

## 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 and laboratories. 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.

In accordance with the study regulations of the Medical University of Silesia and the Regulation of the Polish Minister of Science and Higher Education, attendance at all classes is mandatory. Any absence must be formally excused and subsequently made up. The Dean's Office may arrange an additional make-up session at the end of the course. Students who fail to excuse and complete a make-up session for a missed seminar will not be eligible for the final evaluation.

### Evaluation

Final evaluation (passed/failed) is based on the Student's progress throughout the course, attendance, individual activity and achievements.

### 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](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>

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