

Frequently asked questions

Q) Where to study Microbiology and Immunology from?

A) There are a lot of good resources out there, including textbooks, exam preparation material, videos, reviews, and peer reviewed articles. As a medical student you are expected to be able to find and recognize trusted and reliable sources on your own.

Q) Any recommended textbooks for this course?

A) Yes, we base this course on 2 main textbooks:

- 7th or 8th or any other recent edition ***Murray's medical microbiology***.
- 4th or 5th or any other recent edition ***Basic immunology, Functions and Disorders of the Immune System by Abul K. Abbas***

Other recommended textbooks and resources include:

- 26th or 27th or any other recent edition of *Jawetz, Melnick, & Adelberg's Medical Microbiology*.
- 8th or 9th or any other recent edition of *Janeway's Immunobiology*.
- Reviews, articles, and videos referred to in-lecture.

Q) What is the required material for this course specifically?

A) Lectures and e-learning material will provide a general outline of main intended learning outcomes (ILOs), but textbooks are essential for better understanding of the subject.

Q) Will the lab demonstrations be part of the exam material?

A) Yes, material covered in the lab demonstrations will be part of the final exam.

Q) Are the lecture slides and e-learning material enough to pass this course?

A) Yes. Lectures (ppt slides and material covered by the instructor) will cover majority of the material on the exam. In previous years, a passing score (D) averaged around 50 and top score (A) above 82.

Q) Are the lecture slides enough to get a full score?

A) Probably not.

Q) What is the attendance policy?

A) Attendance is mandatory according to faculty of medicine rules and will be assessed mainly by signatures during the lecture. Please refer to faculty laws for more information.

Q) How many questions will there be on the exam per lecture?

A) This is different for each instructor, but we aim to give fair distribution of questions/lecture (i.e. each lecture should get its fair share of questions).

Q) How will e-learning work?

A) E-learning (electronic learning) is part of the university move towards blended learning (a blend of in-class lectures, and e-learning). In general, e-learning aims to let the student be an active participant in the educational process. The instructor will provide relevant material (text, videos, questions, links, etc....) on the e-learning platform, and the student will access this material and actively engage in looking up information and answers to provided exercises.

Q) Is e-learning material part of exam material?

A) Yes, e-learning material is just as important as in-class lectures.

Note: If you cannot find the answers you are looking for then ask after lecture ends or during office hours.