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### **COURSE SYLLABUS**

Course name: Introduction to English Veterinary Medical Terminology I

Academic year 2025/2026

Course leader: Dubravka Vilke-Pinter, Ph.D., senior lecturer

Teachers: Dubravka Vilke Pinter, Ph.D., senior lecturer

First day of classes: 03/03/2026

Last day of classes: 15/04/2026

### STUDENT OBLIGATIONS

Seminars attendance	Student is obliged to attend at least 7 out of 10 hourly classes to achieve minimum number of points (7 points out of 12)
Practicals attendance	Student is obliged to attend 3 out of 5 hourly classes to achieve minimum number of points (4 points out of 6)
Active participation in seminars and practicals	Student can gain up to 10 points for his/her active participation in classes. Minimum number of points students should earn is 5.
Final exam	Students can earn up to 40 points at the final exam. Passing score is 24.
Examination requirements	Student requirements are defined in the Regulations on the Integrated Undergraduate and Graduate Study of Veterinary Medicine (2022). Given the above, the student must acquire a minimum number of points from all assessment elements in order to take the final exam. <b>Article 41:</b> a student can justifiably be absent from up to 50 % of the lectures; 30% of the seminars and 30 % of the exercises.

### GRADING AND EVALUATING STUDENT WORK

Continuous knowledge-checking (mid-terms)	Students have to pass a midterm test to be entitled to take final exam. Minimum passing score at midterm test is 20 points out of points total (32). Midterm test date: 15/4/2026
Final exams (dates)	28/4.2026; 15/6/2026; 10/7/2026; 9/9/2026; 17/9/2026.
Form of final exam	Written test

### Activities - Introduction to english veterinary medical terminology I

Start Date	Start T	End Ti	Course	Group	Note	Length	Instructor	Room
03/03/2026	10:00	11:30	s01	2E-1, 2E-2		1:30	Vilke-Pinter D.	P_fizika
10/03/2026	10:00	11:30	s02	2E-1, 2E-2		1:30	Vilke-Pinter D.	P_velika
18/03/2026	8:30	10:00	s03	2E-1, 2E-2		1:30	Vilke-Pinter D.	P_velika
25/03/2026	17:00	18:30	s04	2E-1, 2E-2		1:30	Vilke-Pinter D.	Online
08/04/2026	11:45	13:15	s05	2E-1, 2E-2		1:30	Vilke-Pinter D.	P_velika
10/04/2026	8:30	10:00	v01	2E-1, 2E-2		1:30	Vilke-Pinter D.	P_fizika
14/04/2026	10:00	11:30	v02	2E-1, 2E-2		1:30	Vilke-Pinter D.	P_kemija
15/04/2026	11:30	12:15	v03	2E-1, 2E-2		0:45	Vilke-Pinter D.	P_fizika
<b>Total: 8</b>						<b>11:15</b>		

## LITERATURE

Obligatory literature	VILKE-PINTER, D. (2024): Introduction to English veterinary medical terminology 1. Course materials, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Zagreb.
Optional literature	<p>COCHRAN, P. (1991): Student's guide to veterinary medical terminology. Mosby, St. Louis, Missouri.</p> <p>COX, K., D. HILL (2007): Preliminary English for academic purposes. Longman, London.</p> <p>MC BRIDE, D.E. (2002): Learning veterinary terminology. Mosby, St. Louis, Missouri.</p> <p>MC CARTHY, M., F. O'DELL (2008): Academic vocabulary in use. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.</p> <p>MC CORMACK, J. (2005): English for Academic Study. Garnet Publishing Ltd, Reading.</p> <p>PORTER. D., C BLACK (2007): Check your vocabulary for academic English. A &amp; C Black Publishers Ltd., London.</p>

## OBJECTIVES AND LEARNING OUTCOMES

Course objectives	<p>The aim of the course Introduction to English Medical Veterinary Terminology 1 is to introduce students to the specific language register used in the field of veterinary medicine which is considerably different from the spoken, general English and to develop knowledge and skills needed to use this language register.</p> <p>The course introduces students to the principles of word formation in veterinary medical English in order to develop their understanding, and ability to use a wide range of technical terms. The selected linguistic discourse is analyzed to develop analytical skills required for handling novel terminology.</p> <p>Besides providing training in reading scientific and professional literature the course also focuses on development of speaking and communication skills and strategies needed for effective communication in a professional setting. The aim of the course is also to foster general verbal understanding and information literacy.</p>
Learning outcomes	<p>Having gained understanding of the principles of word formation in technical terminology used in the field of veterinary medicine students develop knowledge and skills and gain competences needed to identify and understand information provided in scientific and technical literature from the field.</p> <p>Students also increase their general verbal understanding and improve their information literacy.</p> <p>Having successfully completed the course student will/will be able to:</p>

- recognise veterinary medicine language register
- understand principles of scientific terms formation
- recognise technical terms from various fields of veterinary medicine
- use a considerable number of scientific terms in a given context, both at the oral and written level
- reach basic understanding of the structure of technical and scientific text

### GRADING SCHEME

<i>Points</i>	<i>Grade</i>
Up to 59	1 (F)
60-76	2 (D,E)
77-84	3 (C)
85-92	4 (B)
93-100	5 (A)

Course leader

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Head of the organizational unit:

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Note: The course leader is required to submit a Course Syllabus to all teachers and associates pertaining to the Course