

DEPARTMENT OF GREEK AND ROMAN STUDIES
COURSE OUTLINE

GRST 211 W2012: TECHNICAL TERMS OF MEDICINE & LIFE SCIENCES
(INTERNET BASED COURSE WITH ON-CAMPUS, PAPER FINAL EXAM)

Winter 2012: January 9 - April 13, 2012

INSTRUCTOR: Bryan Natali

TIME AND PLACE OF CLASS: Internet – <http://blackboard.ucalgary.ca/>

FINAL EXAM: In-Class, On-Campus Paper Exam Scheduled by the Registrar's Office.

OFFICE HOURS: By Email

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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me and I will do my best to help you address your concern.

**** FINAL EXAM FORMAT:**

- The Final Exam IS NOT ONLINE**
- The Final Exam will be an in-class, Registrar scheduled paper final exam at the University of Calgary.**
- No cheat sheets or notes will be allowed in the Final Exam.**
- FINAL EXAM PERIOD: April 16-25, 2012 (Your Final Exam will be scheduled on one of these days).
- You must be available to write the Final Exam on campus.
- If you have a conflict, please see the Registrar's Exam Website for information on Final Exam Deferrals. The deadline to apply for a Final Exam Deferral is April 26, 2012. The Deferred Final Exam period is May 24-26, 2012.
- Please refer to: http://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/deferred_final for important information about eligibility criteria for deferred exams**

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

GRST 211 is an Internet course **WITH AN IN-CLASS, ON-CAMPUS, REGISTRAR SCHEDULED FINAL EXAM.** It is offered on Blackboard (<http://blackboard.ucalgary.ca/>).

The primary goal of this course is to equip students with the skills necessary to comprehend, acquire, and retain medical and scientific vocabulary derived from Greek and Latin.

- The course will be particularly useful to students in medicine and the sciences, where a large percentage of the terminology and jargon has a Classical origin.
- Students will be learning:
 - Greek and Latin words and word elements (prefixes, bases, and suffixes)
 - English words and definitions derived from these
 - How Greek and Latin words and word elements are used both in scientific terminology and in everyday, non-technical vocabulary

- **Course Objectives:**

1. Students will know the definitions of the Greek and Latin bases, prefixes, and suffixes used to create scientific and medical words.
2. Students will understand and be able to apply word formation rules.
3. By combining 1 and 2 above, students will be able to construct and deconstruct new medical and scientific words as they encounter them.

BLACKBOARD (Bb):

This course is offered through Blackboard (Bb) <http://blackboard.ucalgary.ca>. If you are unclear on Blackboard, please contact Information Technologies (403-220-5555 or <http://www.ucalgary.ca/it/>).

COURSE DURATION AND MATERIAL:

- The duration of this course is fourteen (14) weeks.
- This course will cover all of Ayers' *Bioscientific Terminology* (40 Chapters).
- Approximately 3-4 chapters of Ayers must be mastered every week starting the first day of Winter Session 2012 (January 9, 2012)
- Please note that the Blackboard site will not provide the actual text of Ayers. Rather the site will provide you with the following (and more):
 - o Practice exercises with answers for each lesson of Ayers (not for grades)
 - o Notes on word formation and other Course Notes
 - o Regular practice quizzes (not for grades)
- Quizzes and the midterm exam will take place on the Blackboard site. See below for exam schedule.

SUGGESTED READING SCHEDULE: You should start reading as soon as possible in preparation for your first quiz (see schedule, below).

