
Department of Languages

The main activity of the Department of Languages of the Faculty of Medicine in Hradec Králové is to provide language teaching for specific purposes, especially Latin medical terminology, English for medical purposes, and Czech language to foreigners. We provide specialized language training for undergraduate medical students across a range of master's and bachelor's programs. Therefore, our research activity is primarily related to language teaching for medical purposes and innovating related teaching methods and study materials. We also focus on the linguistic study of medical terminology as such. Furthermore, we cooperate with other departments within our Faculty of Medicine, our University Hospital, and beyond. Our staff participates in domestic and international projects and both domestic and international linguistic conferences.

Main research topics

- Didactics of Latin medical terminology (and implementation into teaching process with emphasis on empirical approach) PhDr. Pavel Nečas, Ph.D., Mgr. Klára Čebišová, Mgr. Eva Schánělová.
- Medical terminology with a focus on anatomical nomenclature. History of medicine. PhDr. Pavel Nečas, Ph.D.
- Activating teaching methods (especially their potential for vocabulary acquisition and communication with patients) Mgr. Dagmar Vrběcká, Ph.D.

Domestic cooperation

- Collaboration with the Institute of Non-Medical Studies as creators of the teaching materials Professional Latin Terminology and English for Medical Purposes for the new bachelor's degree program in Midwifery (Transformation for Universities at Charles University, NPO_UK_MSMT-16602/2022).
- Collaboration on mini-projects - with the Department of Medical Biophysics, where professional recordings could be made for the mini-projects Electronic Dictionary for the Czech Language and Phrases in the Hospital study materials; with the Department of Anatomy and with the Department of Forensic Medicine on the mini-project Creation of supplementary image materials for the Latin Medical Terminology for Dentists study material.
- Collaboration with the medical faculties of Charles University and MU in the creation, modification, piloting and subsequent sharing of materials and sharing of good practice (textbook Latin Medical Terminology, Conference on Language Teaching at Medical Faculties II).

International cooperation

- Projects with international participation CZKey and CZECHONLINE (Masaryk University - PhDr. Ivana Rešková, Ph.D., Fachhochschule Burgenland - Prof.in (FH) Mag. Ludmila Waschak, University of Silesia in Katowice - Dr. Małgorzata Kalita, Dr. Joanna Derdowska.
- Cooperation with UCJ Jessenius Faculty of Medicine in Martina (Comenius University in Bratislava) in the preparation of teaching materials (PhDr. Mária Bujalková, CSc.).

Achievements

- 2nd revised edition of the textbook Latin Medical Terminology and its extension to most medical faculties in the Czech Republic.
- Completion of the international project CZECHONLINE <https://www.czechonline.org/>. This is a Czech language portal supported by the European Union. The main output of the project is an e-learning platform for teaching Czech language to foreigners at A1 and A2 level, as well as medical, legal and business Czech, the content is accessible in 4 languages.
- Cooperation with other departments in the development of a variety of mini-projects (Institute of Anatomy, Institute of Forensic Medicine, Institute of Non-Medical Studies, Institute of Medical Biophysics, 1st Department of Internal Medicine - Cardioangiology).

Dr. Nečas's monograph Ganz und Gar on the languages of the writer Jakub Deml from the perspective of psycholinguistics.

Organization of the Czech & English Meets event in cooperation with the student organization IFSMA and Public Affairs and Communications Department, which aims to connect the Czech and foreign master's programs.

