

**COURSE DATA****DATA SUBJECT**

**Code:** 34730  
**Name:** English for health sciences  
**Cycle:** Undergraduate Studies  
**ECTS Credits:** 4.5  
**Academic year:** 2026-27

**STUDY (S)**

Degree	Center	Acad. year	Period
1206 - Degree in Dentistry	Facultat de Medicina i Odontologia	2	First quarter

**SUBJECT-MATTER**

Degree	Subject-matter	Character
1206 - Degree in Dentistry	Society and communication	COMPULSORY

**COORDINATION**

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**SUMMARY**

English for the Health Sciences covers essential features of the language employed in these disciplines, placing special emphasis on English for dentists.

English for the Health Sciences is an essential subject for dentistry undergraduates as English is the language most widely used in the academic world; it is the *lingua franca* of research articles, MEDLINE, and international conferences in the academic community. This is the reason why it is an essential tool for the future of the Health professional.

Its syllabus contents provide access to different areas of dentists; professional practice and research into health, and also facilitate the correct interaction of health professionals and academics in a wide range of communicative situations.

**PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE****RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER SUBJECTS OF THE SAME DEGREE**

There are no specified enrollment restrictions with other subjects of the curriculum.



## OTHER REQUIREMENTS

None

## COMPETENCES / LEARNING OUTCOMES

### 1206 - Degree in Dentistry

Comprender la importancia de desarrollar una práctica profesional con respeto a la autonomía del paciente, a sus creencias y cultura.

Conocer del método científico y tener capacidad crítica para valorar los conocimientos establecidos y la información novedosa. Ser capaz de formular hipótesis, recolectar y valorar de forma crítica la información para la resolución de problemas, siguiendo el método científico.

### 1210 -

Understand the scientific method and be able to critically evaluate established knowledge and new information. Be capable of formulating hypotheses and of collecting and critically assessing information to resolve problems according to the scientific method.

## DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS

### 1. THEORETICAL CLASSES I: the classes will be taught entirely in English.

#### 1. THE BASICS (1)

Vocabulary: external and internal parts of the body, parts of the mouth, parts of the tooth, medical and dental instruments

Grammar: verb tenses in the active voice: present tenses and past tenses

Grammar: review of pronouns

Grammar: word order

#### 2. THE BASICS (2)

Vocabulary: abbreviations and symbols of the American Dental Association (ADA)

Vocabulary: semantic field related to dental nomenclature and identification systems. Palmer Notation, FDI Notation, European Notation, American/Universal Notation

Grammar: future tenses

Grammar: yes/no questions and wh- questions

#### 3. PHRASES FOR DESCRIBING OBJECTS

Vocabulary: description of objects, description of medical and dental instruments, description of oral hygiene products

Grammar: relative clauses

Grammar: introduction to the passive voice



**4. THE FIELD OF DENTISTRY**

Vocabulary: specialties and procedures within the field of dentistry (implantology, surgery, periodontology, gerodontlogy, etc.)

Vocabulary: idioms and collocations related to the field of dentistry

Grammar: the passive voice

Grammar: comparatives and superlatives

**5. INTERACTING WITH PATIENTS (1): TAKING A HISTORY**

Grammar/Vocabulary: small talk, basic interaction formalities, analysis of routine questions

Vocabulary: history-taking, diagnostic terminology, symptom recognition terminology

**6. INTERACTING WITH PATIENTS (2): TREATMENTS AND GIVING INSTRUCTIONS**

Grammar/Vocabulary: explaining procedures to the patient (information structuring, terminological simplification through metaphors, reassurance, etc.)

Vocabulary: terminology related to treatment explanations

Grammar: the imperative

Grammar: modal verbs

Grammar: conditional structures

**7. DISCUSSING CURRENT RESEARCH IN THE FIELD OF DENTISTRY**

**2. PRACTICES**

The practical sessions will be devoted to practical exercises in English for the development of oral skills (interaction, debate and monologues), listening comprehension (audios and videos), written expression (essays, translations) and written comprehension (reading articles and texts in specialized language).

**WORKLOAD**

**PRESENCIAL ACTIVITIES**

Activity	Hours
Theory	25,00
Computer classroom practice	20,00
<b>Total hours</b>	<b>45,00</b>

**NON PRESENCIAL ACTIVITIES**

Activity	Hours
Attendance at other activities	0,00
Individual or group project	35,00
Independent study and work	25,00
Preparation of lessons	0,00



Preparation for assessment activities	7,50
Resolution of case studies	0,00
<b>Total hours</b>	<b>67,50</b>

## TEACHING METHODOLOGY

Placement Test at the beginning of the semester to check the starting level of the Common European Framework for Reference of Languages.

Theoretical and practical classes, group work, oral presentations, projects.

Classes will be held entirely in English (except for translations), will have a theoretical-practical nature and linguistic interaction will be encouraged. Methodological resources will include texts in specialized language, specialized recordings related to the syllabus and interviews, videos, online material, as well as in the virtual classroom.

The gender perspective, respect for diversity and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) will be incorporated into teaching, whenever possible.

## EVALUATION

### FIRST AND SECOND CALL EVALUATION

*A) Individual final exam that will include a reading comprehension test (long-answer questions, multiple choice questions with three possible answers, true/ false questions, or fill-in-the-gaps questions), a grammar test (long-answer questions, multiple choice questions with three possible answers, true/ false questions, or fill-in-the-gaps questions), a listening comprehension test (long-answer questions, multiple choice questions with three possible answers, true/ false questions, or fill-in-the-gaps questions), a writing test (a writing) and a vocabulary test (long-answer questions, multiple choice questions with three possible answers, true/ false questions, or fill-in-the-gaps questions): 40%.*

*B) Writing test (a writing), translations, participation in oral tests of dentist-patient simulations (speaking: role plays) and work carried out during the practical sessions: 30%.*

*C) Group oral presentation in English on a field of dentistry with a length of 10-15 minutes: 15%.*

*D) Submission of an audiovisual resource chosen by the student (video or audio in the form of a podcast): 15%.*

*To pass the subject, students must obtain at least 50% on average in each of the parts A, B and C.*



Students must also obtain 50% in each section of part A. For example, if the student passes parts A and B but fails C, they fail subject.

- Attendance to the practical sessions is mandatory. It is considered that the student complies with this requirement if they have attended a minimum of 80% of these activities and have adequately justified the impossibility of attending the remaining sessions due to force majeure. It will be essential to comply with this requirement to pass the subject.

- We remind students of the importance of carrying out the evaluation surveys of all the professors that teach in this Bachelor's Degree.

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- Acces Medicina  
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