MD - MEDICINE (MED)

MED 3000 Medicine (8 Credit Hours)
The entire rotation is an inpatient rotation. In other words, all patients seen will be hospitalized patients or patients being evaluated for hospitalization. Students will spend their time at either Tulane University Hospital or the University Medical Center-NO or both. The Veterans Hospital service is contained within the Tulane University Hospital until the new VA hospital is built (estimated Spring 2017). Students will spend 6 weeks on a general internal medicine hospitalist service and 2 weeks on a subspecialty consulting service, either cardiology, hematology/oncology, gastroenterology, infectious disease, or nephrology.

MED 3020 Medicine (2 Credit Hours)
gastroenterology, infectious disease, or nephrology.

MED 3040 Medicine Research (4 Credit Hours)
This course is an independent research elective for students in their clinical years: students must identify a faculty PI and negotiate content and deliverables with the faculty.

MED 3041 DeBakey Scholar Research (4 Credit Hours)
The DeBakey Scholars program provides Tulane medical students with an opportunity to pursue a four-year structured research project with a faculty mentor. Research training forms an important part of medical education because it instills critical thinking and reasoning skills. Since its founding in 2009, the program continues to attract the best and brightest students at Tulane University School of Medicine. DeBakey Scholars are exposed to the creative culture of research throughout their four years in medical school. They evaluate and interpret new clinical and scientific information. The development of these skills foster students’ professional growth through continuing education and lifelong learning. DeBakey Scholars are highly-motivated students who are focused on success and looking to make a difference. These students pursue a program that develops skills and talents in the field of research. The tools they develop, publishing papers and presenting to peers, make them even more desirable in highly competitive residency placement.

MED 3400 Medicine (4 Credit Hours)
This course is a general medicine elective that is reserved for special circumstances: students are encouraged to request specialty-specific electives, but may be encouraged to enroll in this elective by the Medicine Department.

MED 3401 Eli Lilly (4 Credit Hours)
This 4-week elective involves enrollment in the Medical Student Rotation Program at Eli Lilly in Indianapolis. It’s an experiential learning program that features a student-centric curriculum and structured mentorship in various aspects of pharmaceutical development. It includes independent projects, industry-led workshops, exposure to many facets of drug discovery and development, and networking opportunities with Lilly medical leaders.

MED 3410 Internal Med Specialty Clinic (4 Credit Hours)
The Ambulatory and Subspecialty Clinics Rotation is designed to supplement the Internal Medicine Clerkship. Most of Internal Medicine is practiced in the outpatient setting and this is an opportunity to learn from clinic and subspecialty faculty. Students will rotate through a variety of clinics, including both primary care and subspecialty clinics. Students will be exposed to common internal medicine complaints, chronic disease, and highly specialized care. Students will also attend a number of education seminars focused on specific topics in internal medicine, such as Allergy, Hypertension, Dyslipidemia, etc. In addition, students will complete a self-study curriculum rooted in general internal medicine. Students will read the most up to date literature and guidelines on the treatment and prevention of IM diseases.

MED 3500 Medicine Subinternship (4 Credit Hours)
The Sub-internship is an opportunity for medical students to assume more responsibility for their patients and tryout being an intern on a limited number of patients. Students should assume the role of intern for 2-4 patients and complete all the necessary tasks for patient care. These may include, but are not limited to, calling consults, writing orders, performing procedures, preparing discharge paperwork, and writing discharge summaries under the supervision of the resident or attending. Students are expected to use this opportunity to refine their physical exam, diagnostic skills, and medical knowledge. Sub-interns are expected to set an example for the clerkship students and help teach them how to maneuver the hospital setting and meet the clerkship expectations. Students should complete the four-week sub-internship with a firm understanding of the responsibilities of an intern and ways he or she can improve prior to beginning intern year. We hope that this will be a meaningful and enjoyable rotation that helps you mature into the physician you hope to become. NOTE: Preference in May-August will be given to students applying to IM for residency at the discretion of the director of student programs.
MED 4000 MD/MBA Elective (4 Credit Hours)

