

The Circle of Life
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Office Hours: available by appointment (email to set up time)

Course Credits: 3 credits

For course times/days and location, please visit the TAU International web site (Semester Course Offerings and Schedules). Please note that all information below is subject to change and/or adjustment as necessary.

Course Description

In this course, students will learn about human development during the life span by studying the various medical fields in the classroom, and through clinical exposure by joining doctors on their clinical ward rounds in the various departments and conversing with patients. In addition, the students will be trained by Magen David Adom to provide Pre Hospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS), will take a course at the Israel Defense Forces Medical Corps training base, and during the semester, course participants will also become Magen David Adom ambulance volunteers in the afternoons.

Course Objectives

1. Gaining knowledge about human development – from birth to old age
2. Exposure to the various fields of medicine
3. Learning about medical ethical issues arising during the treatment of patients
4. Learning to accept other people who are different



Course Requirements and Expectations

Evaluation Criteria

Requirements	Mode of Fulfilling Requirement	Weighted grade
Attendance	Minimum 80% requirement to pass the course	<u>20%</u>
MDA course	Successfully passing the first aid course	10%
Midterm Paper	Successfully passing the first aid course exam	30%
Final paper	A 3-page type summary of the most influential case description from one of the experience in the department. This essay should include also description of the disease / clinical entity and relevant bibliography	40%

Course Schedule /Topics

Students will get to hear and view from the following departments. Note that not all departments will be reviewed but it will be based on availability at the time of the course. MDA is mandatory for all students and the first rotation.

- Magen David Adom (MDA)-First stop and first aid certification
- Pediatrics and surgery
- Gynecology
- General Surgery
- Orthopedics
- Internal Medicine
- Imaging
- Hyperbolic chamber
- Laboratories and operating theater
- Cardiology
- ER and how to treat emergencies
- Simulation department
- Ambulatory care clinic
- Ophthalmology
- Telemedicine

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Course Readings

Porter, S.R. "The Merck Manual of Diagnosis and Therapy, 2011

www.heart.org/HEARTORG/CPRAndECC/HealthcareProviders/BasicLifeSupportBLS/BLS-for-Prehospital-Providers_UCM_459708_Article.jsp

Lecturer Biography:

TAU International Academic Guidelines

Students may only attend classes which they are officially registered for. No auditing of courses is permitted. Students are responsible for reading and adhering to all policies and procedures in the TAU International Academic Handbook [posted here](#) at all times. Below is a summary of some of these relevant policies and procedures.

Learning Accommodations

In accordance to University guidelines, TAU International may be able to accommodate students with learning disabilities or accommodation requests if these requests are also honored at the student's home university or home school. To be considered, students must submit official documentation from their home school or university (if not in English, a notarized official copy translated into English is required) to TAU International in advance of arrival describing in detail any specific needs and how these are accommodated at the home school or university. Students must also bring a copy of this documentation with them on-site and give it to their faculty on the first day of class while introducing themselves so that the faculty know who they are and what sorts of needs or accommodations they may have. **Without official documentation from the home school submitted on or before the first day of courses, TAU will not be able to honor accommodation support.**

With supporting documentation and by following the correct procedure as outlined above, TAU International and its faculty will do the best it can to make any suitable accommodations possible. However, we cannot guarantee that all accommodations received at the home school can be similarly met at TAU. For example, TAU is usually not able to offer note-taking services in English, private testing rooms, or advance viewing of classroom presentations, exams, or assignments.

It may be an option to provide a student with additional tutoring or support outside the classroom as needed. Students should be aware that this additional support cannot be guaranteed and is based on teacher availability in the subject as well as the specific student

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level. If available, the cost of additional tutoring or support will be the sole responsibility of the student.

In-Class Exams

TAU does not permit, under any circumstances, taking any in-class (including mid or final) exams early or later than the scheduled exam day. When selecting courses, it is thus very important to note if there is an in-class midterm or final exam as this date/exam cannot be changed. It is also the student's responsibility to clarify exam dates with the professors at the beginning of a course, with the understanding that not all exam dates can be decided up front as it can sometimes depend on the pace of the course and class learning. It is the student responsibility to plan to be present for all courses including the final day of class for this reason. Early departures from the program are not approved, nor are early or exception in-class exams.

TAU International Absence Policy

Attendance is mandatory in all of the courses including Hebrew Ulpan. Faculty can and will take attendance regularly. Missing classes will be reflected in the final grade of the course. Up to three justified and properly documented absences from classes may be accepted (for example: emergency matter or illness, both of which will require a doctor's note). Such cases of absence should be reported to the faculty immediately and again, a doctor's note is required. Teachers are entitled to treat any lateness or absence without documentation as unexcused. Some of our courses such as Service Learning or the Internship Seminar require more practical in-class work; thus, attendance policies may be stricter in some courses and students then must adhere to the stricter attendance policy as outlined by the faculty/syllabus.

Students are required to arrive on time for classes. Teachers are entitled to treat any single case of lateness and/or repeated lateness as an unjustified absence.

Please note that according to official TAU Academic Policy, if a student's behavior or attendance during is disagreeable his/her course participation may be cancelled at the discretion of TAU with no due refund.

Grade Appeals

Students are responsible for checking grades once posted or distributed by faculty. The limited grade appeals window and the detailed procedure for appealing a grade – whether a graded assignment, exam or final grade – is outlined clearly in the policies and procedures in the TAU International Academic Handbook [posted here](#).

