

MEDICAL UNIVERSITY – PLOVDIV
FACULTY OF DENTAL MEDICINE

SYLLABUS
IN
BULGARIAN LANGUAGE
FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS,
ENGLISH COURSE

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Syllabus

Discipline	Final exam/ semester	Auditorium classes				ECTS non-auditorium classes	ECTS total	Academic hours in years and semesters			
								1st year		2nd year	
		Total	Lectures	Practices	ECTS			I	II	III	IV
BULGARIAN LANGUAGE	IV	360	0	360	24	-	24	90	90	90	90

DISCIPLINE: BULGARIAN FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS, ENGLISH COURSE

TYPE OF DISCIPLINE ACCORDING TO THE UNIFORM STATE

REQUIREMENTS: MANDATORY

LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION: Master

FORMS OF TRAINING: SEMINARS AND SELF-PREPARATION

YEAR OF TRAINING: Year 1 and 2

DURATION OF TRAINING: 4 SEMESTERS (FROM FIRST TO FOURTH)

ACADEMIC HOURS: 360 HOURS OF SEMINARS

TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT APPLIED IN THE TRAINING:

Classrooms equipped with audio-visual devices. Textbooks and teaching aids. Electronic resources.

FORMS OF EVALUATION:

Written and oral examination (after semester 4). Admission to oral exam – after successful written exam.

Ongoing control and term tests in semesters 1, 2, 3 and 4.

EVALUATION CRITERIA:

Excellent (6) - thoroughly mastered key and additional knowledge and skills in the four components of language learning; use of the Bulgarian language for general and medical purposes, skills for solving complex language problems and constructing text structures.

Very good (5) - very well mastered key and additional knowledge and skills in the four components of language learning; use of the Bulgarian language for general and medical purposes, skills for solving complex language problems and constructing text structures.

Good (4) - well-mastered key and additional knowledge and skills in the four components of language learning; use of the Bulgarian language for general and medical purposes, skills for solving language problems and constructing text structures.

Satisfactory (3) - acquired key knowledge and basic skills in the four components of Bulgarian language teaching for general and medical purposes.

Poor (2) - does not meet any of the requirements above.

The standards are in line with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages in the components: listening, reading, writing and speaking.

ASPECTS OF EVALUATION CRITERIA:

Exam – written and oral, continuous assessment

An annual assessment is made at the end of the second and fourth semesters. The annual grade is the arithmetic mean of the grades from the first and second semesters and the third and fourth semesters, respectively.

The final grade is formed at the end of the second academic year. It includes the result of the exam and the annual grades.

Semester grade

a – semester 1, b – semester 2, c – semester 3, d – semester 4

$a = 0,5 \cdot a1 + 0,5 \cdot a2$ (a1) continuous assessment, (a2) term test

$b = 0,5 \cdot b1 + 0,5 \cdot b2$ (b1) continuous assessment, (b2) term test

$c = 0,5 \cdot c1 + 0,5 \cdot c2$ (c1) continuous assessment, (c2) term test

$d = 0,5 \cdot d1 + 0,5 \cdot d2$ (d1) continuous assessment, (d2) term test

Annual grade

A – for the first academic year, B – for the second academic year

$A = 0,5 \cdot a + 0,5 \cdot b$; $B = 0,5 \cdot c + 0,5 \cdot d$

Exam grade (E)

$E = 0,5 \cdot e1 + 0,5 \cdot e2$ (e1) written exam, (e2) oral exam

Final grade

$F = 0,7 \cdot E + 0,15 \cdot A + 0,15 \cdot B$

SEMESTER EXAM: AFTER 4TH SEMESTER

STATE EXAM: NO

LECTURER: The course is conducted by lecturers with a scientific degree, doctors in the specialty and masters with pedagogical qualifications.

DEPARTMENT:

BULGARIAN LANGUAGE SECTION, DEPARTMENT FOR LANGUAGES AND SPECIALISED TRAINING

ANNOTATION

The Bulgarian language syllabus includes seminars in general and specialised Bulgarian. It is in line with the necessary skills for level B1-B2 in the European Language Framework and the need to master specialised medical vocabulary.

Lexical, grammatical, textual and practical seminars have a communicative focus. The language tasks are performed by working with dialogues, narrative and specialised texts from different medical specialties, adapted to the learning objectives.

In the training of students methods of strengthening and upgrading the language communicative competence and innovative methods of work are applied. Forms of ongoing assessment are used as well as students' works in accordance with the level of language acquisition. The *Bulgarian language course* ends with an exam, which consists of two components - written and oral.

BASIC AIMS OF THE DISCIPLINE

1. Mastering the Bulgarian language orally and in writing to an extent that allows free communication both in daily contacts with native speakers and in teaching clinical disciplines.
2. Mastering the medical terminology necessary for the practical application of knowledge in clinical disciplines.

