

Course Information

Course Number: *DDHS 4025*
Course Title: *Oral Pathology*
Section: *Section*
Time: *Tuesdays 9:00-10:00 am; and Fridays 9:00-11:00 am*
Location: *310*
Credit Hours: *3*

Instructor Details

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Course Description

Oral Pathology DDHS 4025 is primarily a didactic lecture-oriented course. The lecture portion of the course, although, clinically oriented is designed to provide basic knowledge about pathologic processes and specific disease entities. Diseases unique to the oral regions as well as oral manifestations of systemic disease will be covered. The Clinical Pathologic Conference (CPC) attempts to assimilate the primary basic knowledge gained in the didactic portion of the course and apply it to relevant clinical situations in a case based PDL format. Cases which illustrate a variety of clinical signs and symptoms will be presented with clinical histories. Students will be given the opportunity to develop a differential diagnosis and discuss the implications of this relevant to the patient's treatment

Course Prerequisites

None

Special Course Designation

Course Learning Outcomes

The major objective of this course is to provide students with an overview and understanding of detailed information on the different diseases and conditions which present in the mouth, manifestations of systemic diseases and how these processes may affect treatment.

At the completion of Oral Pathology DDHS 4025 the student should be able to:

1. Demonstrate correct usage of the terminology used in pathology.
2. Develop a comprehensive knowledge of the diseases of the oral regions, including etiology and pathogenesis.
3. Know the oral manifestations of systemic disease.
4. Recognize clinical pathologic changes in tissues.
5. Interpret clinical signs and symptoms and develop appropriate differential diagnosis.
6. Apply basic concepts of pathology to unknown clinical diseases.

Textbook and/or Resource Materials

- Lecture material and handouts supplied by the oral and maxillofacial pathology department.
- Additional resources: Neville, B.W., Damm, D.D., Allen, C.M., Chi A.C. (2016) Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, Fourth Edition. St. Louis, Missouri: Elsevier Inc.

Learning management system: <https://canvas.tamu.edu>

Grading Policy

Grade Scale

90-100	A
80-89	B
75-79	C
70-74	D
<70	F

- *Define a grading scale for the assignment of a letter grade (A through F) or the criteria for assigning S/U grades as appropriate.*
- *Describe the graded items for the course.*
- *Indicate weights as applicable for grade items included in calculating the course grade (e.g., exams, laboratory assignments, field student work, projects, papers, homework, class attendance, participation, and other graded activities).*
- *The following sections can be added as necessary or deleted if not needed.*

Graded Class Participation – Class participation is encouraged but not graded.

Graded Attendance –

Attendance is mandatory and the course director should be notified prior to any anticipated absence. Texas A&M University Student Rules, specifically Rule 7, addresses student absences from class. Those policies (<http://student-rules.tamu.edu/rule07>) will be followed. If a student is absent due to illness or other unforeseen factors, the student should contact the course director on how to make up the lost instruction. If a student misses an exam through an excused absence, then the student should contact the course director about taking a make-up exam.

Grading Policy Changes – Faculty must provide grading policies to students by the first class period. As such, faculty cannot change the course grading policy after the second class session. (See Student Rule 10.)

The grading policy is:

There will be four multiple choice examinations, each of which will cover the lecture and reading assignments immediately preceding the exam. These exams comprise 70% of the final grade in the course and are weighted according to the number of hours of lecture represented on the examination (see course schedule). The final examination will be presented in the clinical pathological conference format using patient simulations. The final exam represents 30% of the final course grade. Students must achieve an average of 70 or better to pass the course. Students missing an examination are requested to contact the department as soon as possible. If the reason for missing the exam is acceptable, re-examinations are given and may be an objective, essay or oral exam.

Late Work Policy

The course requires no assignments.

Course Schedule

Course schedule is appended

Optional Course Information Items

Technology Support

Students are responsible for maintaining their devices and ensuring that they are in proper working order throughout the semester. This includes maintaining access to the college wireless network, access to all accounts (both TAMU and TAMU Health) and keeping passwords up to date. Students are expected to keep their devices up to date regarding patches and OS updates.