MED 4019 Learning in Venture Capital (2 Credit Hours)
The New Orleans BioFund (NOBF) has created an educational program that brings highly driven Tulane medical students interested in VC directly into the fund’s day to day operations. The program will provide students with firsthand experience with the southern VC region. Students will leave with the fundamental skills and knowledge in VC, specifically in fields related to healthcare. Tulane medical students have previously interned at NOBF and reported high satisfaction. Students will work a minimum of 60 hours over the T4 year at the NOBF office, located in the New Orleans Bioinnovation Center (NOBIC). Students, the NOBF Managing Director and Analyst will work together on a flexible schedule. Students will be assigned to work on projects most of which will be current investment deals the fund is working on. Students will track their deals from due diligence to deal closing. NOBF associates will assign tasks, answer questions, and provide guidance to each student. Students will research, draft memos, and give presentations periodically to demonstrate their work. NOBF associates will provide targeted feedback to ensure by the end of the term students are comfortable with the basics of VC.

MED 4020 Stories: Narrative Medicine (2 Credit Hours)

MED 4021 Technology Commercialization (4 Credit Hours)
This is an elective primarily for fourth-year students in the 4-yr combined MD/MBA program. The elective is an experiential learning opportunity in Tulane's Office of Technology Transfer. Students participating in the elective will be able to combine their interests and training in business and medicine to contribute to commercialization of biomedical intellectual property developed at Tulane. Students will be given projects that include patent research, marketing research, and feasibility studies for products at various stages of development in the Office of Technology Transfer. Students will apply concepts of strategy, marketing, new venture planning, and valuation in real time. Students will be assigned projects that are actively being commercialized through the Office of Technology Transfer. Students will gain experience with intellectual property law, the role of venture capital, and the role of universities in developing an idea into a commercializable product. The one-month rotation will be experiential in nature. Students participating in the elective will work full time for the entire month. Students will participate in the mechanics of bringing an idea to market through activities in the Office of Technology Transfer and the New Orleans Bioinnovation Center (NOBIC). Occasional lectures will take place in NOBIC. Final grades will be based on a final project as well as overall participation in the technology commercialization process.

MED 4022 Online Medical Spanish Level 1 (2 Credit Hours)
This 2-week elective is for students interested in learning Spanish in a clinical context. For credit, students are expected to complete one level of medical Spanish language training using the Canopy program over a two-week period. Students must also attend an online orientation and record a 3-5 minute final presentation using the grammar, vocabulary, and cultural training in their respective Canopy level. All course activities can be done as correspondence, and students do not need to physically be present in New Orleans for this elective. Credit will be given upon completion of the required number of modules, orientation attendance, and completion of the final presentation. Students may take this elective more than once at different level 1-3, up to three times.

MED 4023 Online Medical Spanish Level 2 (2 Credit Hours)
This 2-week elective is for students interested in learning Spanish in a clinical context. For credit, students are expected to complete one level of medical Spanish language training using the Canopy program over a two-week period. Students must also attend an online orientation and record a 3-5 minute final presentation using the grammar, vocabulary, and cultural training in their respective Canopy level. All course activities can be done as correspondence, and students do not need to physically be present in New Orleans for this elective. Credit will be given upon completion of the required number of modules, orientation attendance, and completion of the final presentation. Students may take this elective more than once at different level 1-3, up to three times.

MED 4024 Online Medical Spanish Level 3 (2 Credit Hours)
This 2-week elective is for students interested in learning Spanish in a clinical context. For credit, students are expected to complete one level of medical Spanish language training using the Canopy program over a two-week period. Students must also attend an online orientation and record a 3-5 minute final presentation using the grammar, vocabulary, and cultural training in their respective Canopy level. All course activities can be done as correspondence, and students do not need to physically be present in New Orleans for this elective. Credit will be given upon completion of the required number of modules, orientation attendance, and completion of the final presentation. Students may take this elective more than once at different level 1-3, up to three times.

