



Acupuncture and Massage College
DME 312
Diagnostic Methods
SYLLABUS

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Instructor is available 15 minutes before class and 15 minutes after class to address student questions. In addition, students who need clarification on material covered in class or in assigned reading materials may request an appointment.

Hours/Credits: 60/4

Method of Instruction: Lecture, discussion and practical.

Required Text: Diagnosis in Chinese Medicine, A Comprehensive Guide, Maciocia, Giovanni (DCM)

The Web That Has No Weaver, Kaptchuk, Ted (WEB)

[NCCAOM- 2022-Candidate Preparation Handbook for Oriental Medicine \(OM\) Certification](#)

Recommended Text: Chinese Acupuncture and Moxibustion, Cheng Xinnong, ed.

Pre-requisites: ECM - 312

Course Description: This course teaches the four diagnostic methods of TCM observation (Wang), audio-olfaction (Wen), inquiry (Wen), and palpation (Qie). Particular focus is paid to pulse and tongue diagnosis. The class will conclude with an introduction to TCM Pathology which will prepare the student for the study of Zang-Fu Pattern Differentiation

Course Objectives: After finishing this course, students should be able to:

- Name the four diagnostic examinations
- Know the basic protocol for practicing each of the diagnostic methods.
- Differentiate tongue and pulse findings at a beginner level
- Understand basic referral guidelines
- Understand pattern differentiation based on Eight Principles and Qi-Blood-Fluids.

Grading: As listed in our school catalog, the following scale will be used:

A	90-100%	4.0	P	Pass (70% or above)
B	80-89%	3.0	F	Fail (below 70% for Pass/Fail courses)
C	70-79%	2.0	I	Incomplete
D	60-69%	1.0	W	Withdrawal
			WF	Withdrawal Failure
			WNA	Withdrawal, no attendance
			RPT	Repeat course – no GPA calculated

Class Policies: You are expected to attend all classes and be on time. Please see AMC [Student Handbook](#) for details on attendance, tardiness, missed exams, and early departure policies. Eating, drinking, and gum-chewing are not permitted. Cell phones and pagers must be turned off or put on silent mode.

Recording in Class: Students will be allowed to audio record lectures in this course with the instructor permission.

Homework: Homework is an important part of learning at AMC. On a daily basis in each course as reflected in the course syllabus, reading assignments must be completed outside of class. The readings supplement the class lectures and it is your responsibility to complete all reading assignments before coming to class. Instructors use oral and written quizzes to check that students have completed the reading assignments. Written homework assignments are turned in to the instructor in each class and count toward your course grade. Homework must be done prior to the class in which it is due.

You are responsible on quizzes and the Final Exam for all material in the reading assignments *whether covered in the class lectures or not.*

Honor Code: Acupuncture and Massage College does not tolerate academic dishonesty. If you are caught cheating in any way, including but not limited to copying from another person's paper during an exam or quiz, or plagiarizing material in a paper, you will be dismissed, with no probationary period. All instances of cheating must be reported to a faculty member and to the Academic Dean. To know about cheating and not report it is the same as cheating.

Appropriate Classroom Laptop Use

Acceptable in-class uses of laptops and other web-enabled devices include: taking notes, following along with the instructor on PowerPoints, working on assigned in-class activities, projects, and discussion. Unacceptable in-class uses of laptops and other web-enabled devices include: texting or e-mailing, surfing the Internet, playing games, writing papers or doing homework. AMC Faculty considers inappropriate in-class uses of laptops and web-enabled devices equivalent to non-participation in class and reserve the right to lower student grades accordingly.

OM Attendance

If a student has less than 80% attendance in any course, he/she will lose points in participation grade for that course. For courses in the OM program consisting of 15 classes this translates to no more than three (3) absences. For OM courses that consist of 7 weeks this translate to only one absence. Shorter courses will allow fewer absences and in some short courses no absences will be permitted.

GPA Requirements: AMC has an escalating GPA requirement for the OM program. All first year students must maintain at least a 2.0 or above. All second year students must maintain a 2.0 or above. All third year students must maintain a 3.0 or above.

Library Integration

Each student will do a project on a topic covered in this class using books/resources (including online library resources <http://www.amcollege.edu/library>) in AMC's library as references.

Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Accommodations: Please speak to the Academic Dean in regards to requesting any special needs or accommodations. Please refer to AMC's [Student Handbook](#) for more details on ADA Accommodation process.

Your final grade will be computed as follows:

Class Participation	10%
Quizzes	40%
Project /Library Integration	10%
Final Exam	<u>40%</u>
Final Grade	100%

DME 312 CALENDAR

Class: 1 02/13/23

Content: Review of Etiology and Pathology of Chinese Medicine. Introduction to diagnostic methods in TCM. Observation of the constitution, head and face

Assignment: DCM pp 1-73; WEB pp 143 - 176

Class: 2 02/15/23

Content: Observation continued. Observing the sensory organs, mouth, limbs and skin. Tongue diagnosis.

Assignment: DCM pp 74-199; WEB pp 176 - 186

Class: 3 02/17/23

Content: Tongue diagnosis continued, including practical application.

Assignment: DCM pp 201-231; WEB pp 176 - 186

Class: 4 02/20/23

QUIZ

Content: Interrogation (Questioning). General considerations, the 10 questions and

questions about pain.

Assignment: DCM pp 233-275; WEB pp 186-187, 189-190

Class: 5 02/22/23

Content: Interrogation (Questioning) continued. Questions about food, thirst, urine and stools, head, body, chest, limbs sleep, energy, sensory, sweating, cold and heat.

Assignment: DCM pp 277-376; WEB pp 187-189, 190-192

Class: 6 02/24/23

Content: Interrogation (Questioning) continued. Questions about emotions, sexual symptoms, women's and children's symptoms. Practical application.

Assignment: DCM pp 379-430; WEB pp 192- 194

Class: 7 02/27/23

QUIZ

Content: Palpation: Pulse Diagnosis: Particular focus is placed upon pulse diagnosis in TCM. The class will analyze and practice feeling the strength, rate, depth, width, length, and quality of the pulse.

Assignment: DCM pp 431-457; WEB pp 194-210, 323-347

Class: 8 03/01/23

Content: Pulse Diagnosis continued: Particular focus is placed upon pulse diagnosis in TCM. The class will analyze and practice feeling the strength, rate, depth, width, length, and quality of the pulse.

Assignment: DCM pp 457-507; WEB pp 194-210, 323-347

Class: 9 03/03/23

Content: Palpation: Palpating the skin, limbs, chest, abdomen, and points.

Assignment: DCM pp 509-536, class handouts

Class: 10 03/06/23

QUIZ

Content: Audio-Olfaction, the second of the four diagnostic methods, will be discussed and practiced. Introduction to TCM pathology and differential diagnosis: The pathology of Full and Empty conditions, Yin Yang Imbalance.

Assignment: DCM pp 539-551; WEB pp 215-231

Class: 11 03/08/23

Content: TCM pathology and differential diagnosis: Differentiation of patterns based on the eight principles.

Assignment: DCM pp 983-991; WEB pp 215-231

Class: 12 03/10/23

Content: Identification of Patterns according to Qi, Blood, Body Fluids.

Assignment: DCM pp 927-938; WEB pp 239-246

Class: 13 **03/13/23**

QUIZ

Content: REVIEW FOR FINAL EXAM

Assignment: REVIEW

Class: 14 **03/15/23**

Content: REVIEW FOR FINAL EXAM

Four Examinations Log due

Assignment: REVIEW

Class: 15 **03/17/23**

Content: Review for Final and FINAL EXAM