

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. Brożek (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 form 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 the instructor's signature placed against the student's name (Instructor's Record of Attendance and Student's Record of Attendance), under the class date. The student who is late for a seminar (**margin of 10 minutes**) is not allowed to participate in the seminar.

Due to the Medical University of Silesia study regulations and according to the regulation of the Polish Minister of Science and Higher Education the Students are not eligible to have any absences for any classes during the course. 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 the final examination which is in the form of a 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 examinations are possible prior to the final test. According to the general regulations of SUM, 70% of correct answers to the exam are promoted to obtain a positive grade.

Contact person:

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Textbooks:

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