

Medical Humanities Track for UTMB Medical Students

The Medical Humanities Track will provide interested students with additional experiences in Medical Humanities within the regular 4-year curriculum leading to the MD degree. Students enrolling in this track will have opportunities, beyond the Medical Humanities components included in the required curriculum, to show connections between medical practice and the humanities, to develop creative, critical, analytic, reflective thinking and problem-solving skills, and achieve self-awareness and deeper understanding of the social and cultural context of medical practice. The Medical Humanities Track will prepare students to reflect thoughtfully on the nature of medical practice and on their own moral development as future physicians utilizing the vantage point of the varied humanities disciplines.

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, or a global health experiences 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.