Division of IT

If the student experiences issues with an electronic device, wifi access, Axiom, Zoom, or user accounts, their first point of contact should be the Division of IT Central Help Desk or the local Division of IT at SOD. The Central Helpdesk provides 24-hour support.

Division of IT Central Help Desk Website: https://it.tamu.edu/help/ Phone: 1-979-845-8300 Email: helpdesk@tamu.edu	SOD Local Division of IT Office Room: 519 Phone: 214-828-8248
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COD Instructional Design Team

For electronic exam support or problems concerning other academic technology, such as the LMS (Canvas), ExamSoft, or Examplify, students should contact the Instructional Design team.

Room: 516 through Academic Affairs

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University Policies

Attendance Policy

The university views class attendance and participation as an individual student responsibility. Students are expected to attend class and to complete all assignments.

Please refer to [Student Rule 7](#) in its entirety for information about excused absences, including definitions, and related documentation and timelines.

Makeup Work Policy

Students will be excused from attending class on the day of a graded activity or when attendance contributes to a student's grade, for the reasons stated in Student Rule 7, or other reason deemed appropriate by the instructor.

Please refer to [Student Rule 7](#) in its entirety for information about makeup work, including definitions, and related documentation and timelines.

Absences related to Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 may necessitate a period of more than 30 days for make-up work, and the timeframe for make-up work should be agreed upon by the student and instructor" ([Student Rule 7, Section 7.4.1](#)).

"The instructor is under no obligation to provide an opportunity for the student to make up work missed because of an unexcused absence" ([Student Rule 7, Section 7.4.2](#)).

Students who request an excused absence are expected to uphold the Aggie Honor Code and Student Conduct Code. (See [Student Rule 24](#).)

Academic Integrity Statement and Policy

"An Aggie does not lie, cheat or steal, or tolerate those who do."

“Texas A&M University students are responsible for authenticating all work submitted to an instructor. If asked, students must be able to produce proof that the item submitted is indeed the work of that student. Students must keep appropriate records at all times. The inability to authenticate one’s work, should the instructor request it, may be sufficient grounds to initiate an academic misconduct case” ([Section 20.1.2.3, Student Rule 20](#)).

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You can learn more about the Aggie Honor System Office Rules and Procedures, academic integrity, and your rights and responsibilities at aggiehonor.tamu.edu. You can also contact Graduate Studies at 214-828-8182, Student Affairs at 214-828-8210, or your Program Director, for guidance.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Policy

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Texas A&M University is committed to providing equitable access to learning opportunities for all students. If you experience barriers to your education due to a disability or think you may have a disability, please contact the Office for Academic Affairs in the Administration Building Room 514 or at (214)-828-8978 or ajwilson@tamu.edu. Disabilities may include, but are not limited to attentional, learning, mental health, sensory, physical, or chronic health conditions. All students are encouraged to discuss their disability related needs with Disability Resources and their instructors as soon as possible.

Title IX and Statement on Limits to Confidentiality

Texas A&M University is committed to fostering a learning environment that is safe and productive for all. University policies and federal and state laws prohibit gender-based discrimination and sexual harassment, including sexual assault, sexual exploitation, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking.

With the exception of some medical and mental health providers, all university employees (including full and part-time faculty, staff, paid graduate assistants, student workers, etc.) are Mandatory Reporters and must report to the Title IX Office if the employee experiences, observes, or becomes aware of an incident that meets the following conditions (see [University Rule 08.01.01.M1](#)):

- The incident is reasonably believed to be discrimination or harassment.
- The incident is alleged to have been committed by or against a person who, at the time of the incident, was (1) a student enrolled at the University or (2) an employee of the University.

Mandatory Reporters must file a report regardless of how the information comes to their attention – including but not limited to face-to-face conversations, a written class assignment or paper, class discussion, email, text, or social media post. Although Mandatory Reporters must file a report, in most instances, a person who is subjected to the alleged conduct will be able to control how the report is handled, including whether or not to pursue a formal investigation. The University’s goal is to make sure you are aware of the range of options available to you and to ensure access to the resources you need.

