



Study year: 2 Course: Tooth morphology with dental antropology
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SYLLABUS

Course description (a brief description of the course, general instructions, where and in what form the lessons are organized, necessary equipment, instructions for attendance and preparation for classes, student obligations, etc.):

This course unites and studies anatomical and morphological details of all teeth of primary and permanent dentition, it also studies their mutual connection and connection of other anatomical structures inside the oral cavity, also known as orofacial system. Other than morphological details it also includes physiological role of teeth, jaw and oral cavity as an entrance to digestive system. Phylogenetic development of teeth, dental tissues and tooth integument is also being studied as a part of dental anthropology.

During the lectures students are going to be introduced to anatomical classification of oral cavity and soft tissues, teeth and bones along with their role in phonation (pronunciation of sounds), mastication (chewing), digestion and deglutation of food (swallowing food) and physiognomy of the face. Students will learn about dental nomenclature and marking surfaces of some teeth. Anatomy of teeth and histology of dental tissues are making the main part of theoretical and practical lectures. They will be introduced to morphology of teeth and dental arches of primary and permanent dentition, they'll also learn about characteristics of upper and lower incisors, canines, premolars and molars; orientational surfaces and curves in oral cavity and face, and connection between teeth in physiological contact (occlusion, articulation); group of muscles that are participating in opening and closing of the mouth; parts of jaw articulation and basic movements of mandibula in three dimension. Teeth anomalies (anomalies in number, shape, structure, dental lining, teething) and intermaxillary connections; phylogenetic development of teeth and jaw; basic characteristics of protohuman from Krapina with special review about teeth and theories about origin of teeth along with basic terms about animal teeth will be talked about during one part of lectures in dental anthropology.

This course is made of lectures and preclinical practice. Lectures are being held on Merlin, the system for e-learning. Practicals are being held in preclinical practice room at Study of dental medicine on the third floor in Krešimirova 42.

During manual practice students will have to draw and make (out of plasticine, gypsum or similar mass) teeth for the purpose of better understanding the morphological shapes of teeth by functional groups.



The student must have accessories consisting of: a graph paper, a pencil, a dental carving knife, soap and clay.

More detailed information on accessories will be provided by the assistants in the introductory exercises.

Assigned reading:

1. Nelson SJ. Wheeler's Dental Anatomy, Physiology, & Occlusion. Tenth edition. Elsevier Saunders 2015.
2. Rashmi GS. Textbook of Dental Anatomy, Physiology & Occlusion. Jaypee 2014.
3. Fehrenbach MJ, Popowics T. Illustrated Dental Embryology, Histology, and Anatomy. 4th edition. Elsevier Saunders 2016.
4. Texts from lectures

Optional/additional reading:

1. Brkić H, Dumančić J, Vodanović M. Biologija i morfologija ljudskih zuba. Naklada Slap, Zagreb, 2016.
2. Hraste J. Dentalna morfologija, Sveučilište u Rijeci, Medicinski fakultet, Rijeka 1984.
3. Šutalo J i sur. Patologija i terapija tvrdih zubnih tkiva, Naklada Zadro, Zagreb, 1994.
4. Tomić-Solar N. Morfologija zubi. Medicinska naklada, Zagreb. 2003.

COURSE TEACHING PLAN:

The list of lectures (with topics and descriptions):

P1 Term and importance of dental morphology, Methods of work in dental morphology

Outcomes of learning:

Define dental morphology and methods of work in dental morphology.

P2 Topographic- anatomical marks on teeth

Outcomes of learning:

Describe and differentiate topographic- anatomical marks that are being used in everyday orientation and work on teeth.

P3 Nomenclature and areas in dental morphology, orientational surfaces in mouth.

Outcomes of learning:

Describe and differentiate names that are used for orientational surfaces on teeth and for orientation inside oral cavity.

P4 Surfaces, edges and angles on crown of tooth

Outcomes of learning:

Describe morphological characteristics of every part of tooth.

