

# INFORMATION ON RETAKING SUBJECTS AND EXAMINATION COURSES FOR STUDENTS PARTAKING IN THE SECOND YEAR MEDICAL PROGRAM

## 1. EXAMINATION COURSES

Taking a subject as an examination course means that you take it in a semester in which it is not normally announced. If you are taking a subject as an examination course, you do not have to attend the subject's lectures or practices, even if there are lectures and practices available (in fact, you are not allowed to do so).

For a better understanding of what an examination course is, let us assume for a moment that examination courses do not exist. In such a case, if you failed one or more of your compulsory subjects (you do not manage to pass the final examination in the examination period, and your final grade for the semester is failed (1)), you would only be able to take them again a year from the moment you failed them. This would mean that your studies would be halted—you would not be able to continue to take some subjects that have the completion of the failed subjects as their preconditions, and so you would have to spend one additional year in whichever year you are currently in.

Example: You cannot pass Biochemistry I. in the examination period, and you fail your final examination in a fall semester which is when the course is normally announced—there are lectures and practices which students have to attend. If examination courses did not exist, you would not be able to take the subject again in a spring semester, because the lecture and the practice is not announced—there are no lectures or practices that students can attend in a spring semester, so you would have to wait for the next fall semester to come along to be able to take Biochemistry I. again. This is where the institution of examination courses comes into play. In order for your studies not to be halted, you can take Biochemistry I. as an examination course in a spring semester if you satisfy the conditions that you can read about below. If you fail the examination course again in this spring semester, then it all begins again, but from then on you will have the choice to take the subject again either as a regular course or as an examination course (depending on the department's regulations), but this will involve you spending one additional year in the second year (i.e., you would finish the six-year medical program in seven years instead).

In order to be eligible to take an examination course, you have to meet the following conditions.

- You can take two examination courses in any given semester, no more.
- You can only take an examination course if you had previously attempted—and failed—an examination in the subject concerned. Being only absent from an examination will not do. You must actually go and fail the examination. (You only have to fail an examination in the subject one single time only—you do not have to fail each time you wish to take an examination course in the subject.)
- You can only take an examination course if you have completed the practice component(s) of the main subject (lecture).
- You have to fill in [the course registration plan](#) and indicate which subject(s) you wish to take as an examination course.

Unless you meet the conditions above in any given subject, you are not eligible to take an examination course in it.

Since course registration is your responsibility, you are required to double check and make sure that you are eligible to take an examination course in the subject(s) you are planning to take in any given semester. This is very important, because if we find out later that you're not eligible, we will have to remove you from them, and you will have to retake them in another semester depending on the department's regulations.

Every department has different regulations as to which semester they are making examination courses available, and what the conditions of retaking their subjects are. That is, you cannot take every examination course in any semester, even if you meet the conditions above, because the department concerned might not announce every one of their subjects as an examination course. The department may or may not require you to register for and take the practice component(s) of the subject in question. You can find the examination course and subject retaking regulations currently in effect below ([3. DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS](#)).

If you do have one or more examination courses in the semester, then be sure to **pass your examination course(s) as early in the semester as possible**, especially if the examination course you are taking is a precondition of other subject or subjects you are required to pass in that same examination period so as to **avoid the scenario where you cannot find an examination spot in the course(s) whose precondition was the completion of the examination course(s) you took too late in the examination period** and the examination period is soon to end.

Example: You pass your Biochemistry I. examination course too late into the examination period, and you cannot find any examination spots in Biochemistry II. and you have to repeat a year.

## 2. STUDY THE STUDY PLAN: PRECONDITIONS

Observing the study plan carefully is the single most important thing to do if you are not sure what subjects you will be able to take in any given semester. This is crucial especially for students who have not been following the suggested course of studies—i.e., they have not been completing each and every one of the compulsory subjects listed in the study plan in any given semester.

Preconditions prevent you from taking a subject or taking an examination in a subject in two distinct ways. That is, there are two main kinds of preconditions, both of which are indicated in the precondition column of the study plan if they apply.

If a subject has a **SUBJECT PRECONDITION**—indicated as 'SR' in the subject precondition column of the study plan—, then you can only take it if you have completed its precondition (or preconditions if it has more than one) in a previous semester. This means that you cannot take a subject and its subject precondition subject in the same semester—you must complete the precondition subject in a preceding semester, and only take the subject in question in a succeeding semester.

Example: You wish to take AOK-OAK051: Biochemistry I. One of its subject preconditions is to have already completed AOK-OAK114: Medical Chemistry II. in a previous semester. If you have not completed Medical Chemistry II., you cannot take Biochemistry I.

