

DEPARTMENT OF BIOETHICS

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Course Number	Course Name
ETH.M01	The Humanities and Medicine
ETH.M02 ETH.S02	Issues in Bioethics

THE HUMANITIES AND MEDICINE

ETH.M01

DURATION:	2 Weeks
ENROLLMENT:	Maximum 3 students
VISITING STUDENT:	No
PCR MAJORITY:	No

PREREQUISITE: Successful completion of third year clerkships.

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DESCRIPTION:

This elective provides the opportunity for the student to relate his or her medical knowledge to some topic of interest in the humanities (defined in this context as art, literature, history, philosophy, or religion). For example, the student might wish to study the understanding of death expressed in selected novels, or the relationship of the philosophical concept of being to biological existence, or the relationship of religious faith to healing. Whatever the student's topic of choice, it is the intention to allow the student to analyze an issue in the practice of medicine from a point of view other than the biomedical or scientific. The choice of an appropriate and meaningful topic is the responsibility of the student.

OBJECTIVES:

- The student will identify the issue of interest in the area of humanities and medicine. The topic the student wishes to pursue must be approved by the instructor prior to the beginning of the elective.
- In consultation with the instructor, the topic will be refined as required and a program of study developed.
- As a result of the student's study and as specified in the program of study, the student will submit a written report to the instructor.

EVALUATION:

The instructor will evaluate the report and complete a subjective evaluation which will be based on the instructor's perception of the student's performance, knowledge, skills, attendance, and attitude during the rotation.

ISSUES IN BIOETHICS

ETH.M02, ETH.S02

DURATION: 2 Weeks
ENROLLMENT: Maximum 3 students
VISITING STUDENT: No
PCR MAJORITY: No

PREREQUISITE: Successful completion of third year clerkships.

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DESCRIPTION:

This elective is designed to allow the student to investigate, in depth, a bioethical issue of the student's choice. The student will be expected to arrive at a personal, tentative position regarding the issue based upon a review of relevant literature.

OBJECTIVES:

- The student will identify an issue in bioethics of personal interest. The student should secure the instructor's approval of the issue selected before the beginning of the elective.
- In consultation with the instructor, the topic will be refined as required and a plan of research developed.
- The student will survey the literature relating to the topic. Interviews with individuals who might contribute to the student's research are encouraged.
- The student will formulate a position paper on the issue which must include:
 - An overview of the issue as reflected in current bioethical thought which clearly illustrates the major alternative resolutions available.
 - A personal, tentative resolution of the issue which demonstrates a process of systematic analysis and the identification of personal values as they relate to the position assumed.

EVALUATION:

The instructor will evaluate the paper and complete a subjective evaluation that will be based on the Preceptor's perception of the student's performance, knowledge, skills, attendance, and attitude during the rotation.