



UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Internship in History of Medicine Research

2526-2-H4101D286

Aims

This course offers students a practical introduction to historical research in the field of medicine. The main goals are:

- knowledge and understanding of historical research methods and sources related to the history of medicine;
- the ability to apply acquired knowledge to carry out bibliographic and archival research, critically analyze primary and secondary sources, and draft scientific texts;
- independent judgment in developing historiographical hypotheses and assessing the reliability and relevance of historical sources;
- communication skills for writing scientific contributions and presenting research results in a clear and coherent manner;
- learning skills through individual mentoring, promoting autonomy in research and preparation for further academic projects or theses

Contents

Participation in research activities in the field of the history of medicine, with a focus on methodology, documentary sources, and scientific writing. Students will contribute to active research projects or develop new ones under the supervision of a faculty member.

Detailed program

Students will be integrated into the activities of a history of medicine research lab and will collaborate with a

medical historian in tasks such as:

- bibliographic and archival research;
- analysis and interpretation of historical sources (textual, visual, material);
- design and drafting of a scientific contribution (paper, report, or final essay).

Prerequisites

Enrollment in the Degree Program in Medicine and Surgery, from the second year onward.

Interest in the history of medicine and willingness to engage in independent and guided research work.

Teaching form

In-person activity based on individual or small-group supervision by the course instructor.

The schedule is defined in agreement with the student.

Language of instruction: Italian, with the possibility of publishing a scientific paper in English.

Textbook and teaching resource

No required textbook. Readings, sources, and bibliographic references will be assigned based on the agreed research topic.

Semester

Flexible, to be arranged with the student during the second semester.

Assessment method

Individual evaluation based on:

- active participation in research activities;
- effective contribution to the drafting of a scientific output (e.g. article, review, communication, or abstract);
- optional oral presentation or final discussion.

Office hours

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Sustainable Development Goals

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