EXPECTED RESULTS

- to understand oral and written texts in Bulgarian;
- to read texts in Bulgarian;
- to create a short related text on familiar topics and a short scientific text;
- to develop skills for clear and simple expression on familiar topics;
- to present the information from a textual situation in medicine and to have a conversation on a studied topic with medical vocabulary.

PRACTICES

PROGRAM OF PRACTICAL COURSES

First Semester

Seminar №1 – 6 hours. *The Bulgarian alphabet.* Cyrillic - characteristics and features. Sounds and letters. Printed and handwritten letters. Vowels and consonants. Diphthongs. Pronunciation

Seminar №2 – 6 hours. *Introduction and presentation* (What is your name? / What is your name?). Personal pronouns - nominative case. To be - the present tense of the verb. Construction

of positive and negative sentences. Question sentences with the particle *ли*. Creating dialogues for acquaintance and presentation

Seminar №3 – 6 hours. *Greetings and polite expressions.* Addresses and common abbreviations. Vocative case of some nouns. The question *How are you?* in singular and plural. Creating a short narrative text for presentation

Seminar №4 - 6 hours. *Countries, nationalities, professions.* Sentences with question words: *who, what, where, what, where*. Nouns for nationalities and professions. The present tense of the verb *to follow*

Seminar №5 - 6 hours. *At the University.* Demonstrative pronouns. Present tense of verbs of third conjugation. Constructing texts related to the daily life of students

Seminar №6 - 6 hours. *Everyday objects.* Noun - gender and number. Use of singular and plural nouns in dialogues. Numerals from 1 to 100

Seminar №7 – 6 hours. *Shopping.* Numerals. Masculine form of numerals. Use of numerals

Seminar №8 – 6 hours. *Daily routine.* Present tense of the verbs of first and second conjugation. Use of some dialects

Seminar № 9 – 6 hours. *My apartment.* Articulation of nouns. Spatial prepositions. Impersonal use of the verbs I have / I do not have. Creating dialogues related to the use of spatial prepositions and articulated forms of nouns

Seminar № 10 – 6 hours. *Me and the others.* Personal pronouns - accusative and dative case. Use of full and short case forms in narrative texts and dialogues

Seminar № 11 – 6 hours. *Appearance and character.* Adjectives - coordination, articulation, grading. Colors. Synonyms and antonyms. Constructing a text description

Seminar № 12 - 6 hours. *Free time and interests.* Verbs and prepositions for movement. Use in texts related to the daily life of students

Seminar № 13 - 6 hours. Revision and summarization

Seminar № 14 - 6 hours. Preparation for the semester test. **Semester test**

Seminar № 15 - 6 hours. Analysis of the results of the semester test

Second semester

Seminar № 16 - 6 hours. *Family.* Possessive pronouns - short forms. Creating a narrative text related to the family

Seminar № 17 - 6 hours. Time (What time is it? / At what time? / How many hours?). Ordinals - gender, number, articulation

Seminar № 18 - 6 hours. The weather (What is the weather like?). The days of the week, the months, the seasons. I am a future tense and a past tense of the verb. Use of ordinals. Holidays and wishes. Bulgarian traditions

Seminar № 19 - 6 hours. Vacation and travel. Future tense of imperfective verbs - positive, negative and interrogative form. Use in dialogues and narrative texts

Seminar № 20 - 6 hours. Visiting. Aspect of the verb. Keywords and phrases for "recognizing" the aspect of verb. Use of dialects - constructing a dialogue

Seminar № 21 - 6 hours. At the pharmacy. Formation and use of verbs of perfective and imperfective aspects. Use of yes-constructions with verbs of perfective and imperfective aspect. Future tense with verbs of the perfective aspect

Seminar № 22 - 6 hours. At the doctor's / dentist. The Imperative mood. Formation of imperative forms from verbs of perfective and imperfective aspect

Seminar № 23 - 6 hours. Parts of the human body. Nouns, adjectives and numerals – summarization

Seminar № 24 - 6 hours. Health problems. The aorist past tense of the verb. Formation of positive and negative form

Seminar № 25 - 6 hours. The life of medics. Use of the aorist past tense in narrative texts and dialogues on medical topics

Seminar № 26 - 6 hours. Examination of a patient. Conjugation of verb tenses. Constructing a dialogue

Seminar № 27 - 6 hours. Language practice

Seminar № 28 - 6 hours. Revision and summarization

Seminar № 29 - 6 hours. Preparation for the semester test. **Semester test**

Seminar № 30 - 6 hours. Analysis of the results of the semester test

Third semester

SEMINAR № 1 - 6 hours. Revision - noun, adjective, pronouns. Coordination

SEMINAR № 2 - 6 hours. Revision - grammatical categories of the verb

SEMINAR № 3 - 6 hours. Revision – aorist past tense: formation and use

SEMINAR № 4 - 6 hours. Aorist past tense - with verbs of imperfective and perfective aspect. Exercises

