

COURSE SYLLABUS

Oral Health, International Perspectives, 7.5 credits

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Course Code:	HOIN10	Education Cycle:	First-cycle level
Confirmed:	Feb 18, 2026	Disciplinary domain:	Medicine
Valid From:	Jan 25, 2027	Subject group:	Dental Technology and Oral Health
		Specialised in:	G2F First cycle, has at least 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements
		Main field of study:	Oral Health Science

Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO)

On completion of the course the student will be able to:

Knowledge and understanding

- identify and discuss cultural aspects and concepts related to oral health in a life cycle approach
- discuss inequalities and inequities in an oral health related perspective
- identify and analyse the impact of general diseases and disabilities related to oral health from a cultural perspective
- describe the impact and complexity of social determinants of oral health in different countries
- identify and analyse structural and socio-economic factors and their influence on oral health in individuals, communities, and populations
- discuss different perspectives on oral health in community development and sustainable oral health care.

Skills and abilities

- acquire relevant literature within different areas of research relevant for oral health
- consider contextual factors and appropriate methods when working in diverse oral health contexts
- explore resources and strategies for promoting oral health care in diverse cultural and international contexts
- collaborate with people within oral health care systems.

Judgement and approach

- identify and value one's own professional culture of oral health care
- reflect on different cultural factors of oral health care interventions
- develop a culture sensitive approach in oral health care and incorporate cultural competence
- reflect on sustainable strategies for equal oral health.

Content

- welfare factors, determinants and consequences of disability/disease related to oral health
- diverse health and social perspectives and interventions related to oral health
- strategies for promoting oral health in diverse contexts
- structural and social determinants of oral health and the relevance of different perspectives
- cultural competence and culturally sensitive oral health approaches

Type of instruction

The course is web-based and implemented through individual studies, group work and seminars.

Language of instruction is English.

Entry requirements

General entry requirements and passed courses of 120 credits in the major subject in oral health.

Examination and grades

The course is graded A, B, C, D, E, FX or F.

Examination will be based upon a written assignment (assignment 1, literature review) , an individual written assignment (assignment 2, final reflection) and seminars including written summaries.

Registration of examination:

Name of the Test	Value	Grading
Written assignment 1	3.5 credits	A/B/C/D/E/FX/F
Written assignment 2	1.5 credits	VG/G/U
Seminars	2.5 credits	G/U

Course literature

Please note that changes may be made to the reading list up until eight weeks before the start of the course.

Daly, B., Batchelor, P., Treasure, E., & Watt, R. (2013). *Essential dental public health* . (2nd ed.). Oxford University Press.

Nathe, C. (2017). *Dental public health & research: contemporary practice for the dental hygienist*. (4th ed.). Pearson.

Pieren A, J., & Gadbury-Amyot, C. (2024). *Darby and Walsh Dental Hygiene. Theory and practice*. Elsevier.

United Nations. (2006). *Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities*. <http://www.un.org>

Walley, J., & Wright, J. (Eds.). (2010). *Public health: an action guide to improving health*. (2nd ed.). Oxford University Press.

World Health Organization (2008). *Closing the gap in a generation: Health Equity through Action on the Social Determinants of Health* . <http://www.who.int>

World Health Organization. *Community-based rehabilitation (CBR)*. (2010).<http://www.who.int>

World Health Organization. *World health report* . (2026, February). <http://www.who.int>

World Health Organization. *Oral health* . (n.d.).http://www.who.int/oral_health/en/

Additional relevant journal articles will be used.

The most recent edition of the course literature should be used.