

## ACADEMIC PROGRAM FOR THE INTENSIVE BASIC MEDICINE COURSE

### Intensive Basic Medicine Course (Intensive BMC, Premedical Studies)

**Duration of studies:** 1 semester

The six-month intensive premedical Basic Medicine Course is recommended to those students who do not have thorough knowledge in Biology, Physics and Chemistry from high school. The requirements of these condensed premedical science subjects are very rigorous, thus preparation prior to the beginning the General Medicine, Dentistry or Pharmacy Program is recommended. Students successfully completing the course are directly admitted to their chosen program. The Intensive Basic Medicine Course starts in January.

#### Class Behavior

Students should not use cell phones to talk or text during class. Cell phones must be switched off or kept in silence mode during class. In seminars, students will be expected to participate in seminar discussions. Students are encouraged to ask questions related to the topic of the lectures discussed, and participate in solving problems related to the topic of the seminar. Some professors will ask for students to volunteer information, but some professors call on students randomly. It is, thus, a good idea to come to class prepared so as not to be embarrassed in front of the class. Students should not disrupt the class by talking to each other. If one continues to disrupt the class, the student may be asked to leave. The usage of electronic devices, textbooks and any form of interaction between students during the tests is strictly forbidden. Electronic devices (cell phones, tablets, dictionaries, etc.), except for approved simple calculators, must not be within the reach (in pocket, in the desk, etc.) of students during tests. It is the students' responsibility to stow these items before the test begins without specific warning by the supervising teachers. Violation of these above-mentioned regulations results in an immediate and unconditional dismissal from the program.

#### Requirements

The course consists of lectures and seminars. Attending lectures is strongly recommended, attendance of seminars is compulsory and recorded. Everyone must attend the seminars with the group designated by the Registrar's Office.

Absence can significantly affect your understanding and can have serious implications for progression in your studies. One might have a maximum of six seminar absences to have the opportunity to get exemption. Students missing 7-8 seminars cannot be exempted from the Final Examination (FE), regardless of their score reached on the Self Control Tests. Students omitting 9 or more seminars are dismissed from the course. Missed seminars cannot be made up unless one obtains prior permission to be absent.

Self Control Tests (SCT) will test the knowledge of the students 6 times during the entire course using a written test system. The course ends with a **Final Exam (FE)** from the whole material of the course and a minimum of four FE dates will be set during the summer examination period. Unsuccessful students may repeat the FE twice (B and C chances, and the latter ends up with an oral examination part). Exam exemption and bonus point policy are used to improve the students' performance on SCTs. Exact details of these policies will be described below.

Exemption from FE is offered for students who achieve excellent academic performance during their studies under the following circumstances:

- the average score of the five best SCTs (out of 6) is at least 70%, AND
- passed all the SCTs with at least 30%, AND
- (s)he has a maximum of 6 seminar absences for a given subject.

Bonus points will be added to the FE score of eligible students and calculated as follows:

The average of the best 6 SCTs	Bonus points (%)
45.00-49.99	2
50.00-54.99	4
55.00-59.99	6
60.00-64.99	8
65.00-69.99	10

Students who could not meet the above-described conditions for exemption must sit for the FE from the whole material of the course.

The participation shall be preceded by ID confirmation (i.e. student's card, passport or driving license) before all forms of tests. Self-Control Tests, End of Semester Exams, and Final Exams will be assessed as follows.

Percentage (%)	Mark
0 - 59.99:	fail (1)
60.00 - 70.00:	pass (2)
70.00 - 79.99:	satisfactory (3)
80.00 - 89.99:	good (4)
90.00 - 100:	excellent (5)

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