P5 Anatomical characteristic of teeth

Outcomes of learning:

Describe anatomical characteristics of every part of tooth.

P6 Morphological- anatomical characteristics of anterior teeth, morphological-anatomical characteristics of posterior teeth.

Outcomes of learning:

Describe anatomical characteristics of every part of tooth.



P7 Morphology of upper and lower dental row.

Outcomes of learning:

Describe and define the lining of individual teeth and their relation to each other in dental arch.

P8 Occlusion and types of occlusal positions

Outcomes of learning:

Describe relations between superior and inferior dental arch.

P9 Anatomy of oral cavity

Outcomes of learning:

Describe all anatomical structures of oral cavity, bones and cranial muscles.

P10 Physiology of oral cavity

Outcomes of learning:

Describe and explain physiological processes that happen inside oral cavity.

P11 Stomatognathic system, Binomial

Outcomes of learning:

Describe and explain relations between teeth, occlusion and temporomandibular joint.

P12 Motions of mandible, Occlusal motions

Outcomes of learning:

Explain the motions of mandible and influence on interocclusal relations.

P13 Dental anthropology

Outcomes of learning:

Define terms and importance of dental anthropology.

P14 Theories about origin of teeth

Outcomes of learning:

Describe the theories about origin of teeth through evolutionary processes.

P15 Hominids

Outcomes of learning:

Describe development of stomatognathic system through evolution of human.

Lectures are put on the system for e-learning MERLIN.

The list of seminars with descriptions:

The list of practicals with descriptions:

On practicals students are introduced to morphological characteristics of teeth through modeling and drawing of all teeth and they are gaining the knowledge that is necessary for recognition of all teeth in oral cavity. Moreover, they are developing motor skills necessary for further continuation of their work in other preclinical and clinical practice that are being held at the Study of dental medicine.

Students' obligations:

All forms of teaching are required, verification of the presence of students in lectures and exercises be carried out accordingly. Only absences justified due to illness or similar reason, in the framework of permissible regulations on the study, are to be eligible. In accordance with the decision of the Faculty of Dental Medicine, a student may be excused from a maximum of 20% of each form of teaching in an



individual course. Students are required to actively participate in all forms of teaching and pass the final exam.

Assessment (exams, description of written / oral / practical exam, the scoring criteria):

Students evaluation and assessment is provided during classes and at the final exam.

According to the regulations on studies at the University of Rijeka, a student must achieve at least 50% of the grade during classes in order to be able to take the final exam. The final grade represents the sum of grade points achieved during classes and at the final exam.

Practicals

Assess: theoretical knowledge on the topic of each exercise, precision, shape (3D code modeling), neatness, shape of the tooth surface and topographic-anatomical signs on sketches or modeled teeth.

- 1- no theoretical knowledge, very inaccurate, messy, sketch or model that does not match the shape of the given tooth
- 2- sufficient theoretical knowledge, imprecise, somewhat neat, shapes and contours of a given tooth are recognized
- 3- good theoretical knowledge, precise, neat, well recognized shapes and contours of a given tooth
- 4- very good theoretical knowledge, very precise and orderly, very well recognized shapes and contours of a given tooth
- 5- excellent theoretical knowledge, extremely precise and orderly work, extremely well recognized shapes and contours of a given tooth

Score points are awarded as follows according to the final average grade from all exercises:

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| 2 | → 5 points |
| 2,5 | → 8 points |
| 3 | → 10 points |
| 3,5 | → 13 points |
| 4 | → 16 points |
| 4,5 | → 18 points |
| 5 | → 20 points |

If there is a discrepancy between the grades from the theoretical knowledge and the final success of the work (modeling, drawing) on the exercises, the average of the two grades is taken.

Colloquium

Two written midterm examinations will be administered during the semester.

Each colloquium consists of 30 questions, with one correct answer per question.

Each question is worth 0.5 points.

The maximum score for each midterm examination is 15 points.

A minimum of 50% must be achieved in order to pass each midterm examination.



FINAL EXAM

Final exam consists of practical and written part. To be eligible to take the final exam, student must achieve a minimum of 50 % of the total course grade.