SEMINAR № 5 - 6 hours. Aorist past tense - impersonal and modal verbs. Exercises

SEMINAR № 6 - 6 hours. Parts of the human body. Physical conditions. Structures for expressing construction, composition, location. Seminars /with verbs of perfective and imperfective aspects and pronouns /

SEMINAR № 7 - 6 hours. The active aorist past participle - formation. The perfect tense - formation and meaning

SEMINAR № 8 - 6 hours. The perfect tense - use. Seminars

SEMINAR № 9 - 6 hours. Constructing a text on medical topics. Impersonal constructions with accusative forms of personal pronouns

SEMINAR № 10 - 6 hours. Constructing a text on medical topics. Impersonal constructions with dative forms of personal pronouns

SEMINAR № 11 - 6 hours. Saliva. Verbal nouns

SEMINAR № 12 - 6 hours. Teeth. Imperative mood. Numerals - grammatical revision

SEMINAR № 13 - 6 hours. Revision, summarization

SEMINAR № 14 - 6 hours. Preparation for the semester test. **Semester test №1.**

SEMINAR № 15 - 6 hours. Analysis of the results of the Semester test №1

Fourth semester

SEMINAR № 16 - 6 hours. Tooth composition. Communicative workshop

SEMINAR № 17 - 6 hours. Gingivitis. Yes-constructions. Expressing desires. Phrases - prepositional and non prepositional

SEMINAR № 18 - 6 hours. Baby teeth. Tips for good oral hygiene. Transformation of word combinations

SEMINAR № 19 - 6 hours. Fear of the dentist. Creating a narrative text based on experience. Formation of verbs from nouns

SEMINAR № 20 - 6 hours. Dental attitude. Constructing texts in the imperfect past according to a given situation

SEMINAR № 21 - 6 hours. Tartar. Colors. Clothes. Verbs related to clothing. Synonyms and antonyms. Pronouns - direct and indirect object

SEMINAR № 22 - 6 hours. Tell me what's wrong with you? Prescriptions and instructions of the dentist. Impersonal constructions with accusative and dative forms, constructing dialogues in the future - grammatical revision

SEMINAR № 23 - 6 hours. Hyperesthesia. Constructing texts in the perfect tense on a given situation

SEMINAR № 24 - 6 hours. Bruxism. Reflexive verbs. Suffering communions and passive voice

SEMINAR № 25 - 6 hours. Tooth decay. Communicative workshop

SEMINAR № 26 - 6 hours. History taking. Vocabulary for describing symptoms in various diseases (summarization). Terminology workshop

SEMINAR № 27 - 6 hours. Revision and summarization

SEMINAR № 28 - 6 hours. Revision and summarization. Preparation for the semester test

SEMINAR № 29 - 6 hours. Semester test. Analysis of errors from the semester test

SEMINAR № 30 - 6 hours. Exam Preparation

SOURCES FOR EXTRACURRICULAR PRACTICE

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Милиева, Д. и колектив. Граматични въпроси на медицинския текст. Учебник по български език за чуждестранни студенти и специализанти – медици, стоматолози и фармацевти. Пловдив, 2014 г.

Паскалева, Д. Български език като чужд за напреднали, Пловдив 2017

Петрова, С. и колектив. Учете български език, София: Д-р Иван Богоров, 2004

Тачева, В. Български език за медицински цели. Стено, Варна, 2000 г.

Electronic resources

EXAMINATION TOPICS

1. Parts of the human body
2. Teeth
3. Medical specialties, offices and specialists. Choice of specialty
4. Composition of the tooth
5. Dental attitude. The doctor's questions to the patient. Complaints of the patient

6. Fear of the dentist. Creating a narrative text based on experience
7. Gingivitis. Causes, symptoms, treatment, prevention
8. Tartar. Causes, symptoms, treatment, prevention
9. Tell me, what seems to be the matter with you? Constructing a dialogue on a given situation
10. Saliva
11. Hyperesthesia. Causes, symptoms, treatment, prevention
12. Health culture. Tips for good oral hygiene. Bad habits. Prevention of studied diseases in dental practice
13. Medical history. Components of medical history. Questions of the doctor when taking history and answers of the patient
14. Bruxism. Causes, symptoms, treatment, prevention
15. Dental caries. Causes, symptoms, treatment, prevention
16. Colors, clothes, verbs related to clothing
17. Numerals
18. Formation of verb nouns
19. Formation of participles
20. The Past tense
21. The Perfect tense
22. The Future tense
23. Reflexive verbs
24. Passive voice
25. Matching adjectives with nouns
26. Phrases - prepositional and prepositional. Transformation
27. Impersonal constructions with accusative forms of personal pronouns
28. Impersonal constructions with dative forms of personal pronouns
29. Structures for expressing desires
30. Synonyms and antonyms in the language of dental medicine