

- Know the exact intended meaning of several categories of medical vocabulary through the analysis of etymological roots, prefixes, and suffixes.
- Analyze the meaning of medical terms through the analysis of their Latin and Greek-derived components.
- Acquire a basic knowledge in medical terminology.
- Know the history of the presented terminology and its contemporary significance.

NO REQUIRED TEXTS.

The online modules offered (written slides and audio recorded on each slide) are everything that is needed to complete the class.

Course Requirements and Evaluation

Weekly homework	40%
Weekly Quizzes	30%
Final Exam	30%
Total	100%

Grading Scale: Grading for this course is based on the standard scale of A/Exceeds Expectations (90-93.5 A- / 93.6-96 A / 96.1-100 A+), B/Above Average (80-83.5 B- / 83.6-86 B / 86.1-89.99 B+), C/Average (70-73.5 C- / 73.6-76 C / 76.1-79.99 C+), D/Below Average (60-63.5 D- / 63.6-66 D / 66.1-69.99 D+), and F/Fail (lower than 59.99). Your final course grade is derived from your quizzes and exams.

Homework: All the homework assigned by the instructor must be completed. Each homework assignment will be completed online and will consist in the recognition of etymological parts from a finished medical word and, at times, in the recognition of applied theoretical linguistic rules. There will be a homework assignment for each Module included in every “week” folder. Online homework will not be a timed task, it will be made available online for students at the same time as the Modules are and it **will have to be completed and submitted by the end of each module week on Saturdays, by 11:59pm. Homework assignments will NOT be accepted late.**

Quizzes: A weekly quiz, cumulative of the information contained in each weekly module, will be completed online, and it will consist in a series of words to analyze plus 5 theoretical questions either in multiple choice or short answer type. **Online quizzes will be a timed task. Once a quiz is started, the student will have 60 minutes for completion. The quizzes will be available to open at any time during the week, but they have to be completed by the end of each module week on Sundays at 11:59pm.**

Final Exam: The students will be administered a test which will consist of the etymological analysis of entire words: it will be comprehensive of the entire material covered from the beginning of the course. Once the exam is started, the student will have 90 minutes for completion.

ALL ASSIGNMENTS AND TESTS CAN BE OPEN-NOTES

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CLASS SCHEDULE

Week	Topics	Readings/materials	Assignments Due by 11:59 pm
Week 1 (05/08-16) Greek-based Etymology	Introduction to Etymology Greek Sounds and Prefixes Greek Suffixes Greek Nouns Greek Verbs	Modules 1 through 5 + Additional Notes in “Week 1” Folder	Monday 05/15: All Week #1 Modules Homework due Tuesday 05/16: Quiz#1 due
Week 2 (05/17-23) Latin-based Etymology	Latin Prefixes Latin Suffixes Latin Nouns Latin Verbs	Modules 6 through 9 + Additional Notes in “Week 2” Folder	Monday 05/22: All Week #2 Modules Homework due Tuesday 05/23: Quiz #2 due

Week 3 (05/24-06/04)	FINAL EXAM		Due on Sunday, June 4, 11:59pm
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