

Course Specification Student Version

Course Title:	Introduction to Dentistry
Course Code:	GDC 211
Department:	Dentistry
Program:	Bachelor of Dentistry
College:	Vision College in Riyadh
Institution:	Vision College in Riyadh
Revised:	July 2025

A. Course Identification

1. Credit hours: 1 (1+0+0)
2. Level/year at which this course is offered: Level 3/Year 2
3. Pre-requisites for this course (if any): None
4. Co-requisites for this course (if any): None

B. Teaching Methods

1	Lecture
2	Assignment

C. Course Description and Objectives

1. Course Description

This is a one credit hour course, which is designed to provide the 2nd year dental student with an introduction to dentistry by overviewing the concepts, principles and procedures of various specialties in dentistry.

2. Course Main Objective

The main objective of this course is to:

- Define various disciplines in dentistry and describe objectives of each discipline
- Be familiar with characteristics of target population served by the discipline.
- Discuss preventive aspects of each discipline in dentistry.
- Explain the role of health provider in patient management related to the discipline.
- Discuss major procedures in the discipline with emphasis on comprehensive treatment.

3. Course Objectives

By the end of this course, students should be able to:

- Describe anatomy, development, structure, and function of teeth and associated soft and hard tissue structures.
- Describe the etiology, pathology, clinical features, and management of common dental, oral, and related diseases.
- Differentiate instruments, equipment, and materials for different dental branches and for different clinical dental procedures.
- Demonstrate teamwork spirit.

D. Course Content

No	List of Topics
1	ABC of Dentistry
2	Introduction to Operative Dentistry
3	Introduction to Endodontics
4	Introduction to Oral Radiology
5	Introduction to Periodontics
6	Introduction to Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery
7	Introduction to Prosthodontics
8	Introduction to Orthodontics
9	Prevention and Dental Public Health
10	Mechanical plaque control

E. Assessment Tools

#	Assessment task	Percentage of Total Assessment Score
1	Written exam (midterm exam)	30%
2	Written exam (Final exam)	40%
3	Written exam (Quiz exam)	20%
4	Assignment evaluation	10%
	Total	100%

F. Learning Resources

Essential References	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction to Dentistry Manual, Prepared by Dr. Khaled Al-Hallak
Supportive References	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary Preventive Dentistry, By: Norman Harris, Franklin Garcia, Godoy 7th Edition, 2009
Electronic Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LMS www.slideshare.com www.pubmed.com http://dental-library.com
Other Learning Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None