Practical part

Practical part of the final exam includes recognition of 10 native human teeth:

Assessed at 4 terms, each with 0,5 points

- a) The full latin name of the tooth
- b) The full English name of the tooth
- c) Tooth notation according to the FDI system
- d) Tooth notation according to the Zsigmondy Lautrou-Palmer system

Maximum number of points achieved on the practical exam is 20. A minimum of 50 % must be achieved in order to pass the practical exam.

Passing the practical exam is a prerequisite for eligibility to take the written part of the final exam.

Written part

30 questions from lectures, practicals and recommended literature.

Each correct answer – 1 point.

Incomplete or incorrect answers are not recognized.

To pass the exam, minimum of 50 % resolution is required.

Points achieved through practicals and colloquiums are added to the points from the final exam and together constitute the final course grade.

Final score :

- 0-49 % insufficient 1 F
- 50-59 % enough 2 D
- 60-74% good 3C
- 75-89 % very good 4 B
- 90-100 % excellent 5 A.

Other important information regarding to the course:

The introductory lecture will be held according to the course schedule, while the other lectures will be posted on the e-learning system MERLIN as part of the e-course.



COURSE SCHEDULE (for the academic year 2025/2026)

Date	Lectures (time and place)	Seminars (time and place)	Practicals (time and place)	Instructor
15.10.2026.	L 1-3			Prof.prim. Nataša Ivančić Jokić, PhD,DMD
16.10.2026.	L 4-6		P 1-2 10.00-13.00 (4)	Odri Cicvarić, PhD, DMD
20.10.2026.			P 3 14.30-16:00 (2)	Leda Bašić, DMD
21.10.2026.			P 4-5 13:00-16:00 (4)	Odri Cicvarić, PhD, DMD
22.10.2026.	L 7-9			Prof.prim. Nataša Ivančić Jokić, PhD,DMD
23.10.2026.			P 6-8 10.00-14.30 (6)	Leda Bašić, DMD
27.10.2026.			P9 14:30-16:45 (3)	Odri Cicvarić, PhD, DMD
28.10.2026.			P10 13:00-15:15 (3)	Leda Bašić, DMD
29.10.2026.	L 10-12			Prof.prim. Nataša Ivančić Jokić, PhD,DMD
30.10.2026.			P11-13 10.00-15.15 (7)	Odri Cicvarić, PhD, DMD
03.11.2026.			P14-15 14:30-19:00 (6) Colloquium	Leda Bašić, DMD
04.11.2026.			P16-17 13:00-17:30 (6)	Odri Cicvarić, PhD, DMD
05.11.2026.	L 13-15			Prof.prim. Nataša Ivančić Jokić, PhD,DMD
05.11.2026.			P18 17:00-19:15 (3)	Leda Bašić, DMD
10.11.2026.			P19-20 14:30-17:30 (4) Colloquium	Odri Cicvarić, PhD, DMD
11.11.2026.			P21 13:00-15:15 (3)	Leda Bašić, DMD
12.11.2026.			P22 17:00-19:15 (3)	Odri Cicvarić, PhD, DMD
17.11.2026.			P23-24 14:30-18:15 (5)	Leda Bašić, DMD
19.11.2026.			P25-P26 16:30-20:15 (5)	Odri Cicvarić, PhD, DMD



24.11.2026			P27-28 14:30-19:00 (6)	Leda Bašić, DMD
25.11.2026			P29-30 13:00-16:45 (5)	Odri Cicvarić, PhD, DMD

List of lectures, seminars and practicals:

	LECTURES (Topics)	Teaching hours	Location/Lecture room
L1	Term and importance of dental morphology Methods of work in dental morphology	2	Krešimirova 42
L2	Topographic- anatomical marks on teeth	2	Krešimirova 42
L3	Nomenclature and areas in dental morphology Orientational surfaces in mouth	2	Krešimirova 42
L4	Surfaces, edges and angles on crown of teeth	2	Krešimirova 42
L5	Anatomical characteristics of teeth	2	Krešimirova 42
L6	Morphological- anatomical characteristics of anterior teeth Morphological - anatomical characteristics of posterior teeth	2	Krešimirova 42
L7	Morphology of upper and lower dental row	2	Krešimirova 42
L8	Occlusion and types of occlusal positions	2	Krešimirova 42
L9	Anatomy of oral cavity	2	Krešimirova 42
L10	Physiology of oral cavity	2	Krešimirova 42
L11	Stomatognathic system Binomial	2	Krešimirova 42
L12	Mandibular movements Occlusal movements	2	Krešimirova 42
L13	Dental anthropology	2	Krešimirova 42
L14	Theories about origin of teeth	2	Krešimirova 42
L15	Hominids	2	Krešimirova 42
	TOTAL TEACHING HOURS	30	

	PRACTICALS (Topics)	Teaching hours	Location/Lecture room
P1	Introductory remarks and methods of work. Drawing on paper topographic-anatomical parts and signs on teeth. Drawing morphological characteristics on graph paper - upper central incisor	2	Krešimirova 42
P2	Drawing morphological characteristics on graph paper - upper lateral incisor and lower lateral incisor	2	Krešimirova 42



P3	Drawing morphological characteristics on graph paper - upper and lower canine Repetition of morphological-anatomical features of the incisors.	2	Krešimirova 42
P4	Drawing morphological characteristics on graph paper - first upper premolar and second upper premolar	2	Krešimirova 42
P5	Drawing morphological characteristics on graph paper - first lower premolar and second lower premolar	2	Krešimirova 42
P6	Drawing morphological characteristics on graph paper - first upper molar Repetition of morphological-anatomical features of canines and premolars	2	Krešimirova 42
P7	Drawing morphological characteristics on graph paper - second upper molar Drawing morphological characteristics on graph paper - the first lower molar	2	Krešimirova 42
P8	Basic characteristics of dental arches in plaster models	2	Krešimirova 42
P9	Drawing morphological characteristics on graph paper - second lower molar.	3	Krešimirova 42
P10	Drawing primary incisors on graph paper	3	Krešimirova 42
P11	Drawing primary molars on graph paper	2	Krešimirova 42
P12	Characteristics of normal occlusion	2	Krešimirova 42
P13	Repetition of teaching material	3	Krešimirova 42
P14	Colloquium - morphological-anatomical characteristics of permanent teeth	3	Informatic classroom
P15	Modeling from clay in two sizes - the upper central incisor	3	Krešimirova 42
P16	Modeling from soap - upper central incisor	3	Krešimirova 42
P17	Modeling from soap - upper lateral incisor	3	Krešimirova 42
P18	Modeling from soap - upper canine	3	Krešimirova 42
P19	Modeling from soap -lower canine	2	Krešimirova 42
P20	Colloquium - morphological-anatomical characteristics of primary teeth	2	Krešimirova 42
P21	Modeling from soap – first upper premolar	3	Krešimirova 42
P22	Modeling from soap – second lower premolar	3	Krešimirova 42
P23	Modeling from clay - first upper molar	3	Krešimirova 42
P24	Modeling from soap - first upper molar	2	Krešimirova 42



P25	Modeling from soap- second upper molar	3	Krešimirova 42
P26	Modeling from soap- first lower molar	2	Krešimirova 42
P27	Modeling from soap- second lower molar	3	Krešimirova 42
P28	Recognition of extracted native teeth 1	3	Krešimirova 42
P29	Recognition of extracted native teeth 2	2	Krešimirova 42
P30	Recognition of extracted native teeth 3	3	Krešimirova 42
TOTAL TEACHING HOURS		75	

	FINAL EXAM DATES
1.	27.11.2026
2.	10.12.2026
3.	29.01.2027
4.	10.06.2027.
5.	05.07.2027.

	Lectures	Seminars	Practicals	Total
Total number	30	0	75	105
On-line	30	0	0	30
Percentage	100	0	0	28,57