MHUM - HUMANITIES IN MEDICINE

MHUM 601 Medical Spanish I - Novice to Beginner
Credits 1.25 to 10. 1.25 to 10 Lecture Hours. Introduction to the basic knowledge of medical Spanish; use of vocabulary and interactive cases to enhance communication skills with Spanish-speaking patients, their families, other health care providers and society; introduction and development of the linguistic and cultural skills necessary to facilitate basic communication and negotiate a number of primary difficulties posed by an English-Spanish language barrier between patients and providers. Must be taken on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis. Prerequisite: Admission to Medical School.

MHUM 602 Medical Spanish II – Beginner to Moderate
Credits 1.25 to 10. 1.25 to 10 Other Hours. Builds on the introduction of basic knowledge of medical Spanish described in the syllabus for Medical Spanish II; use of vocabulary and interactive cases to enhance improved communication skills with Spanish-speaking patients, their families, other health care providers and society. Must be taken on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis. Prerequisite: Admission to Medical School.

MHUM 603 Medical Spanish III – Moderate to Advanced
Credits 1.25 to 10. 1.25 to 10 Other Hours. Detailed and specific components of the history and physical examination, review of systems, social and family history, utilization of laboratory and other diagnostic testing; communication of assessments and plans to the patient and their family; effectively utilize and command expertise in cultural competency benefiting the patient and society. Must be taken on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis. Prerequisites: Admission to Medical School.

MHUM 604 Medical Spanish IV – Advanced
Credits 1.25 to 10. 1.25 to 10 Other Hours. Refinement and demonstration of abilities in discussing sensitive subjects, such as psychosocial, mental health, sexuality, end of life care and other topics in culturally competent ways; mentoring of patients, families, health care providers, students and society. Must be taken on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis. Prerequisites: Admission to Medical School.

MHUM 801 Practical Medical Law and Ethics for Physicians
Credits 1.25 to 10. 1.25 to 10 Other Hours. Enhancement of knowledge of state and federal laws that affect physicians’ medical practice; includes malpractice, consent, confidentiality, HIPPA compliance, business entities, contracts and regulatory matters; exposure to the legal issues, responsibilities and expectations associated with physicians in various practice settings; examination of 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; exploration of individual interest or specialty in history medicine; further understanding of the relevance of medical history to contemporary clinical practice and biomedical ethics; enhancement of international awareness of medical practice in a different cultural setting (London, England) with no language barrier; broaden perspective by exposure to the rich medical as well as cultural and artistic heritage in London, UK; 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. Exploration of individual interest and gaining of knowledge by discovery, which may also be relevant to future residency; sharpening of analytic and communication skills and critical judgment in developing a coherent thesis out of area of interest; broadening an understanding of the medical profession, clinical practice and physician-patient relations through the insights provided by the humanities disciplines; increase in understanding of how cultural, psychological and other non-medical factors affect clinical practice; stimulation of curiosity, questioning of assumptions and accepted notions, tolerance of differing values; and encouragement of 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. Analysis of current Phase I and Phase II courses for content, delivery, opportunities for improvement; application of information learned from course analysis for the development of curricular improvement project; help produce reports for LCME; demonstration of clinical teaching skills with M3 students during clerkships, and simulation classes; and development of 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; 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. Basic information on the interdisciplinary approach to palliative and end-of-life care; skills needed to improve communication with patients with chronic or terminal diseases and appropriate methods of delivering bad news; basic information on pain assessment and management; demonstration of 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; leader serves as a role model, offering an opportunity to share their 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 devoted to interactive discussions using role models and key historical events; consideration of values, their role in guiding our behavior, our interpretations of others, and the way we make sense of the world in general; 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 includes 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. Introduction to the administrative aspects of health care delivery; 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; 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 0 to 10. 0 to 10 Other Hours. Exploration of ideas about culture and its role in Medicine. Prerequisites: Doctor of Medicine classification.

MHUM 811 Practical Medical Law and Ethics
Credits 1.25 to 10. 1.25 to 10 Other Hours. Examination of the ethical responsibilities of and issues for physicians in complex patient care delivery systems and consideration of the moral and ethical dimensions of professional life.

MHUM 814 Operations Border Health Preparedness
Credits 0 to 10. 0 to 10 Other Hours. Designed to provide medical care and health promotion to underserved and indigent in South Texas. Prerequisites: Doctor of Medicine classification.

MHUM 815 Essentials of Leadership
Credits 0 to 10. 0 to 10 Other Hours. Exposure to 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: Doctor of Medicine classification.

MHUM 819 Medical Foreign Language and Cultural Competency
Credits 0 to 10. 0 to 10 Other Hours. Improvement of foreign language communication skills for the purpose of caring for patients and their families in a clinical setting. Must be taken on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis. Prerequisites: Doctor of Medicine classification.

MHUM 820 Business of Medicine - A Practicum to Identify and Discuss Complexities of Healthcare Management
Credits 1 to 15. 1 to 15 Other Hours. Expansion of knowledge of the business of medicine through interactive sessions and one-on-one discussions with healthcare executive leaders; includes medico-legal and business practice issues affecting physicians and organizations, understanding payer mix and the impact of various types of medical coverage, importance of proper and effective patient documentation and billing, critical importance of patient safety and quality, risk management processes and various other topics; understanding of the importance of administrative, financial, interpersonal communication and teamwork and systems-based approaches to improving healthcare. Prerequisites: Admission to medical school; completion of pre-clerkship or basic science curriculum; 4th year classification.

MHUM 821 Research Practicum
Credits 0 to 10. 0 to 10 Other Hours. Exposure to research processes, planning and execution within medicine. Prerequisites: Doctor of medicine classification.

MHUM 822 Introduction to Research
Credits 0 to 10. 0 to 10 Other Hours. Exploration of research processes, planning and execution within medicine. Prerequisites: Doctor of medicine classification.

MHUM 823 Medical Scholarly Research
Credits 0 to 10. 0 to 10 Other Hours. Exposure to scholarly research in clinical or non-clinical settings under the mentorship of a physician, health care professional, faculty member and/or professional research mentor. Prerequisites: Doctor of medicine classification.

MHUM 825 Sexuality and Medicine
Credits 0 to 10. 0 to 10 Lecture Hours. Knowledge about sexual functioning from a social psychological perspective; attitudinal awareness about one's own level of comfort; communication skills about sexuality. Must be taken on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis. Prerequisite: Doctor of Medicine classification.

MHUM 829 Medical Education Research
Credits 0 to 10. 0 to 10 Lecture Hours. Introduction to medical education research and evaluation. Must be taken on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis. Prerequisite: Doctor of Medicine classification.

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; School of Medicine requires that each of these electives be approved prior to the rotation.

MHUM 989 Special Topics in...
MHUM 999 On Campus Student Initiated Elective

Credits 1.25 to 12. 1.25 to 12 Other Hours. On-campus opportunity in the department of Humanities in the School 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; interest in developing an elective of this type should contact the head of the appropriate department for additional details.