MED 4026 Making Medicines: Drug Dev (2 Credit Hours)
This 2-week elective is an eLearning course in which students will explore how a new drug is developed from the initial concept to the patient. The goal of the course is to provide an opportunity for individuals with an interest in a health-related field and medical research to learn the processes required to discover and develop drugs that will ultimately provide a benefit to meet unmet medical needs, with minimal risk.
MED 4028 Intro to Clinical Teaching (2 Credit Hours)
This is a longitudinal elective that will take place over the course of the academic year. Upon successful completion of course criteria, students will receive credit for a two-week elective. Students will attend hour-long workshops, held in evenings throughout the fall, each focusing on one discrete teaching skill. Students will then be given multiple opportunities to practice teaching skills within the context of the Foundations in Medicine course and other possible settings. This course is meant to complement, not to replace, the Advanced Clinical Teaching elective held in spring. While both offer opportunities to practice, this course contains more focused skill-building, while the Advanced Clinical Teaching course offers theory, approaches, and applications to lifelong development as a clinical educator.

MED 4029 Upperclassman Tutoring (4 Credit Hours)
This T4 tutoring elective increases academic support for underclassmen and enables upperclassmen tutors to develop a tutoring skill set. Our elective meets the needs of tutors by providing elective credit, opportunity for development of a tutoring skill set, increased confidence in tutoring ability, and improved communication skills. It meets the needs of tutees by increasing the number of available upperclassman tutoring sessions and improving the quality of such tutoring sessions by adequately training tutors. This tutoring elective improves the quality of learning and student academic performance by providing an additional academic resource for failing and struggling students. Our elective tutoring sessions serve as a supplement to the PAL program’s current resources by providing group tutoring reviews, rather than replacing the PAL program’s traditional one-on-one sessions. We utilize TutorLingo software, faculty-led training sessions, and standardized tutee experiences to train upperclassmen in how to be effective tutors for underclassman students. This training process includes a Pre-Tutoring Assessment. Following completion of the training process, upperclassman tutors develop lesson plans and provide group tutoring sessions for both underclassmen who have failed a block exam and students who are passing their courses but are seeking further aid. Tutors complete a Reflection on their growth as a tutor in order to receive academic credit.

MED 4030 Upperclassman Tutoring (2 Credit Hours)
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MED 4031 Healthcare Policy & Reform (2 Credit Hours)
This elective for graduate students is designed to provide a foundation of knowledge of the United States healthcare system in four critical areas of focus: access to care, cost of care, quality of care, and consumer perception of care. Students will learn about U.S. healthcare policy, the government’s role in healthcare, the history of healthcare reform, and the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Students will gain an understanding of how healthcare in the U.S. compares to that in the developed world. The course will introduce students to the history and evolution of the U.S. insurance industry, Medicare and Medicaid. The course will also explore the rise of consumerism in healthcare, both in the U.S. and globally. Further, students will gain additional insights about the intersections between business and healthcare through a series of guest lectures from hospital administrators, insurance company executives, experienced physicians, and experts on ACA legislation. This course will also offer an opportunity for students to engage in self-directed learning by designing and leading custom modules tailored to specific interests of class members.

MED 4032 Student-Run Clinic Elective (2 Credit Hours)
This is a longitudinal elective that will take place over the course of the academic year. Upon successful completion of course criteria, students will receive credit for a two-week elective. Students enrolling in this elective will be given credit for their participation in Tulane’s student-run clinics. T3s/T4s are a valuable part of the clinics: they help guide the T1s/T2s through what is often their very first experience with patients; they provide instruction and assistance with obtaining a medical history, formulating an assessment and plan, documentation and presentation; and they help provide quality care to persons with limited access to healthcare. Tulane’s student-run clinics appeal to incoming students, and help develop our students into effective and open-minded physicians. This elective is intended to improve junior and senior students’ clinical teaching skills, and to increase student involvement in the student-run clinics.

