

# MD/MS IN BIOETHICS

## Overview

This 33-credit-hour program leading to a Master of Science in Bioethics and Medical Humanities is completed while earning the MD, with all coursework normally completed in the first two years of the MD program. The MS is granted at the same time as the MD and adds **no additional time** to the four years of medical school. MS coursework is done on **Wednesday and Friday** afternoons – reserved specifically in Years 1 and 2 for all of the School of Medicine’s dual degree program students and for medical student electives – and through elective coursework offered in the summers before and after Year 1.

Students in professional schools may also complete the program in its one-year format in a gap year, allowing them to graduate with the MD and MS in 5 total years.

The core courses provide essential grounding in the foundations of bioethics and medical humanities, current controversies in health care ethics, and the social and ethical contexts of health care decision-making; participation in hospital rounds emphasizes the practical realities of clinical ethics, and a capstone seminar integrates program courses with one another and with students’ experience in the health care professions. The program also offers elective courses and with permission other relevant courses from other schools and departments at Tulane University may be taken as electives. Students can focus on either bioethics or medical humanities, and upon graduation will be well-suited for roles on clinical ethics committees and consultation, IRBs, and teaching ethics and medical humanities in schools of medicine and elsewhere.

Applicants interested in additional information on **MD degrees**, contact the Office of Admissions and Student Affairs:

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## Requirements

**Courses are taken following one of the two tracks below:**

### BIOETHICS TRACK

Distribution	Credits
BEMH 6002 Foundations of Bioethics	3
BEMH 6009 Current Controversies in Bioethics	3
BEMH 6003 Medical Humanities	3
BEMH 6007 Ethical Theory	3
BEMH 6011 Clinical Ethics	3
BEMH 6010 Research Ethics	3
BEMH 6020 Capstone Project	3
Electives	12

### MEDICAL HUMANITIES TRACK

Distribution	Credits
BEMH 6002 Foundations of Bioethics	3
BEMH 6009 Current Controversies in Bioethics	3
BEMH 6003 Medical Humanities	3
BEMH 6005 Medicine in Literature and Film or BEMH 6012 The End of Life in Film & Lit.	3
BEMH 6008 History of Medicine	3
BEMH 6016 Narrative in Medicine	3

BEMH 6020 Capstone Project	3
Electives	12

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**Elective Courses offered include: <sup>1</sup>**

Course ID	Title	Credits
BEMH 6001	Neuroethics: The Ethics of Neuroscience and the Neuroscience of Ethics	3
BEMH 6006	The Doctor As Author	3
BEMH 6012	The End of Life in Film & Lit.	3
BEMH 6013	Medicine and Identity	3
BEMH 6014	Pandemic Ethics	3
BEMH 6015	Pro-Natalism, Anti-Natalism and the Ethics of Human Reproduction	3

<sup>1</sup> Elective courses are subject to change, and new electives are being created all the time. Please consult your advisor.

**BIOETHICS TRACK**

- Ethical Theory
- Introduction to Clinical Ethics
- Research Ethics

**MEDICAL HUMANITIES TRACK**

- Literature and Film in Medicine
- History of Medicine
- Narrative in Medicine