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Students can learn more about filing a report, accessing supportive resources, and navigating the Title IX investigation and resolution process on the University's [Title IX webpage](#). School of Dentistry students can contact Graduate Studies at 214-828-8182, Student Affairs at 214-828-8210, Security at 214-828-8335, their Program Director, or their Department Head to report an incident.

Statement on Mental Health and Wellness

Texas A&M University recognizes that mental health and wellness are critical factors that influence a student's academic success and overall wellbeing. Students are encouraged to engage in healthy self-care by utilizing available resources and services on your campus

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Students who need someone to talk to can call the TAMU Helpline (979-845-2700) from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. weekdays and 24 hours on weekends. 24-hour emergency help is also available through the National Suicide Prevention Hotline (800-273-8255) or at suicidepreventionlifeline.org. You can also contact Graduate Studies at 214-828-8182 or Student Affairs at 214-828-8210 for a referral to a local counselor. These counseling sessions are private and confidential, as are any referral requests.

Campus-Specific Policies

Statement on the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

FERPA is a federal law designed to protect the privacy of educational records by limiting access to these records, to establish the right of students to inspect and review their educational records and to provide guidelines for the correction of inaccurate and misleading data through informal and formal hearings. Currently enrolled students wishing to withhold any or all directory information items may do so by going to howdy.tamu.edu and clicking on the "Directory Hold Information" link in the Student Records channel on the MyRecord tab. The complete [FERPA Notice to Students](#) and the student records policy is available on the Office of the Registrar webpage.

Items that can never be identified as public information are a student's social security number, citizenship, gender, grades, GPR or class schedule. All efforts will be made in this class to protect your privacy and to ensure confidential treatment of information associated with or generated by your participation in the class.

Directory items include name, UIN, local address, permanent address, email address, local telephone number, permanent telephone number, dates of attendance, program of study (college, major, campus), classification, previous institutions attended, degrees honors and awards received, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, medical residence location and medical residence specialization.

School and Department Policies

School and departmental units may establish their own policies and minimum syllabus requirements. As long as these policies and requirements do not contradict the university level requirements, colleges and departments can add them in this section. Please remove this section if not needed.

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8/15/2023	Introduction & Physical and Chemical Injuries	Dr. John Wright
8/18/2023	Pulp and Periapical Pathology	Dr. John Wright
8/18/2023	Regressive Alterations of Teeth	Dr. John Wright
8/22/2023	Developmental Disorders I	Dr. Victoria Woo
8/25/2023	Developmental Disorders II	Dr. Victoria Woo
8/25/2023	Premalignancy	Dr. John Wright
8/29/2023	EXAM I	
8/31/2023	Oral cancer I	Dr. Leticia Cabido
8/31/2023	Oral cancer II	Dr. Leticia Cabido
9/5/2023	Benign tumor like proliferations	Dr. Leticia Cabido
9/8/2023	Infectious Stomatitis I	Dr. Victoria Woo
9/8/2023	Infectious Stomatitis II	Dr. Victoria Woo
9/12/2023	Non-infectious Stomatitis III	Dr. John Wright
9/15/2023	Non-infectious Stomatitis IV	Dr. John Wright
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9/22/2023	Benign Soft Tissue Neoplasms	Dr. Dr. Leticia Ferreira Cabido
9/22/2023	Bone Inflammation	Dr. Madhu Shrestha
9/26/2023	Neoplasms of Bone	Dr. Madhu Shrestha
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10/3/2023	Salivary Gland Disease I	Dr. Leticia Cabido
10/6/2023	Salivary Gland Disease II	Dr. Leticia Cabido
10/6/2023	Salivary Gland Disease III	Dr. Leticia Cabido
10/10/2023	EXAM III	
10/13/2023	Other malignancies	Dr. Madhu Shrestha
10/13/2023	Oral Manifestations of Endocrine Disease	Dr. Madhu Shrestha
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