

EMPEROR'S COLLEGE
MTOM COURSE SYLLABUS
ACUPUNCTURE THERAPEUTICS

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course presents an in-depth discussion of the traditional functions, major laws and principles, and the cautions and contraindications of the major Acupuncture points. Students will learn the properties of the major points, including their traditional and empirical usages, the significance of their nomenclature, and their therapeutic effects. Students will also be exposed to the major groupings of the Acupuncture Points on the 12 Main Meridians, the Ren and Du Channels, and the Special point categories

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to describe traditional functions of all major points and identify major laws and principles of point energetics and grouping of the acupuncture points..

COURSE PREREQUISITIES

Meridians II

REQUIRED TEXTS

Acupuncture Therapeutics, by David Twicken
Grasping the Wind by Ellis, Wiseman, Boss

RECOMMENDED TEXTS

See Referenced Texts on page 4

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Out-of-Class Work

To successfully complete the program, students need to plan studying a minimum of 2 hours out-of-class for each academic in-class hour; and half an hour out-of-class for each hour of clinical training.

100% - Four Exams (25% each),

all exams are cumulative

Classroom lectures represent the instructor's emphasis and focus on certain aspects of the course material. The student is responsible for the assigned readings.

GRADING SCALE: 100-90% A, 89-80% B, 79-70% C, 69% and below F

SPECIAL NOTES

In compliance with Emperor's College's official examination policy, students who are unable to attend a scheduled test due to a documented emergency will be permitted to make up the exam in coordination with the administrative office. A formal request must be submitted in writing to the academic team at least 48 hours prior to the exam date including documentation of the emergency. The associated make up exam fee is \$100. Please refer to the student handbook for the full policy or speak with the Academic Dean.

Professionalism and Full and Prompt Attendance: To pass any course (separate from academic performance) all students must meet requirements for professionalism in coursework. Professionalism includes full and prompt

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attendance: Students who miss more than 2 class meetings in a 10-week course will earn an F in that course. Additionally, students who arrive more than 15 minutes to class or leave class before it ends will be marked tardy. Two tardies equal one absence. NOTE: Students who leave and return to class late from a break or leave during the class (especially if this is repeated) or who disrupt the class in other ways may be referred to the Academic Dean for professionalism.

CLASS ONE (The syllabus is subject to change at the discretion of the instructor.)

Introduction To Special Acupuncture Points

1. Front Mu And Back Shu Acupoints
2. Introduction To Ren Channel

CLASS TWO

Special Acupoints (continued)

1. Transporting Points
2. Yuan Source
3. Luo Connecting
4. Xi-Cleft
5. 8 Master - Command Points
6. 8 Influential Points
7. Introduction to Du Channel

CLASS THREE

Exam 1: Special Points, Ren and Du Mai

Special Points, Ren and Du Mai Special Acupoints (continued)

1. 6 Lower Heas Sea points
2. 4 Command Points
3. 4 Sea Points
4. Tendo - Muscle Meeting Points
5. 3 Jiao Points
6. Group Luo Points
7. Introduction to the Lung and Large Intestine Channels

CLASS FOUR

Special Acupoint Groupings

1. Window of the Sky Points
2. Ghost Points
3. Special Point Strategies
4. Introduction to Stomach Channel

CLASS FIVE

Special Points

1. Nine Needle for Returning Yang
2. Ashi Points
3. Entry & Exit Points
4. Crossing Points
5. Introduction to the Spleen and Heart Channels

CLASS SIX

Exam 2: Special Points, Lung, Large Intestine, Stomach, Spleen, Heart

1. Introduction to Small Intestine Channel

2. Introduction to Urinary Bladder Channel

CLASS SEVEN

1. Introduction to Urinary Bladder Channel (continued)
 2. Introduction to Kidney Channel
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CLASS EIGHT

1. Introduction to Pericardium Channel
 2. Introduction to San Jiao Channel
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CLASS NINE

EXAM 3: Small Intestine, UB, Kidney, Pericardium, San Jiao

Introduction to Gall Bladder Channel

CLASS TEN

1. Introduction to Liver Channel
 2. Review
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CLASS ELEVEN

EXAM 4: Final Examination

REFERENCE MATERIAL

Referenced Texts

"CAM"

Chinese Acupuncture and Moxibustion

"FOUNDATIONS" of Chinese Medicine Macioca, Giovanni

The Foundations of Chinese Medicine

"SHANGHAI" Bensky, Dan, and O'Connor, John.

Acupuncture, A Comprehensive Text: Shanghai College of Traditional Medicine,

"FUNDAMENTALS" Ellis, Andrew, Wiseman, Nigel, and Boss,

Fundamentals of Chinese Acupuncture

"ART OF ACUPUNCTURE TECHNIQUES": Robert Johns

The Art of Acupuncture Techniques

"MANUAL OF ACUPUNCTURE"

Manual of Acupuncture, Deadman, Peter; Al-Khafaji, Mazin; Baker, Kevin.

Ching Acupuncture by Chao Chen, Yu Chen, David Twicken

FACULTY INFO

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Please check with instructor during class to get updated contact info.

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