

In the Name of God
Department of English Language
College of Paramedical Sciences
Shahid Beheshti Medical University
(First Semester, Autumn ۱۳۹۴)

Course Plan
Course Title: Master in Physical Therapy

Course Components: The course aims at developing students' knowledge and skills for listening, speaking, reading and writing, with a particular focus on physiotherapy-oriented texts and lexicons. The course will develop students' skill in comprehending written texts on physiotherapy. While the course is primarily aimed at developing participants' reading comprehension, it will adopt due measures to further develop students' listening, speaking and writing skills as well. Upon the completion of the course, students are expected to read their physiotherapy texts more successfully with reasonable speed. They are also expected to be able to present lectures in English, understand spoken English better and write more fluently. To this end, when necessary, certain structures that are essential to reading comprehension, public presentations and paragraph writing will be included in class instructions.

A timetable for the Course

Course Title: Special English for Physiotherapy

Instructor: Dr Sajjadi

Students' Major: Master in Physical Therapy

Textbooks: ۱) Text materials taken from the internet; ۲) Instructor's handouts, mainly on note taking and paper writing and; ۳) Tune In۳, mainly on listening comprehension

Academic year: First Semester (Autumn, ۱۳۹۴- ۱۳۹۵)

Weeks	Topics and issues to be covered
۱	Introductory remarks + Tips on how students can improve their English
۲	Reading Skills (scanning, skimming, intensive reading, extensive reading, guessing unfamiliar words, with practice materials for students to look at) + pronunciation + How to give a good lecture

٣	Simple sentences (nouns, pronouns, verbs, auxiliaries, adjectives) Student lecture; Reading Comprehension on physical therapy
٤	Reading + paragraph retelling + group discussion
٥	Adjectives (phrases, clauses and single word adjectives) Reading with group discussion
٦	Connectors: (١) within-sentence connectors (adverbial clauses) (٢) between-sentence connectors (conjunctive adverbs) (٣) coordinate conjunctors (and, but, or) Adverbs and adverbials
٧	Reading + paragraph retelling + group discussion Student lecture
٨	Reading + paragraph retelling + group discussion Student Lecture
٩	CV + Student lecture
١٠	Reading + paragraph retelling + group discussion Student lecture
١١	Punctuation + Student lecture
١٢	Reading + paragraph retelling + group discussion
١٣	Ways of summarizing, direct quoting and using personal notes Student lecture
١٤	Reading + paragraph retelling + group discussion Student lecture
١٥	summarizing, direct quoting and using personal notes (with sample paragraphs to summarize) Student lecture
١٦	Letter writing Reading+ paragraph retelling + group discussion
١٧	Concluding the course

NB: The topics indicated in the table above mostly form the Core Components of ESP Courses for Master Students; as such, some of the topics in this table may correspond to the topics included in the course syllabi of other fields at master level. Nonetheless, the reading texts in different course syllabi are fully field specific.

Scoring procedure: Class activities ١ points, lectures ٢ points, homework ٣ points, midterm ٤ points, final ٨ points

Main Sources:

- ١) Text materials taken from the internet or the students' textbooks
- ٢) Richards et al. ٢٠٠٧. Tune In٣, Oxford University Press
- ٤) Instructor's handouts, on paper writing and other key academic skills for master students