

## COURSE: "BASIS OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH" - BASIC RULES

### Participation in the course

Only Students whose names are included in the list completed and provided by the Dean's Office are eligible for participation in the course. Course instructors do not engage in discussion concerning any reasons behind omissions from the list. During the laboratories there is a total ban on the use of mobile phones and other electronic devices. Students are expected to act in accordance with the rules of standard academic behavior.

### Acknowledgement of prior education

Students who seek exemption from the course (or any part of it) must in person contact Prof. Zejda (Course Director) not later than one week before the beginning of the course (date of the first class is decisive). The decision concerning exemption is made if a Student:

- 1) provides a written and duly marked proof of relevant training (i.e. transcript from a recognized university);
- 2) obtains a positive result of a written examination organized 'ad hoc' at the Chair of Public Health

Both 1) and 2) must come to conclusion before the beginning of the course (see above).

### Attendance

The course is composed of seminars. Attendance is strictly monitored by instructors/teachers. The only proof of a Student's presence at a given class is instructor's signature placed against student's name (Instructor's Record of Attendance and Student's Record of Attendance), under the class date. Student who is late for a seminar (**margin of 10 minutes**) is not allowed to participate in the seminar.

Attendance in all seminars is obligatory to be eligible for a final evaluation with no requirement of making up the missed classes. In case of absences the Dean's Office may arrange an additional session, at the end of the course.

Only Students with clear final standing (attendance requirements) are allowed to sit for the final test.

### Evaluation

Final evaluation is based on the results of final examination which is in the form of multi-choice test (three candidate answers to a given question). The grade reflects a sum of correct answers.

Unexplained absence of a Student at examination results in the score 0% ('F') for that examination. Students who have not passed the final evaluation (overall grade = 'F') are entitled for another. Both grades ('F' and a subsequent one) are shown in an index book. In case of failure on the second occasion the decision concerning Student's standing is taken by the Dean's office.

No oral examinations and no individually arranged written examination are possible prior to the final test.

### Contact person:

Prof. Grzegorz Brożek – Department of Epidemiology

### Textbooks:

1. Beaglehole T. et al.: Basic Epidemiology. WHO 2006  
[https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/43541/9241547073\\_eng.pdf](https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/43541/9241547073_eng.pdf)
2. Swinscow T.D.V.: Statistics at Square One. 9<sup>th</sup> Edition, 1997. Available via internet (series: Free Books for Doctors):  
<http://bmj.bmjournals.com/collections/statsbk/index.shtml>