MED 4033 Healthcare in Central America (2 Credit Hours)

MED 4201 Palliative Care (2 Credit Hours)
This 2-week online elective will help “fill-in” the gap in End-of-life care education at Tulane School of Medicine. It also offers medical students the opportunity to learn about this topic when it’s most relevant - when they are being exposed to clinical opportunities.
MED 4210 Cardiology (2 Credit Hours)
This elective is for students with an interest in learning more about how to diagnose and treat cardiac disease. Students will learn more about the management of severe congestive heart failure, arrhythmias, and coronary artery disease. Students will also get to observe cardiac catheterization, echocardiography, and nuclear medicine. The students will be members of an inpatient consult team comprised of a fellow and faculty from the section of Cardiology. An intern or resident may also be a part of the team. Students are expected to participate in daily rounds with the fellow and attend all Cardiology conferences. Students will be assigned a panel of patients from which they are expected to write daily progress notes and present on rounds. A student panel should not exceed four patients.

MED 4220 Endocrinology (2 Credit Hours)
This elective is for students with an interest in learning more about how to diagnose and treat endocrine diseases. Students are to become familiar with the principles of clinical endocrinology in an outpatient setting. Teaching will be largely focused on clinical activities; seeing patients in the clinic setting at three locations. Students will also be encouraged to attend and participate in our weekly endocrine conference on Monday afternoons, from 4 – 6 pm, monthly multidisciplinary tumor board meetings (4th Wednesday of the month, 2-3 pm), and other weekly didactic sessions.

MED 4230 Gastroenterology (2 Credit Hours)
This 2-week elective is for students with an interest in general gastroenterology. This is the inpatient consult service which works with the general medicine inpatient teams and other services to address GI patient issues. Clinic time may also be involved at the discretion of the supervision attending or fellow.

MED 4250 Hematology/Oncology (2 Credit Hours)
This 2-week elective is for students with an interest in learning more about how to diagnose and treat patients with hematological and oncological disease. Students will be members of an inpatient consult team. The consult team usually evaluates between 1-2 consults per day. The team consists of a medical resident, a fellow, and a staff physician. Rounds are held once a day. Both new consults and prior consults are discussed. The medical student is expected to take an active role in this rotation. Under the supervision of the fellow and the attending, the student is expected to interview patients, perform the physical exam, review pertinent radiological and laboratory data, as well as pathology slides with the attending or pathologist. The student will have a great opportunity to participate and be exposed to the multidisciplinary aspect of Hematology/Oncology as a subspecialty.

MED 4260 Allergy/Imm/Rheum (2 Credit Hours)
This elective is for students with an interest in learning more about how to diagnose and treat allergic and immunologic diseases. Students will travel to various outpatient clinics at Tulane and Ochsner (will need to provide own transportation). Students will work directly with fellows and attendings in the Section of Allergy and Immunology. Students are expected to participate in seeing clinic patients and attend all Allergy and Immunology conferences.

MED 4270 Infectious Disease (2 Credit Hours)
This elective is for students with an interest in learning more about how to diagnose and treat patients with infectious disease. Students will also learn how to use antibiotics appropriately, prevent future infections, and manage the complications of HIV and other chronic infections. The students will be members of an inpatient consult team comprised of a fellow and faculty from the section of Infectious Disease. An intern or resident may also be a part of the team. Students are expected to participate in daily rounds with the fellow and attendings and attend all ID conferences. Students will be assigned a panel of patients from which they are expected to write daily progress notes and present on rounds. A student panel should not exceed four patients.

MED 4275 Medicine-Pediatrics (4 Credit Hours)
This 4-week elective provides students exposure to both adult and pediatrics patients, through both inpatient and outpatient duties.

