

**Systemic Medical
Microbiology
and Infectious Disease
BMS 6302**

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2004 – 2005 Course Syllabus

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Description: Building upon the principles learned in General Medical Microbiology and Infectious Disease (BMS 6301), the medical student studies in detail infectious diseases in organ systems. The biological characteristics and pathologic mechanisms of infectious bacteria, viruses, fungi and parasites are covered. Functional and clinical implications are presented in the form of relevant clinical case examples that include the use of laboratory testing for diagnosis and treatment.

Format: Lecture/tutorial/case-based class sessions coordinated (by organ system) with BMS 6602 – Systemic Pathology & BMS 6402 – Systemic Clinical Pharmacology.

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Other Instructors: Edward Klatt, M.D.

Required Text: *Medical Microbiology, 4th Ed.* (2002) Murray, Rosenthal, Kobayashi and Pfaller, Mosby-Year Book, ISBN: 0323012132.

Recommended Texts: *Mechanisms of Microbial Disease, 3rd Ed.* (1998) Schaechter, Engleberg, Eisenstein and Medoff; Lippincott, ISBN: 0683076051.

Medical Microbiology & Immunology: Examination & Board Review, 7th Ed. (2002) Levinson and Jawetz, McGraw-Hill/Appleton & Lange, ISBN: 0071382178.

Electronic Resources: <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/>

Access Medicine/Harrison's Online (accessed through the COM Library home page)

Detailed information on weekly assignments, class schedules, coverage of exams, etc. will be posted on the Blackboard web site for this course. Copies of all handouts, summaries, Power Point tutorials, answers to the cases discussed in class, etc. will also be posted at this site.

Topical Syllabus

Lecture/Tutorial/Clinical Case-Based Discussion Sessions

Session 01. Cardiovascular Diseases: endocarditis, myocarditis & pericarditis (various causative agents); rheumatic fever (*Streptococcus pyogenes*); syphilitic aortitis (*Treponema pallidum*); Chagas' disease (*Trypanosoma cruzi*); etc. – 2 hours.

Session 02. Respiratory Diseases – I (Student Presentations): aspergillosis (*Aspergillus flavus* & *Aspergillus fumigatus*), coccidioidomycosis (*Coccidioides immitis*), mycoplasma pneumonia (*Mycoplasma pneumoniae*), influenza (influenza viruses), Q fever (*Coxiella burnetii*), hantavirus pulmonary syndrome (Sin Nombre virus), Legionnaires' disease (*Legionella pneumophila*) etc. – 2 hours.

Session 03. Respiratory Diseases – II (Student Presentations): croup (parainfluenza viruses), nocardiosis (*Nocardia* spp.), *Mycobacterium avium* complex infections, respiratory syncytial virus infections, psittacosis (*Chlamydophila psittaci*), SARS – severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS coronavirus), pneumococcal pneumonia (*Streptococcus pneumoniae*), tuberculosis (*Mycobacterium tuberculosis*), etc. – 2 hours.

Session 04. Urinary Tract Infections: categories of urinary tract infections; pathobiology, frequency & significance of urinary tract infections; cystitis (various causative agents); urethritis (various causative agents); pyelonephritis (various causative agents); prostatitis (various causative agents); renal calculi & abscesses; etc. – 2 hours.

Session 05. Bacterial Gastrointestinal Diseases: gastritis & peptic ulcer disease (*Helicobacter pylori*), infectious gastroenteritis & bacterial food poisoning (*Campylobacter jejuni*, *Clostridium botulinum*, *Clostridium difficile*, *Clostridium perfringens*, *Escherichia coli*, *Salmonella enteritidis*, *Bacillus cereus*, *Salmonella typhi*, *Shigella dysenteriae*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Vibrio cholerae*, *Vibrio parahaemolyticus*, etc.) – 2 hours.

Session 06. Viral & Parasitic Gastrointestinal Diseases: viral gastroenteritis (adenoviruses, Norwalk virus, rotavirus), protozoan gastrointestinal diseases (*Entamoeba histolytica*, *Giardia lamblia*, *Cryptosporidium parvum*, etc.), helminthic gastrointestinal diseases (*Ascaris lumbricoides*, hookworms, *Strongyloides stercoralis*, *Trichuris trichiura*, *Enterobius vermicularis*, *Schistosoma* spp., etc.) – 2 hours.

Session 07. Diseases of the Liver: hepatitis (hepatitis viruses) & other viral pathogens that can affect the liver (yellow fever virus, Epstein-Barr virus,

cytomegalovirus, etc.); parasitic pathogens that can affect the liver (*Entamoeba histolytica*, *Leishmania donovani*, *Ascaris lumbricoides*, *Toxocara* spp., *Fasciola hepatica*, *Schistosoma* spp., etc.) – 1 hour.

