

MedPrep (MCB 199, Section MED)
Fall 2024 Course Syllabus
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Course Name: MedPrep

Course Number: MCB 199, Section MED

Course Dates

- First Class: 8/28/24
- Last Class: 12/11/24

Class Times & Location

- Class Time: Wednesdays, 4:00-5:50 pm
- Location: 100 Materials Science & Engineering Building

Course Credit and Grading

- 2 credits, S/U only
- Grading is based on attendance and participation

Outside Work and Exam Schedule

- No homework
- No exams

Student Hours

- Students can schedule a meeting with Dr. Polites through the Canvas course page [or by clicking here.](#)
- Student hours take place on most Tuesdays from 3:00-5:00 pm.
- In-person and virtual options are available.
 - In person meetings take place in the [Dean's Office of the Medical Sciences Building – 506 South Mathews Avenue](#) – See campus map
 - Virtual meetings take place on Teams.
- Meetings are scheduled for 30 minutes. If a student would like a full-hour, they can schedule 2 meetings back-to-back.
- Dr. Polites will also stay after class each Wednesday and meet with student in the lecture hall.



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Attendance Policy

- MedPrep I is a S/U course with no homework or exams
- Class attendance is required
- Students will be permitted 2 absences to use for any reason (no permission required)
- More than two absences may result in a grade of U in the course
- Attendance is taken using iClicker (a free account is all that is needed)
- Students who have an exam at 6 pm may be excused at 5:30 pm

IMPORTANT: Falsifying attendance by signing in and leaving, signing in another student, or signing in outside of the classroom, will result in the filing of an academic integrity report on the involved student(s) and a grade of U in the course. Please do not do this! You will have 2 absences that you can use for any reason.

Why Class Attendance in MedPrep is So Important

MedPrep is a S/U course with no homework or exams. For this reason, attendance is the only metric that is used to pass the course. Of course, participation is important too! Comments from students on past course evaluations have noted that you will learn a tremendous amount in this course if you are fully engaged. This is also why the instructor asks that you keep your laptop closed during class. Even though you will have the slides from each presentation, nothing will compare to being in class. So just come, be fully present and participate, and you will get what you need from this course – with no homework, exams, or outside work!



Using iClicker for Attendance

- Students who do not yet have an iClicker account may create a FREE one by downloading the app on your phone from the Apple Store or Google Play.
- If you already have an iClicker account, do NOT create a new one but make sure you have University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign selected as your university.
- Because iClicker attendance uses the cloud (not the iClicker base station in the classroom), students must use their phone or laptop for attendance polls, **not an iClicker remote.**
- Falsifying attendance by signing in and leaving, having a student sign in another student, or signing in outside of the classroom, will result in the filing of an academic integrity report on the involved student(s) and a grade of U in the course. Please do not do this! You will have 2 absences that you can use for any reason.
- Be sure to use your **school email address** and **student ID** when setting up your account.

Search for “**MedPrep – MCB 199; Section MED**” and add the course.



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Separate lecture topics on the same day are separated by //

August 28:	Welcome to MedPrep!
September 4:	Understanding the Stressors of a Life in Medicine
September 11:	The Intersection of Medicine and Gen Z
September 18:	The Importance of EQ and Antifragility in Medicine
September 25:	Getting Involved in Undergraduate Research (includes student panel)
October 2:	Evaluation and Management of the Challenging Patient
October 9:	The Current Landscape of Medical School Admissions
October 16:	The Medical School Application & Admissions Process
October 23:	Medical School – The Exciting Next Step
October 30:	Residency – The Transformative Journey
November 6:	What’s Your Greatest Concern?
November 13:	Dual Degrees: MD & MPH // MD & PhD
November 20:	Discussion of <i>Intern</i> with Physician and Author Sandeep Jauhar, MD, PhD
November 27:	Fall Break – No Class
December 4:	Resident Physician Panel
December 11:	Medical Student Panel // Wrap-up with Dr. Polites

Updated on 9/4/24