- Week 1: January 9-13: Ayers, Lessons 1-3
- Week 2: January 16-20: Ayers, Lessons 4-6
- Week 3: January 23-January 27: Ayers, Lessons 7-9
- Week 4: January 30-February 3: Ayers, Lessons 10-12
- Week 5: February 6 - February 10: Lessons 13-15
- Week 6: February 13-17: Ayers, Lessons 16-20
- Week 7: February 20-24: READING WEEK
- Week 8: February 27- March 2: Ayers, Lessons 21-23
- Week 9: March 5-9: Ayers, Lessons 24-26

- Week 10: March 12-16: Ayers, Lessons 27-30
- Week 11: March 19-23: Ayers, Lessons 31-33
- Week 12: March 26- March 30: Ayers, Lessons 34-36
- Week 13: April 2-6: Ayers, Lessons 37-40
- Week 14: April 9-13: Final Exam Review

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS:

- Donald M. Ayers, *BioScientific Terminology: Words from Latin and Greek Stems* (University of Arizona Press, 1972. A blue and yellow paperback).
- Stedman's Concise Medical Dictionary (or a similar medical dictionary with word origin information).
- It is suggested that students who do not own a good, comprehensive English dictionary (with word origin information) acquire one (various editions and sizes of the Oxford English Dictionary for example).

REQUIREMENTS:

- 3 Quizzes – each worth 10 % of Final grade for a total of 30% (Each Quiz will consist of 25 questions)
- 1 Midterm Exam – 25% of Final grade (The Midterm will consist of 50 questions)
- 1 Final Exam – 45% of Final Grade (The Final Exam will consist of 100 questions) and will be scheduled by the registrar during the final exam period.

GRADING SCALE: Any grade of .4% and below will be rounded down and any grade of .5% and above will be rounded up. Grades are calculated to one decimal place. There is no curving.

A+ = 94.5%-100%	A = 89.5-94.4%	A- = 84.5%-89.4%	B+ = 79.5% - 84.4%
B = 74.5%-79.4%	B- = 69.5%-74.4%	C+ = 66.5%-69.4%	C = 62.5%-66.4%
C- = 59.5%-62.4%	D+ = 54.5%-59.4%	D = 50.0-54.4%	F= 49.9% and below

NOTES (Please see Bb for more information on other Exam Regulations):

1. Test-deferrals will not be granted without prior notification except in special cases. Valid excuses must be accompanied by appropriate documentation. Please contact me as soon as possible to make arrangements.

2. Please note the following dates for Winter Session 2012:

- Last day to register or change registration: Friday, January 20, 2012
- No Fee Refunds after this date: Friday, January 20, 2012

- Last Day to Withdraw: Friday, April 13, 2012

3. Students should observe the regulations on Student Misconduct (Plagiarism, Cheating, Etc.) in the University of Calgary Calendar.

4. Students must pass the Final Exam in order to pass the course.

EXAMINATION SCHEDULE and INFORMATION: You may log in at any time during the exam day (after the start time and before the end time) to write. Please notify me if you have a conflict with the day of the exams. Since this is an Internet course, I can make the exams available at alternate dates if there is a valid conflict.

Exam	Value (% of Final Grade)	Date	Running Time of Exam	Material
Quiz 1	10%	January 25-26, 2012	9:00 am on January 25 to 10:00 pm January 26	Ayers, Lessons 1-6
Quiz 2	10%	February 8-9, 2012	9:00 am on February 8 to 10:00 pm February 9	Ayers, up to Lesson 12
Midterm Exam	25%	February 29 – March 1, 2012	9:00 am on February 29 to 10:00 pm March 1	Ayers, Lessons 1-20 inclusive
Quiz 3	10%	March 21-22, 2012	9:00 am on March 21 to 10:00 pm March 22	Ayers, up to Lesson 30
Final Exam	45%	TO BE SCHEDULED BY REGISTRAR	2 HOURS,	Ayers, Lessons 1-40 inclusive

- All Quizzes and the Mid-Term exam will be done on the Blackboard site on the appointed day(s) from a computer of your choice (home, computer lab, library) as your individual schedule permits. For example, Quiz 1 runs from 9:00 am on January 25th to 10:00 pm on January 26th. You may write the exam at any time during that time period.

- Please contact me well in advance if there is a conflict so we can make alternative arrangements.
- NOTE: The information and regulations regarding exams is posted on Blackboard under “Quizzes and Exams.” Please read this carefully in advance of the first quiz.