

Medical Humanities Track for UTMB Medical Students

UTMB's Institute for the Medical Humanities (IMH) aims to provide a vibrant international home for integrating perspectives from the humanities, social sciences, and the arts to enhance health and well-being. The Medical Humanities Track gives interested students the opportunity to participate in IMH's creative and critical inquiry about health and its enhancement, and to translate that inquiry into improved professional practice, thoughtful public discourse, and informed community action. The Track enables students to see connections between medical practice and the humanities, develop creative, critical, analytic, reflective thinking and problem-solving skills, and achieve self-awareness and deeper understanding of the social and cultural context of medicine. Students are encouraged to reflect on their own moral development as future physicians.

Successful completion of the Medical Humanities Track will require:

- ◆ Earning a passing grade in all required curricular activities in the School of Medicine related to ethics, humanities, and professionalism (e.g., components of POM-1 and 2).
- ◆ Completion of Summer Preceptorship, Introduction to Medical Humanities (see <http://meded.utmb.edu/SummerPreceptorships/brochure.asp>).
- ◆ Completion of an Elective or Selective experience that involves provision of care to an underserved population. The Ambulatory Community Selective, FAMU-4022, Frontera de Salud, care for the elderly or palliative care, or a global health experience are particularly recommended.
- ◆ Completion of at least two Electives/Selectives in Years 3-4 from among those offered by the Institute for the Medical Humanities (see <http://ar.utmb.edu/04-05review/blist.asp?dc=imh>).
- ◆ Completion of at least one Basic Science or Humanities Selective (BSHS) from among those offered by the Institute for the Medical Humanities (see <http://ar.utmb.edu/BSHSselectives/brochure.asp?dc=imh>).

- ◆ Attendance of at least 2/3 of the meetings of the monthly Medical Humanities Student Journal Club during Years 1-4 of the medical curriculum (with exceptions being made for time periods during which the student is located away from the UTMB campus).
- ◆ Completion of a scholarly research project under the guidance of a faculty member of the Institute for the Medical Humanities, during Year 4, with presentation at a public gathering.

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