Course Name: MedPrep
Course Number: MCB 199, Section MED

Course Dates
• First Class: 1/17/24
• Last Class: 5/1/24

Class Times & Location
• Class Time: Wednesdays, 4:00-5:50 pm
• Location: 100 Noyes Laboratory

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
• Student hours take place by appointment.
• Students may schedule either an in-person or a virtual appointment.
• The in-person appointment will take place in the Medical Sciences Building (see below).
• Dr. Polites will also meet with students after class 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 two absences for any reason without the need for approval from the instructor.
- 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.

Why class attendance is 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. And even though you will have the slides from each presentation, nothing will compare to being present for class. 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.
- 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.
- That’s it!
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Location: Noyes Lab 100

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

January 17: Welcome to MedPrep I
January 24: Undergraduate Research (includes student panel)
January 31: Understanding the Stressors of a Life in Medicine
February 7: Evaluation and Management of the Challenging Patient
February 14: The Current Landscape of Medical School Admissions
February 21: The Medical School Application & Admissions Process
February 28: Medical School – The Exciting Next Step
March 6: Residency – The Transformative Journey
March 13: Fall Break – No Class
March 20: The Combined MD-MPH // The Combined MD-PhD
March 27: The Intersection of Medicine and Gen Z
April 3: The Importance of EQ and Antifragility in Medicine
April 10: Doctor’s Diaries // What’s Your Greatest Concern?
April 17: Discussion of Intern with Physician and Author Sandeep Jauhar, MD, PhD
April 24: Medical Student and Resident Q&A
May 1: Attending Q&A

Dates and topics are subject to change.