



HISTORY OF DENTISTRY

1. IMPRINT

Academic Year	2025/2026
Department	Faculty of Dental Medicine
Field of study	English Dentistry Division
Main scientific discipline	Medical sciences
Study Profile	General academic
Level of studies	Uniform MSc
Form of studies	Full time
Type of module / course	Obligatory
Form of verification of learning outcomes	Completion
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2. BASIC INFORMATION

Year and semester of studies	1st year, 2nd semester	Number of ECTS credits	1.00
FORMS OF CLASSES		Number of hours	ECTS credits calculation
Contacting hours with academic teacher			
Lecture (L)		15	0.6
Seminar (S)			
Classes (C)			
e-learning (e-L)			
Practical classes (PC)			
Work placement (WP)			
Unassisted student's work			
Preparation for classes and completions		10	0.4

3. COURSE OBJECTIVES

O1	Acquaintance with the history of dentistry in the world and in Poland with reference to the greatest achievements in the history of medicine.
O2	Acquaintance with major events and outstanding people in medicine and dentistry throughout history.
O3	Acquaintance with the history of the development of the dental workshop equipment since ancient times.

4. STANDARDS OF LEARNING – DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF EFFECTS OF LEARNING

Code and number of the effect of learning in accordance with standards of learning	Effects in the field of:
Knowledge – Graduate* knows and understands:	
D.W15.	the history of medicine, with particular emphasis on the history of dentistry
D.W16.	the process of formation new specialties within the discipline of medical sciences and achievements of leading representatives of both Polish and world medicine and dentistry

Skills– Graduate* is able to:

D.U12.	demonstrate responsibility for improving their qualifications and passing on knowledge to others
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* In appendix to the Regulation of Minister of Science and Higher education from 26th of July 2019 „graduate”, not student is mentioned.

5. ADDITIONAL EFFECTS OF LEARNING (non-compulsory)

Number of effect of learning	Effects in the fields of:
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Knowledge – Graduate knows and understands:

W1	-
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Skills– Graduate is able to:

U1	-
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Social Competencies – Graduate is ready for:

K1	-
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6. CLASSES

Form of class	Class contents	Effects of Learning
Lectures	L1 – Lecture 1 - Why history of medicine and dentistry? Presentation of the aim of teaching the history of medicine and dentistry. Introduction to the range of topics covered by the subject. Organization of classes.	D.W15; D.W16; D.U12
	L2 – Lecture 2 – The most important discoveries and developments in medicine and their significance for dentistry. Presentation of discoveries crucial to the history of medicine, with particular attention to their importance for dentistry.	D.W15; D.W16; D.U12
	L3 – Lecture 3 – Chronology of the most important and most interesting events in the history of dentistry. Presentation of the most important and interesting episodes in the history of dentistry, including their chronological order.	D.W15; D.W16; D.U12
	L4 – Lecture 4 – Pierre Fauchard and other <i>fathers</i> of world dentistry. Presentation of <i>fathers</i> of world dentistry, with particular attention to the most important of them - Pierre Fauchard.	D.W15; D.W16; D.U12

	L5 – Lecture 5 – Caries phenomenon in history. Discussion of the phenomenon of caries in a historical context.	D.W15; D.W16; D.U12
	L6 – Lecture 6 - Dentistry in painting. Presentation of the most interesting works of art referring to the history of dentistry.	D.W15; D.W16; D.U12
	L7– Lecture 7 – Aesthetics in dentistry. <i>Quo vadimus?</i> Introduction to aesthetic dentistry, with an attempt at answering in what direction the dentistry of today is likely to evolve. Material summary. Final credit.	D.W15; D.W16; D.U12

7. LITERATURE

Obligatory

1. All obligatory reading materials will be provided by the lecturer in .pdf files

Supplementary

2. Ackerknecht E. H.: *A Short History of Medicine*, The Johns Hopkins University Press, Baltimore and London 1982.
3. Barnett R.: *The Smile Stealers. The Fine + Foul Art of Dentistry*, Thames & Hudson, London 2017.
4. Garant Ph. R.: *The Long Climb: From Barber-Surgeons to Doctors of Dental Surgery*, Quintessence Publishing Co Inc 2013.
5. Morris Th.: *The Mystery of the Exploding Teeth and Other Curiosities from the History of Medicine*, Bantam Press 2018.
6. Phulari B. S.: *History of orthodontics. A glance at an exciting path, the oldest specialty of dentistry has treaded so far...*, Jaypee Brothers Medical Publishers (P) Ltd 2013.
7. Porter R. (ed.): *Cambridge Illustrated History. Medicine*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge 2001.
8. Ring M. E.: *Dentistry. An Illustrated History*, Abradale Press 1992.
9. Skrzypek E.: *Portraits of the Honorary Doctors*, Medical University of Warsaw, Warsaw 2016.

8. VERIFYING THE EFFECT OF LEARNING

Code of the course effect of learning	Ways of verifying the effect of learning	Completion criterion
D.W15; D.W16; D.U12	Continuous assessment in the course of classes; grade from the final test on the e-learning platform	Form of receiving credit – COMPLETION FOR GRADE Active participation in classes; attendance at lectures; passing the final test – 20 single-choice questions 2.0 (failed) – 0-10 pt 3.0 (satisfactory) – 11-12 pt 3.5 (rather good) – 13-14 pt 4.0 (good) – 15-16 pt 4.5 (more than good) – 17-18 pt 5.0 (very good) – 19-20 pt

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9. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. Lectures are held according to the time-table provided by the Dean's Office.
2. Person responsible for didactics: Ewa Skrzypek, MD, PhD; e-mail: ewa.skrzypek@wum.edu.pl
3. The use of mobile phones and other recording equipment is forbidden.
4. Students cannot be late for lectures.
5. **Students are obliged to attend all lectures.** In the case of any absence, even justified, Students are obliged to determine the way of making up for the absence with the lecturer.
6. **Two** or more absences exclude the possibility of getting a course credit.
7. A course credit is given on the basis of:
 - a) lecture attendance,
 - b) active participation in lectures,
 - c) positive grade from the final test.In case of receiving an unsatisfactory grade, the Student has a right to a retake in the form determined by the coordinator of the subject.
8. There is the possibility of slight modification of the program of classes.

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ATTENTION

The final 10 minutes of the last class of the block/semester/year should be allotted for students to fill out the Survey of Evaluation of Classes and Academic Teachers