Session 08. Diseases of the Reproductive System: epididymitis (various causative agents), orchitis (viral & bacterial causative agents), cervicitis (*Chlamydia trachomatis*, *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*, *Trichomonas vaginalis*, *Candida albicans*, etc.), bacterial vaginitis, vulvovaginitis (*Trichomonas vaginitis*, *Candida albicans*, etc.), pelvic inflammatory disease (*Neisseria gonorrhoeae*, *Chlamydia trachomatis*), diseases involving genital sores or warts (*Treponema pallidum*, *Haemophilus ducreyi*, herpes simplex virus, human papilloma virus, etc.) – 2 hours.

Session 09. Infections of the Head & Neck: nose & face infections (skin infections, rhinoscleroma, ozena, etc.), common cold (rhinoviruses, coronaviruses, etc.), sinusitis (various causative agents), ear & mastoid infections (auricular cellulitis, otitis externa & media, mastoiditis), oral cavity infections (gingivitis, Vincent's angina, Ludwig's angina, cold sores, etc.), pharyngitis & laryngitis (various causative agents) – 1 hour.

Session 10. Sepsis & Other Diseases of the Bloodstream: sepsis, systemic inflammatory response syndrome (SIRS) & septic shock (various causative agents); malaria (*Plasmodium* spp.); babesiasis (*Babesia* spp.); fifth disease & aplastic crisis (parvovirus B19); etc. – 1 hour.

Session 11. Marrow & Lymphoid Organ Diseases: cervical lymphadenitis (various causative agents), cat scratch disease (*Bartonella henselae*), visceral leishmaniasis (*Leishmania donovani infantum*), brucellosis (*Brucella melitensis*), etc. – 1 hour.

Session 12: Diseases of the Bones & Joints: hematogenous & non-hematogenous osteomyelitis (various causative agents); infectious arthritis (*Neisseria gonorrhoeae* & other agents); specialized forms of arthritis: Lyme disease (*Borrelia burgdorferi*), secondary syphilis (*Treponema pallidum*), mycobacterial arthritis (*Mycobacterium tuberculosis*); arthritis caused by viral & fungal agents; etc. – 1 hour.

Session 13. Diseases of the Central Nervous System – I: brain abscesses (various causative agents), progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy (JC virus), poliomyelitis (polio virus), neurocysticercosis (*Taenia solium*), shingles (varicella zoster virus), cerebral toxoplasmosis (*Toxoplasma gondii*), etc. – 2 hours.

Session 14. Diseases of the Central Nervous System – II: acute bacterial meningitis (various causative agents), viral meningitis (various causative agents), rabies (rabies virus), Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (prion protein), encephalitis (various causative agents), etc. – 1 hour.

Session 15. Ophthalmic Diseases: conjunctivitis, keratoconjunctivitis, keratitis, endophthalmitis, uveitis & posterior uveitis (various causative agents); pharyngeal conjunctival fever (adenovirus); trachoma (*Chlamydia trachomatis*); etc. – 1 hour.

Session 16. Bacterial Diseases of the Skin: folliculitis, furuncles, carbuncles, bullous impetigo & scalded skin syndrome (*Staphylococcus aureus*); nonbullous impetigo & scarlet fever (*Streptococcus pyogenes*); Rocky Mountain spotted fever (*Rickettsia rickettsiae*); acne (*Propionibacterium acnes*); leprosy (*Mycobacterium leprae*); cellulitis (various causative agents); etc. – 1 hour.

Session 17. Viral, Fungal & Parasitic Diseases of the Skin: anogenital & skin warts (human papilloma virus), rubella (rubella virus), chickenpox & shingles (varicella zoster virus), cold sores & herpetic whitlow (herpes simplex virus), smallpox (variola virus), fifth disease (parvovirus B19), hand-foot-and-mouth diseases (Coxsackie virus), blastomycosis (*Blastomyces dermatitidis*), coccidioidomycosis (*Coccidioides immitis*), histoplasmosis (*Histoplasma capsulatum*), tinea infections (various dermatophyte fungi), sporotrichosis (*Sporothrix schenckii*), cutaneous leishmaniasis (*Leishmania* spp.), Swimmer's itch (*Schistosoma* spp.), etc. – 2 hours.

Evaluation of Student Performance and Grading

The material for examinations and quizzes will come from the lecture/tutorial/case-based discussion sessions, the full answers to the cases discussed in these sessions, the handouts that summarize the microbiology for each organ system covered in the course, materials on the Blackboard site for the course, and the appropriate sections of the textbook. The format for written examinations will be multiple choice questions (single best answer).