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MED 4280 Nephrology (2 Credit Hours)
This 2-week elective is for students with an interest in learning more about how to diagnose and treat patients with renal disease. Students will also learn how to assess fluid balance and manage patients on hemodialysis. The students will be members of an inpatient consult team comprised of a fellow and faculty from the section of nephrology. An intern or resident may also be a part of the team. Students are expected to participate in daily rounds with the fellow and attendings and attend all renal conferences. Students will be assigned a panel of patients from which they are expected to write daily progress notes and present on rounds.

MED 4290 Pulmonary (2 Credit Hours)
This elective is for students with an interest in learning more about how to diagnose and treat patients with pulmonary disease. Students will also learn about ventilator management, indications for bronchoscopy, and in-depth evaluation of chest x-rays and CT of the chest. The students will be members of an inpatient consult team comprised of a fellow and faculty from the section of Pulmonology and Critical Care. An intern or resident may also be a part of the team. Students are expected to participate in daily rounds with the fellow and attendings and attend all pulmonology conferences (i.e. Chest conference). Students will be assigned a panel of patients from which they are expected to write daily progress notes and present on rounds. A student panel should not exceed four patients.
MED 4400 Advanced Clinical Teaching (4 Credit Hours)
This course is designed for fourth-year students who seek advanced instruction in clinical education. Students will work with the best of Tulane's medical educators to learn the principles of clinical education. The course is highly interactive and requires 100% attendance on the part of all participants. All elements of the course are required. Students will begin the course by having one of their teaching attempts videotaped. The first two weeks of the course will combine didactic lectures with teaching drills that will sharpen the principles discussed in the didactic lectures. During all weeks of the course, students will observe some of Tulane's most accomplished educators, including Dr. Jeff Wiese (author of Teaching in the Hospital) and have the opportunity to sit with them to discuss their teaching strategies. Students will participate in discussion conferences in which these principles will be analyzed. Students will have the opportunity to use their newly acquired teaching skills to teach Foundations in Medicine students, Clinical Diagnosis students and Internal Medicine Clerkship students.

MED 4409 Community Health (4 Credit Hours)
The Tulane Community Health Clerkship is a 4-week non-clinical rotation focusing on social determinants of health. These are the non-medical aspects of patients’ lives such as education, housing, employment, language, environment, nutrition, and safety that affect their health. The skills students gain in this course are vital to contextualizing care to individual patient needs and addressing broader population health issues. Students meet with the instructor once weekly (twice in the first week) for didactic instruction and group discussions based on readings. Core topics include health disparities, cultural humility, contextualization of patient care, and workforce and programmatic interventions to address social determinants of health. Students also spend approximately 20 hours per week working at a community partner organization where they design, implement, enhance or evaluate an intervention that addresses social determinants of health. Students connect classroom and community experiences through weekly reflective writing assignments and a final presentation.

MED 4410 Cardiology (4 Credit Hours)
The Medicine Department most commonly offers 2-week electives rather than 4-week electives. Students interested in cardiology should see the description for the 2-week cardiology elective.

MED 4412 Teaching Kitchen (4 Credit Hours)
The fourth-year elective (4-weeks) in the Goldring Center for Culinary Medicine involve building content and helping guide hands-on cooking classes for 1st year medical students, allied health workers and community members. These classes cover culinary medicine and culinary nutrition concepts, meal planning principals and culinary technique. You will learn by leading, and rotations include an introduction to the kitchen and knife-skills. This rotation will have you working alongside medical students, chefs, physicians, nutritionists, dietitians and other public health professionals, so you’ll be introduced to many culinary medicine concepts as you go along. Hours will likely include evenings and weekends, and will require a flexible schedule. This rotation includes work on your feet in the kitchen preparing for classes, curriculum development and leading class discussions teaching culinary medicine concepts. Rotation may include up to 40 hours/week with some evenings and weekends. Please note that we require a minimum of a 4-week commitment in order to complete this rotation. No exceptions will be made. Rotations are offered year-round.

