

Syllabus

Study of Human Diseases

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Office Hours: Wednesday 2:00-5:00 p.m.

If you need to contact me, use the e-mail or leave me a message on the office phone answering machine. You should consider e-mail a convenience only. Do not rely on e-mail for important matters such as obtaining permission to make up a test. I will generally check my e-mail no more often than once every couple of days. .

Course Objectives:

The objective of this course is to explore the array of diseases affecting the systems of the human body and gain an appreciation for maintaining a healthy state of being through proper nutrition, life-style and disease prevention.

Upon completion of this course, students should be able to:

- 1) Understand the general mechanisms of disease
- 2) Understand the bodies defense mechanisms against disease
- 3) Understand the bodies healing processes following disease and injury
- 4) Be familiar with the specific, common diseases that affect each of the bodies organ systems
- 5) Appreciate the role of the medical system and medical provider in the diagnosis and treatment of disease
- 6) Understand the role of healthy lifestyles and hygiene in disease prevention
- 7) Gain a basic understanding of medical and disease related terminology

Attendance Policy:

Attendance is expected and very likely necessary in order to do well in this class. Attendance may be a consideration on borderline grades. All religious Holy Days will be honored. If it is not a nationally recognized Holy Day in this country, please notify in advance of your absence.

I am still a practicing physician with a busy practice. It is possible that I may be required in an emergency situation elsewhere. In this case, I will make every effort to inform the class of this prior to the class starting or have it posted on the door. If I am more than twenty minutes late, you can assume you have a “walk” and be dismissed.

Grading Policy / Course Requirements:

There will be three major exams and a final exam. There will also be a small project required.

Major Exams:	60% of final grade
Project:	15% of final grade
Attendance:	05% of final grade

Final Exam:	20% of final grade
Scoring:	90-100 = A
	80-89 = B
	70-79 = C
	60-69 = D
	<60 = F

No curves are anticipated on the exams. I reserve the option to exclude test questions that are counted wrong on the large majority of tests. You may challenge any question that you believe was incorrectly graded. You will need to provide some documentation to support your challenge.

Project:

Within the first 2-3 weeks of class, I will distribute a list of topics. You will choose from this list of topics for your project and the guidelines for completing it.

Test Taking Policy:

You only have the opportunity to make up a test if:

You have a documented medical absence on the day of the exam; or

You have a prior approval from me in writing. This does not include e-mail.

My Cell Phone Policy:

As I stated, I am still in a full time practice. It is likely that I will receive a page or a call on my cell phone for medical questions pertaining to my patients. I am generally able to keep my responses sufficiently brief that it will not cause a significant disruption to the class. I suspect it will be a rare occurrence that one of these will result in my leaving the classroom to respond.

Electronic Devices:

Laptops are welcome so long as the content on the screen is directly related to the subject at hand. If I find anything else, you will be asked to leave, no exceptions. PDA's may also be used for scheduling purposes. No electronic devices will be allowed during exams.

Academic Dishonesty:

Students are expected to maintain honesty and integrity in the academic experience, both in and out of the classroom.

Classroom Rules of Conduct:

Students are expected to assist in maintaining a classroom environment that is conducive to learning. Students are to treat faculty and students with respect. Students are to turn off all cell phones while in the classroom. Under no circumstances are cell phones or any electronic devices to be used or seen during the time of examinations. Students may tape record lectures provided they do not disturb other students in the process.

Student Absences on Religious Holy Days:

Students are allowed to miss class and other required activities, including examinations, for the observance of a religious holy day, including travel for that purpose. Students remain responsible for all work.

Students with Disabilities Policy:

It is the policy of Sam Houston State University that individuals otherwise qualified shall not be excluded, solely by reason of their disability, from participation in any academic program of the university. Further, they shall not be denied the benefits of these programs nor shall they be subjected to discrimination. Students with disabilities that might affect their academic performance should visit with the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities located in the Counseling Center.