There will be five integrated block examinations in the Spring semester. These examinations will cover material in all the courses for the four weeks prior to each examination. The microbiology part of these examinations will consist of 11 to 18 questions, depending on the amount of material covered during each examination period. At the end of the semester, there will be a comprehensive final examination that covers all of the material presented during the second year of the medical curriculum. The quizzes given during sessions of Systemic Pathology (BMS 6402) will include 25 medical microbiology questions, and the score on these questions will form part of the overall grade for the microbiology course (see below). Students will also be required to give one group presentation on respiratory diseases, which will count for 10 points. The final grade in the course will be based upon the total score calculated from the total number of points as follows:

76 questions (total) on the five integrated block examinations	= 76 points
25 questions on the comprehensive final examination	= 25 points
Group presentations on respiratory diseases	= 10 points
25 questions on quizzes (given during Pathology sessions)	= 25 points
Total	= 136 points

Grading for the course is based on a numeric score calculated as a percentage achieved from all possible points, as follows:

A	=	>90%
B+	=	87 – 89.9%
B	=	80 – 86.9%
C+	=	77 – 79.9%
C	=	70 – 76.9%
D	=	65 – 69.9%
F	=	< 64.9%

Attendance, Remediation, and Other College of Medicine Policies

The following policies have been adopted by the Florida State University College of Medicine for all courses in the medical curriculum.

Attendance Policy:

Students are expected to attend all scheduled activities. Students are expected to be on time. Being on time is defined as being *ready to start* at the assigned time. If a student has an emergency that prevents her/him from attending a scheduled activity, she/he is to call and notify the Office of Student Affairs and request that they inform the supervisors/professors/clerkship faculty for that activity. If at all possible, the student should also call and, at a minimum, leave a message with one of the course/clerkship directors. *It is important that students realize that their absence or tardiness negatively impacts a number of other people.* Attendance, including tardiness, is part of the student's evaluation for professionalism. Negative evaluations may result in decreased grades and, in severe cases, referral to the college Student Evaluation and Promotion Committee.

Procedure for Notification of Absence:

If the student knows in advance of an upcoming legitimate absence, the "Advance Notification of Absence from Educational Activity(ies)" form should be completed with signatures from the student, the Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, the course or clerkship faculty member and the Course/Clerkship Director. The form will be filed in the Office of Student Affairs. The implications for the absence (*e.g.*, remediation, course grade adjustment, make-up exam, etc.) will be given to the student by the course/clerkship director and final decisions regarding these actions shall rest with the course/clerkship director.

If the absence occurs due to an unforeseen emergency, the student should contact the course/ clerkship director and the Assistant Dean for Student Affairs immediately to report the absence, including the reason for the absence. The implications for the absence (*e.g.*, remediation, course grade adjustment, make-up exam, etc.) will be given to the student by the course/clerkship director and final decisions regarding

these actions shall rest with the course/clerkship director.

**Remediation Policy for Absences from Examinations, Quizzes,
Small Group Sessions, Laboratory Sessions, Clinical Learning Center
Sessions, Preceptor Visits, and Clerkship Call:**

The remediation policies for absences from examinations, quizzes, small group sessions, laboratory sessions, clinical learning center sessions, preceptor visits, and clerkship call are:

1. **POLICY ON MISSED EXAMINATIONS:** Students are required to take major in-term and final examinations. According to the Curriculum Committee, a student can only be excused from an examination by a course director decision based on the personal situation of the student. The course director will determine the time of the exam make-up session. Also, according to the Curriculum Committee decision and the existence of the FSU-COM honor code, the student will be given the same examination given to the other students. *In this course (BMS 6302), all examinations must be made up within 1 week of returning to class.*
2. **POLICY ON MISSED QUIZZES:** Students are required to take scheduled and unscheduled quizzes in the courses. A student can only be excused from a quiz by a course director decision based on the personal situation of the student. The student must make arrangements with the course director to make up a missed quiz. Also, according to the Curriculum Committee decision and the existence of the FSU-COM honor code, the student will be given the same quiz given to the other students. *In this course (BMS 6302), all quizzes must be made up within 1 week of returning to class.*
3. **POLICY ON MISSED SMALL GROUP SESSIONS, LABORATORY SESSIONS, CLINICAL LEARNING CENTER SESSIONS, PRECEPTOR VISITS AND CLERKSHIP CALL:** The student should contact the course director, small group leader or clerkship director for instructions on remediation of the missed session and material covered.

Remediation Policy for Students Who Fail the Course

Remediation of courses/clerkships will be planned and implemented by a combined decision of the Evaluation and Promotion Committee in collaboration with the course/clerkship director.

Unexcused Absences

Each unexcused absence from an academically required small group, laboratory, PBL, or other group activity where students are broken into smaller meeting units, will be penalized by deduction of the points attributable to the quiz administered for that session, if applicable, from the "final point score." Students who have an unexcused absence from an examination will lose the entire score (points) awarded for that examination, and the final grade for the course will reflect this loss.

Students with more than two such absences in the Spring Term will not receive academic credit for the course, and a grade of "F" will be submitted to the Registrar.

