

2026 Akita University Faculty of Medicine Syllabus

Category	: 基礎医学アドバンスコース
Course Title	: 英語で医学・医療人類学 (Medical English / Medical Anthropology) - Reading, Thinking, Speaking -
Eligible Students	: grade 2 Elective Course
Code	: 71584002
Schedule	: week 31 ~ week 31
Credits	: 1

1. Lead Instructor

Donald C.Wood (Associate Professor, 医学教育講座, 6244)

2. Instructors

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3. Course Description Outline(Course Objectives)

The main purpose of this course is to become more comfortable with English in a variety of health and medical situations, and to think about health-related issues from a variety of perspectives. Basically, the course will be divided into three parts: (1) reading, analyzing, and discussing articles on health and medicine, (2) watching and discussing an ethnographic film (in relation to disease prevention and the provision of health care in other parts of the world), and (3) reading and reporting on articles chosen by the students. The point of the course is to learn about health, disease, and treatment in a global context.

4. Textbook/Reference Books

The instructor will prepare the materials. Students will also be required to find at least one article by themselves. We will discuss this on the first day of class. For more information, knock on D. Wood 's office door, or e-mail at wood@med.akita-u.ac.jp, or call at 884-6244.

5. Assessment

Evaluation will depend on:

- (1) Attendance
- (2) Participation in discussions
- (3) Individual article analysis and presentation

6. Out of Class Study/Message

It might be beneficial for students to brush up on their English reading ability in advance. During the course, the main outside assignment is to prepare for the presentation on Friday - hopefully by Thursday. This will probably require students to work for 6-9 hours outside of class meeting time during the first several days.

Number of students to be accepted: About 10

Topics and Contents of class, Course Objectives						
	Class Date	Period	Class Format	Topics and Contents of class, Course Objectives	Instructors	Class Room
1	11 / 30 (Mon)	1-10	Discussion	Theme: reading & discussing health-related articles Reading and discussing a variety of short articles relating to health, healing, medicine, etc.	Donald C.Wood	大学院遠隔 講義室
2	12 / 1 (Tue)	5-10	Discussion	Theme: reading & discussing health-related articles Reading and discussing a variety of short articles relating to health, healing, medicine, etc.	Donald C.Wood	大学院遠隔 講義室
3	12 / 2 (Wed)	1-4	Discussion	Theme: watching & discussing an anthropological film We will watch a short anthropological film and discuss its contents, and its implications for providing health care in different parts of the world, and in different cultures.	Donald C.Wood	大学院遠隔 講義室
4	12 / 3 (Thu)	1-10	Discussion	Theme: reading & discussing health-related articles Reading and discussing a variety of short articles relating to health, healing, medicine, etc.	Donald C.Wood	大学院遠隔 講義室
5	12 / 4 (Fri)	1-6	Discussion	Theme: student presentations Students will make short presentations on health-related articles they have chosen themselves, and we will discuss them.	Donald C.Wood	大学院遠隔 講義室