If a subject has an **EXAMINATION PRECONDITION**—indicated as 'ER' in the subject precondition column of the study plan—, then you can only register for an examination in it if you have passed the examination in the precondition subject. This means that you can take both of the subjects in the same semester, but the examination order is fixed: You must first pass the examination in the precondition subject in order to be able to take the examination in the subject in question.

Neptun—sadly—will not warn you of an existing examination precondition when you register for a subject, so be absolutely sure to double check in the study plan when taking subjects for preconditions in all of your semesters.

Example: You want to take an examination in AOK-OAK061: Immunology. Its examination precondition is AOK-OAK0271: Head, Neck and Neuroanatomy Lecture. If you have not passed the examination in it (or have not registered for it in the semester to begin with for some reason), then you will not be able to register for an examination in Immunology. That is, if you have taken both of these subjects in the same semester, you first have to pass the examination in Head, Neck and Neuroanatomy Lecture in order to be able to register for an examination in Immunology.

If a subject has a **PARALLEL PRECONDITION**—indicated as 'P' in the subject precondition column of the study plan—, then you have to take both of these subject in the same semester. This precondition predominantly applies to lecture-practice subject pairs. That is, you have to take both the lecture and the practice in the same semester.

### 3. DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS.

#### Department of Anatomy:

**AOK-OAK0271: Head, Neck and Neuroanatomy Lecture**, normally available in the fall semester:

Special regulations for students who have completed AOK-OAK028: Dissection Practice III. and AOK-OAK029: Histology Practice II. previously, but have not passed AOK-OAK027: Anatomy, Histology and Embryology III.: You must register for AOK-OAK0271: Head, Neck and Neuroanatomy Lecture and AOK-OAK0291: Histology of the Nervous System and Sense Organs on neptun, and attend the practice sessions. You do not have to take or attend AOK-OAK0281: Head, Neck and Neuroanatomy – Dissection Practice.

- There is no examination course in the fall semester.
- An examination course is available in the spring semester.
- If you are retaking Head, Neck and Neuroanatomy Lecture as a regular course, and if you have already completed AOK-OAK0281: Head, Neck and Neuroanatomy – Dissection Practice and AOK-OAK0291: Histology of the Nervous System and Sense Organs, then you **CANNOT** take them again. The department strongly recommends, however, that you take 'Dissection room consultation' in the semester.
- You can only register for and take an examination in Head, Neck and Neuroanatomy Lecture if you have already passed the two practices (Dissection Practice and Histology of the Nervous System and Sense Organs).

#### Department of Physiology:

**AOK-OAK091: Medical Physiology I.**, normally available in the fall semester:

- There is no examination course in the fall semester.
- An examination course is available in the spring semester.
- If you are retaking Medical Physiology I. as a regular course, even if you have already completed the practice part–AOK-OAK092: Medical Physiology I.–, you have to register for them on NEPTUN and attend both the lectures and the practices.

**AOK-OAK093: Medical Physiology II.**, normally available in the spring semester:

- An examination course is available in the fall semester.
- There is no examination course in the spring semester.
- If you are retaking Physiology II. as a regular course, even if you have already completed the practice part–AOK-OAK094: Medical Physiology II.–, you have to register for them on NEPTUN and attend both the lectures and the practices.

#### Department of Biochemistry:

**AOK-OAK051: Biochemistry I.**, normally available in the fall semester:

- There is no examination course in the fall semester.
- An examination course is available in the spring semester.
- If you are retaking Biochemistry I. as a regular course, even if you have already completed the practice part–AOK-OAK052: Biochemistry I.–, you have to register for them on NEPTUN and attend both the lectures and the practices.
- If you are retaking Biochemistry I. as an examination course in the spring semester, you are required to attend AOK-OAK053: Biochemistry II. lectures.

**AOK-OAK053: Biochemistry II.**, normally available in the spring semester:

- No examination course is available in either semester.
- If you are retaking Biochemistry II., even if you've already completed the practice part–AOK-OAK054: Biochemistry II.–, you have to register for them on NEPTUN and attend both the lectures and the practices.
- If you are retaking Biochemistry II., you must attend the lectures as well.

[Department of Immunology:](#)

**AOK-OAK061: Immunology**, normally announced in the spring semester:

- An examination course is available in the fall semester.
- There is no examination course in the spring semester.

[Department for Medical Communication and Translation Studies:](#)

**AOK-OAK603: Hungarian Language III.:**

- Since this subject does not conclude with an examination, there is no examination course in it.

**AOK-OAK604: Hungarian Language IV.**, normally announced in the spring semester:

- Refer to the department to find out whether or not they announce an examination course in either one of the semesters.

[You can find the list of all the departments of the Albert Szent-Györgyi Medical School and their contact information here.](#)

The list of educational advisors and their contact information for each department is found around page 15 of [the curriculum](#).