Academic Honor Code

Students are expected to uphold the Academic Honor Code published in the Florida State University Bulletin and the Student Handbook: *The Academic Honor System of the Florida State University is based on the premise that each student has the responsibility (1) to uphold the highest standards of academic integrity in the student's own work, (2) to refuse to tolerate violations of academic integrity in the University community, and (3) to foster a high sense of integrity and social responsibility on the part of the University community.*

Students with Disabilities (ADA Statement)

Students with disabilities needing academic accommodation should:

1. Register with and provide documentation to the student disability Resource Center (SDRC).
2. Bring a letter to the instructor from the SDRC indicating that you need academic accommodations. This should be done within the first week of class. Specific arrangements should be settled with the instructor 5 working days prior to each exam for which accommodations are being requested.

Evaluations

Student evaluations throughout the course are an important way of improving medical education, particularly during the founding years of the College of Medicine. Not only are your comments and suggestions valued, but the evaluation process represents one way for you to become familiar with the peer review process. Peer review is an important quality management function in all branches of medicine. In order for peer review to work properly, it must be taken seriously by both the evaluators as well as those being evaluated. Therefore, we ask that you give careful consideration to evaluations. When making comments, consider what you would say if you were face to face with the person to whom the comments are directed. How would you react if the comments were directed at you? Give thought to how learning resources were used in regard to the way to learn best. What worked for you and what did not? How is your time used optimally? Are you making adequate progress? Are you being challenged to improve? Be specific. Ultimately, your use of the evaluation process can help you learn how to improve your own medical practice.

Course Objectives

Knowledge

- Expand the knowledge base of principles of microbial taxonomy, structure, physiological function, and pathogenesis.
- Expand the vocabulary for describing the taxonomy of microbial organisms and the diseases they produce.
- Expand their understanding of the various mechanisms by which different categories of microorganisms cause disease and its related signs and symptoms in the human body.

Skills

- Demonstrate the ability to use the laboratory to diagnose infections, including appropriate specimen collection, ordering of tests, and interpretation of test results in the context of the patient's presentation and findings.
- Demonstrate the ability to form differential diagnoses for infectious diseases in each organ system.
- Demonstrate knowledge of general categories of therapeutic modalities available to treat infections.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the effect of age on the types of infections seen in the life-cycle, including those seen in perinatal, pediatric, and geriatric patients.
- Demonstrate problem solving ability and diagnostic reasoning with infectious diseases.
- Demonstrate knowledge of clinical manifestations in the history and physical examination that point to infection.
- Demonstrate the ability to correlate microbial infection with radiologic imaging findings.
- Demonstrate knowledge of public health surveillance and measures to deal with infections in a population.

Attitudes/Behaviors

- Demonstrate professional attitudes and behaviors towards others.

Integration with COM Goals and Objectives

Knowledge

- Demonstrate the application of the scientific bases of health, disease, and medicine to common and high impact medical conditions in contemporary society.
- Describe the development, structure and function of the healthy human body and each of its major organ systems at the macroscopic, microscopic, and molecular levels.
- Recognize and discuss the implications of altered structure and function (pathology and pathophysiology) of the body and its major organ systems that are seen in various diseases and conditions.
- Identify changes in the structure and function of the human body associated with the aging process and be able to distinguish normal changes associated with aging from those that denote disease.
- Describe the molecular basis of diseases and maladies and the way in which they affect the body (pathogenesis).
- Demonstrate the ability to use basic biobehavioral and clinical science principles to analyze and solve problems related to the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of disease.
- Describe strategies to support life long learning via both print and electronic sources to assist in making diagnostic and treatment decisions (e.g., practice guidelines) and to remain current with advances in medical knowledge and practice (e.g., medical information data bases).

Skills

- Demonstrate the appropriate use of laboratory tests and radiographic studies in making diagnostic and treatment decisions.
- Demonstrate the ability to evaluate the patient's medical problems and to formulate accurate hypotheses to serve as the basis for making diagnostic and treatment decisions.
- Demonstrate the ability to acquire new information and data and to critically appraise its validity and applicability to one's professional decisions, including the application of information systems technologies for support of clinical decision-making.
- Demonstrate the ability to organize, record, research, present, critique, and manage clinical information.
- Demonstrate the ability to communicate compassionately and effectively, both verbally and in writing, with patients, their families, colleagues and others with whom physicians must exchange information in carrying out their responsibilities.
- Demonstrate the ability to work effectively as part of a health care team, with appreciation for the multiple contributions of other health care professionals and agencies to the health of the individual and the health of the community.

Attitudes/Behaviors

- Demonstrate professionalism and high ethical standards in all aspects of medical practice, specifically competence, honesty, integrity, compassion, respect for others, professional responsibility and social responsibility.
- Demonstrate awareness of the health care needs of aging patients and a willingness to care for the elderly.