



Chill out! - Relaxation as a tool for personal development and therapy (16.11, 17.11, 30.11)

| 1. IMPRINT | |
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| Academic Year | 2024/2025 |
| Department | Faculty of Medicine |
| Field of study | Medicine |
| Main scientific discipline | Medical sciences |
| Study Profile | General academic |
| Level of studies | Uniform MSc |
| Form of studies | Full time studies |
| Type of module / course | Non-compulsory |
| Form of verification of learning outcomes | Completion |
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| 2. BASIC INFORMATION | | | |
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| Year and semester of studies | I-VI year, 1st semester | Number of ECTS credits | 2.00 |
| FORMS OF CLASSES | Number of hours | ECTS credits calculation | |
| Contacting hours with academic teacher | | | |

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| Lecture (L) | | |
| Seminar (S) | 30 | 1.5 |
| Classes (C) | | |
| e-learning (e-L) | | |
| Practical classes (PC) | | |
| Work placement (WP) | | |
| Unassisted student's work | | |
| Preparation for classes and completions | 15 | 0.5 |

3. COURSE OBJECTIVES

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| O1 | To broaden students' knowledge on stress and its consequences for health and the meaning of relaxation for human wellbeing. |
| O2 | Development of auto-relaxation skills, ability to conduct relaxation training for others, working with strains, removal of anxiety in adaptive way. |

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

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| Code and number of the effect of learning in accordance with standards of learning | Effects in the field of: <i>(in accordance with appendix to the Regulation of Minister of Science and Higher education from 26th of July 2019)</i> |
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Knowledge – Graduate* knows and understands:

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| D.K12 | the role of stress in etiopathogenesis and the progress of the disease and recognises the mechanisms of coping with stress |
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Skills– Graduate* is able to:

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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)*

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

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| K1 | psychological and physiological basis of relaxation |
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| K2 | what biofeedback is and how it may be used in relaxation training |
| K3 | basics of meditation and mindfulness |
| K4 | specificity of relaxation techniques for children |

Skills– Graduate is able to:

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| S1 | conduct basic breathing exercises |
| S2 | work with biofeedback |
| S3 | conduct Jacobson’s progressive muscle relaxation |
| S4 | conduct passive muscle relaxation |
| S5 | Shultz’s autogenic training |
| S6 | conduct visualization and meditation exercises |
| S7 | conduct basics mindfulness exercises |

Social Competencies – Graduate is ready for:

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| SC1 | - |
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6. CLASSES

| Form of class | Class contents | Effects of Learning |
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| S | Class 1. Relaxation: the way to human mind is through his body- Psychological and physiological basis of relaxation, breathing exercises, biofeedback, Jacobson’s progressive muscle relaxation, passive muscle relaxation. | D.K12 K1, K2 S1-S4 |
| S | Class 2. Relaxation: the way to human body is through his mind - Shultz’s autogenic training, visualization, meditation and basics of mindfulness. Relaxation techniques for children. | K3, K4 S5-S7 |
| S | Class 33. Relaxation techniques from around the world – Students presentation on relaxation, visualization, meditation, mindfulness, sports as a way to relax. | S1-S7 |

7. LITERATURE

Obligatory

PDF materials provided by the teacher during the course (scripts of specific relaxation techniques)

Supplementary

Davis, M, Robbins-Eshelman E, McKay, M. (2006). *The relaxation & Stress Reduction workbook*. New Harbinger Publications Inc.: Oakland.

Sood A. (2013). *The Mayo Clinic guide to Stress-Free Living*. Da Capo Press: Boston.

Sood A. (2015). *The Mayo Clinic handbook for happiness*. Da Capo Press: Boston.

The above textbooks are available for short rental from the teacher (single copies).

8. VERIFYING THE EFFECT OF LEARNING

| Code of the course effect of learning | Ways of verifying the effect of learning | Completion criterion |
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| D.K12 K1-K4, S1-S7 | Active participation in all discussions and exercises during classes | Minimal acceptable level of performance |
| S1, S3-S7 | Providing a self-prepared recording of a chosen relaxation technique (choice of the script and background music, recording in a proper pace and tone of voice, as practiced in a class and in line with the provided instructions) | Minimal acceptable level of performance |
| S1-S7 | Preparation of a presentation on relaxation, visualization, meditation, mindfulness, handicraft, anima-therapy, sports or other way to relax: presentation (theoretical/cultural background), instruction (demonstration), discussion. | Minimal acceptable level of performance |

9. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

It is a weekend course that takes place on:

- Saturday, November 16, 2024, 10am-5.30pm
- Sunday, November 17, 2024, 10am-5.30pm
- Saturday, November 30, 2024, 10am-5.30pm

All sessions will take place at ul. Litewska 14 room -103 (level "-1").

Attendance: 90% attendance is required. Partial absence (max. 3h teaching hours = 135min) has to be credited with additional written task. Students are expected to come to the class on time and participate actively.

To provide good learning environment for everyone, students are requested to turn off electronic devices that might disturb the class.

Maximum 22 students are accepted to the course.

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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