MED 4420 Endocrinology (4 Credit Hours)
The Medicine Department most commonly offers 2-week electives rather than 4-week electives. Students interested in endocrinology should see the description for the 2-week endocrinology elective.

MED 4430 Gastroenterology (4 Credit Hours)
The Medicine Department most commonly offers 2-week electives rather than 4-week electives. Students interested in gastroenterology should see the description for the 2-week gastroenterology elective.

MED 4450 Hematology/Oncology (4 Credit Hours)
The Medicine Department most commonly offers 2-week electives rather than 4-week electives. Students interested in hematology/oncology should see the description for the 2-week hematology/oncology elective.

MED 4460 Allergy/Imm/Rheum (4 Credit Hours)
The Medicine Department most commonly offers 2-week electives rather than 4-week electives. Students interested in allergy/immunology/rheumatology should see the description for the 2-week allergy/immunology/rheumatology elective.

MED 4470 Infectious Disease (4 Credit Hours)
The Medicine Department most commonly offers 2-week electives rather than 4-week electives. Students interested in infectious disease should see the description for the 2-week infectious disease elective.

MED 4480 Nephrology (4 Credit Hours)
The Medicine Department most commonly offers 2-week electives rather than 4-week electives. Students interested in nephrology should see the description for the 2-week nephrology elective.

MED 4490 Pulmonary (4 Credit Hours)
The Medicine Department most commonly offers 2-week electives rather than 4-week electives. Students interested in the pulmonary elective should see the description for the 2-week pulmonary elective.
MED 4500  MED/PEDS Subinternship (4 Credit Hours)

MED 4520  ICU (2 Credit Hours)
This 2-week elective is for students with an interest in critical care medicine. The students will see 2-3 VA ICU level patients each day and present on rounds. Students will work with Tulane/VA faculty as well as Tulane Pulmonary/Critical Care Fellows.

MED 4540  ICU (4 Credit Hours)
The Medicine Department most commonly offers 2-week electives rather than 4-week electives. Students interested in the ICU elective should see the description for the 2-week ICU elective.

MED 4560  Quality Improvement (2 Credit Hours)
This 2-week elective is for students interested in Quality Improvement and Patient Safety. This is an online elective. Students are expected to complete a required number of modules on the Institute for Health Improvement (IHI) Open School Model over a two-week period for credit. The modules can be done as correspondence and students do not need to physically be present in New Orleans for this elective. Credit will be given upon completion of the required number of modules.

MED 5000  Affordable Care Act (1 Credit Hour)
This elective provides students opportunities to learn about nuances of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Emphasis will be on the three pillars of ACA, including individual mandate, employer mandate and insurance companies.

MED 5001  Bioethics Seminar (1 Credit Hour)
This elective provides students opportunities to explore issues of organ donation, genetic screening and controversial medical procedures. Research ethics, and reproductive autonomy will be part of the discussion.

MED 5003  Disparities in Health Care (1 Credit Hour)
The United States is the most diverse country in the world. The US is made up of citizens from all types of backgrounds, races, ethnicities, and beliefs. Cultural competence in health care is a course that gives students the opportunity to learn about cultural biases, social determinants of health, and adapt clinical and communication skills to adequately treat a diverse patient population. Furthermore, this course will help prepare students for USMLE Step II CS, a mandatory nationwide exam in which students must interact with patients of different races and ethnicities. This is an opportunity for students to gain worthy clinical and communication skills in order to deliver effective care to all patients, regardless of their background.

