MHUM - HUMANITIES IN MEDICINE

MHUM 801 Practical Medical Law and Ethics for Physicians
Credits 1.25 to 10. 1.25 to 10 Other Hours.
Enhance each participant’s knowledge of state and federal laws that affect physicians’ medical practice. Topics include malpractice, consent, confidentiality, HIPPA compliance, business entities, contracts and regulatory matters. Expose students to the legal issues, responsibilities and expectations associated with physicians in various practice settings. Examine legal and ethical issues that arise in the normal course of medical practice, hospital privileges and committee service.

MHUM 802 Directed Research in History of Medicine
Credits 1.25 to 10. 1.25 to 10 Other Hours.
Offered in London. Explore firsthand an area of individual interest or specialty in history medicine; further student understanding of the relevance of medical history to contemporary clinical practice and biomedical ethics; enhance student international awareness of medical practice in a different cultural setting (London, England) with no language barrier; broaden student perspective by exposure to the rich medical as well as cultural and artistic heritage in London, UK; and provide experience in interpretation, communication, and evaluation of a medical subject in its proper historical context, which may be submitted for publication.

MHUM 803 Medical Humanities Directed Research
Credits 1.25 to 10. 1.25 to 10 Other Hours.
Explore a specific area of individual interest and gain knowledge by discovery, which may also be relevant to their future residency; sharpen students’ analytic and communication skills and critical judgment in developing a coherent thesis out of their area of interest; broaden student understanding of the medical profession, clinical practice and physician-patient relations through the insights provided by the humanities disciplines; increase student understanding of how cultural, psychological and other non-medical factors affect clinical practice; stimulate curiosity, questioning of assumptions and accepted notions, tolerance of differing values; and encourage self-reflection and lifelong learning to balance stresses of professional life.

MHUM 804 Medical Education
Credits 1.25 to 10. 1.25 to 10 Other Hours.
Analyze current Phase I and Phase II courses for content, delivery, opportunities for improvement; apply information learned from course analysis to development of curricular improvement project; help produce student reports for LCME; demonstrate clinical teaching skills with M3 students during clerkships, and simulation classes; and develop one innovation for use during Phase I, II, or III of the curriculum.

MHUM 805 Public Affairs Intern – TMA
Credits 1.25 to 10. 1.25 to 10 Other Hours.
Public Affairs Elective at Texas Medical Association in Austin. This provides the learner the opportunity to experience health policy creation and implementation in Texas through the work of the Advocacy Division of the Texas Medical Association. When the Texas Legislature is in session, the experience includes legislative hearings and passage of laws. When the Legislature is not in session, the experience will be with the regulatory agencies and how they implement the laws.

MHUM 806 Palliative Medicine
Credits 1.25 to 10. 1.25 to 10 Other Hours.
The faculty will strive to provide basic information on interdisciplinary approach to palliative and end-of-life care; teach skills needed to improve communication with patients with chronic or terminal diseases and appropriate methods of delivering bad news; provide basic information on pain assessment and management; and demonstrate comprehensive nature of end-of-life care, the distinctive nature of its patient care model, and its significant place in today’s healthcare arena.

MHUM 807 Fellowships in Leadership
Credits 1.25 to 10. 1.25 to 10 Other Hours.
Experience in leadership; learn from and develop a professional relationship with a leader. The leader serves as a role model, offering students an opportunity to share his or her professional life.

MHUM 808 Medical History and Humanities
Credits 1.25 to 10. 1.25 to 10 Other Hours.
Historical aspects of medicine and how the humanities are integrated into medical education and patient care. Sessions will be devoted to interactive discussions using role models and key historical events. Values, their role in guiding our behavior, our interpretations of others, and the way we make sense of the world in general, will be considered. Sacred Vocation, one path to promoting the art of medicine, is an evidence-based complement to the science of medicine. Sessions focusing on this approach will include the following: what gives meaning to life, exploring the power to heal or harm, and creating coping mechanisms for dealing with difficult work situations.

MHUM 809 Healthcare Administration
Credits 1.25 to 10.
This course will introduce the student to the administrative aspects of health care delivery. The student will gain experience with the medical staff appointment and reappointment process; peer review process; physician health and wellness; hospital policy and procedure rationale, development and implementation; health information management, including electronic medical records; health care financing; health care expense allocation; third-party pay or systems, including alternative options such as accountable care organization; and various regulatory and compliance agencies, including The Joint Commission, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and Texas Department of State Health Services. The student will also gain experience with various internal and external health care improvement initiatives, patient safety projects, and issues related to institutional risk management.

MHUM 810 Self and Culture
Credits 1.25 to 10. 1.25 to 10 Other Hours.
Exploration of ideas about culture and its role in Medicine. Culture has many implications and could never be defined in a one to three week elective, so our goal is to assist students in understanding the importance of broad culture and help them understand their own perceptions and how they apply it to their role as a physician. This elective aims to promote self-awareness to enhance professional understanding and compassion for everyone.

MHUM 811 Practical Medical Law and Ethics
Credits 1.25 to 10. 1.25 to 10 Other Hours.
Examines the ethical responsibilities of and issues for physicians in complex patient care delivery systems and considers the moral and ethical dimensions of professional life.
MHUM 812 Lead in Medical Program: Healthcare Delivery and Financing  
Credits 1.25 to 10. 1.25 to 10 Other Hours.  
Daily operations of a community health plan; provide resources in review  
of healthcare delivery and financing; provide guidance to selection of  
topic of investigation; and serve as mentor for production of scholarly  
paper for peer-reviewed publication.

MHUM 815 Essentials of Leadership  
Credits 1 to 15. 1 to 15 Other Hours.  
Four-week elective; familiarization with the basics of leadership and its  
application in the field of medicine; focus on improving interpersonal  
communication/teamwork, understanding the business of medicine and  
expanding on knowledge of systems-based care and advocacy.

Prerequisite: Admission to medical school.

MHUM 985 Off Campus Student Initiated Elective  
Credits 1 to 10. 1 to 10 Other Hours.  
Formally described elective courses at another medical school or off-  
campus opportunities that are not formally approved electives. The  
College of Medicine requires that each of these electives be approved  
prior to the rotation.

MHUM 999 On Campus Student Initiated Elective  
Credits 1.25 to 12. 1.25 to 12 Other Hours.  
This is an on-campus opportunity in the department of Humanities in  
the College of Medicine that is not defined herein. Experiences may  
include clinical research, basic science research, library research, other  
basic science activities, and other clinical activities. Students interested  
in developing an elective of this type should contact the head of the  
appropriate department for additional details.