MED 5004  MBA Elective (1 Credit Hour)

MED 5007  Narrative Medicine (1 Credit Hour)
What does it mean to experience illness? What emotions are felt when a student meets their first patient in anatomy lab, silently waiting and seemingly voiceless? Narrative medicine is an interdisciplinary field that explores these questions and challenges disparities in health care by allowing participants (students, patients, providers) to give voice to their experiences, be heard, and valued. The field is steadily growing, featuring the works of such doctor-authors as Atul Gawande, MD, Danielle Ofri, MD, and Paul Kalanithi, MD. This course serves as a primer, giving foundational tools and a space for students to engage with narrative medicine and more fully own their academic and clinical experiences.

MED 5009  Health Care Law & Regulation (1 Credit Hour)
This elective provides a broad survey of the most fundamental legal issues surrounding the delivery of health care in America. No prior knowledge of health law is required. By the end of this elective students should be able to explain both the current state of American health law and the social forces that have shaped its historical development. Major topics include state and federal regulation of health care providers and institutions; tort liability in the context of medical care; patient and provider rights and obligations; public and private insurance systems; and basic issues in bioethics and public health. This elective is intended to provide only an introductory overview of the major issues in health law.

MED 5010  Integrative Medicine Elective (1 Credit Hour)
Have you ever wanted to know how Acupuncture actually worked? Have you, a family member or friend suffered from a condition that doctors haven’t been able to resolve? The Integrative Medicine elective is designed to expose students to various approaches that are used to achieve wellness, and uses evidence-based data when available. It also reviews indications, contraindications and best use of each modality. A few of the lectures have the students practice the techniques on themselves, so that they can better explain it to their future patients (i.e. mind-body/guided imagery). Students will also benefit from shadowing a community provider of their choice to see how their approach is used in day-to-day practice and hear from the patients what benefits they experience. Students will also enjoy a journal club discussion on an article pertaining to Integrative Medicine. Topics covered include acupuncture, integrative medicine, mind-body medicine, chiropractic, nutrition among others.

MED 5011  Foundations: Ethics & Justice (1 Credit Hour)
This elective provides an opportunity to gain a better understanding of the principles and practice of medical ethics presented in a case-based format. Site visits and surveys of current Social Justice issues will be introduced in light of Ethical Decision making.
MED 5052  History of Medicine Seminars (1 Credit Hour)
Weekly speakers will discuss various topics of interest to medical historians. Discussion of the medical aspects and their impact on current medical thought and practice will be emphasized.

MED 5100  DeBakey Program (1 Credit Hour)
MED 5101  Sexual Health (1 Credit Hour)
This elective is designed to develop medical students’ knowledge and skills toward encouraging healthy sexualities and managing sexual concerns among their patients. Medical students will be able to apply a lot of this information during their rotations. Sessions vary in topics and teaching methods and are purposefully designed to provide cross-disciplinary perspectives.

MED 5149  Recruiting the Next Generation (1 Credit Hour)
Participants in this course will learn how to serve as standardized patients. They will run role-play scenarios with applicants to the School of Medicine. They will rate applicants' performance for the admissions committee as well provide formal feedback to applicants to exemplify how focused Tulane is on formally developing students' interpersonal skills.

MED 5152  Culinary Medicine in Practice (1 Credit Hour)
The T1/T2 course will teach fundamental dietary and nutrition knowledge with basic culinary skills through hands-on cooking classes. Lessons will be keyed to the basic science curriculum (biochemistry, physiology, etc.) while linking concepts learned to the practical clinical skills needed for the patient-physician discussion about the importance of dietary and lifestyle change. Students will be expected to watch a 15-20 minute presentation and take a short quiz prior to scheduled class time. Step preparation is tied into the course, and students get to eat what is cooked! Most time in the classroom is spent in a fun, interactive environment in the kitchen.

MED 5153  Medicine in Martial Arts (1 Credit Hour)
This course will provide students a brief overview of some of the anatomical, physiological, and pathological concepts encountered in the first 2 years of medical school and Step 1 through the context of martial arts. Lecture topics will include such things as boxing, the mystical "touch of death," and rear-naked choke. There will be both a lecture component and optional practical component where students will learn select techniques and be able to practice them in a controlled and supervised environment. Please note that this is not a self-defense class.

MED 5500  Clinical Preceptorship - Med (1 Credit Hour)
Preceptorships are available to T1 & T2 students who are interested in the specialty. Students must have their preceptorship approved in advance by the Senior Associate Dean of Admissions and Student Affairs.

MED 5501  Out In The Field With Geriatri (1 Credit Hour)
This elective will introduce students to the special needs of the older patient. Students may get involved in seeing patients in the home setting, Community Living Center (CLC), Geriatrics outpatient clinic, Palliative Care clinic, as well as other aspects of care of the older veteran. Most of the efforts will occur at sites associated with Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System (SLVHCS). Preceptors for the course will include the faculty physicians of Geriatrics and Extended Care at SLVHCS and Tulane University Section of General Internal Medicine/Geriatrics. Students will be encouraged to follow patients as they transition from various settings, e.g. the inpatient to the home setting and/or nursing home setting as they recover from an acute illness. Student performance will be evaluated by rating of preceptors.

MED 5505  Mind Body Medicine (1 Credit Hour)
This elective will teach the biological underpinnings of Mind-Body Medicine while you experience the mind-body skills in a small group setting. This course has been taught in over 13 medical schools, including Georgetown and University of Minnesota. The eight sessions are based on the Center for Mind Body Medicine in Washington DC model (www.cmbm.org). This experiential elective will help medical students understand the concept of Self-Care and how to incorporate relaxation, mindful nutrition and exercise into their lives. It will teach many skills (meditation, autogenic training and biofeedback, movement, nutrition, and virtual imagery) that will help develop the resiliency needed for a demanding and fulfilling career in medicine. Most importantly, the skills are simple and help with many stress-induced and preventable chronic conditions that will be encountered in patient care.

MED 5506  Medical Humanities (1 Credit Hour)
This elective focuses on the application of literature and film to medical education and practice.

MED 5507  Palliative & End of Life Care (1 Credit Hour)
The art and science of palliative and end of life care remain under-discussed and under-taught during the preclinical years of medical education. This can lead to both patient and provider frustration in addition to less than optimal patient centered care. This elective will foster a better understanding of core concepts palliative and end of life care while empowering students to begin the journey of feeling comfortable with having difficult conversations.

MED 5540  Medicine Research (1 Credit Hour)
5000-level research opportunities are available to T1 & T2 students who are interested in the specialty. Students must identify a faculty member with whom to conduct research. Students must have their research prospectus form approved in advance by the Senior Associate Dean of Admissions and Student Affairs.
MED 5567 Emergency Medicine Volunteerin (1 Credit Hour)
Students will become familiar with the specialty of Emergency Medicine through observation and limited hands-on Emergency Department experience. Students are encouraged to participate in patient care in three ways: learning the basic approach to the emergency patient, contributing to resident and staff discussions of basic anatomy and physiology with knowledge obtained from studies of the first or second year level of medical school, and assisting in such procedures as starting IVs, drawing blood, etc. when appropriate. They will interact with emergency medicine faculty and residents in the ED and discuss patient management and emergency medicine principles.

MED 5568 Entrepreneurship In Bioscience (1 Credit Hour)
This course is looking for the dreamers, the students who ask why, and the ones who may be interested one day of becoming an entrepreneur. This course focuses on taking an idea or taking graduate and senior capstone engineering and bioscience research projects to a commercial stage. Not only does one need to take the research projects to an advanced engineering/bioscience stage in order to be commercialized, one needs to develop a competitive business plan, an intellectual property position, and a sustainable competitive advantage.

MED 5570 Medical Spanish (1 Credit Hour)
Medical Spanish is a half-semester long course dedicated to learning and improving medically-related Spanish speaking skills. The class will involve students in learning medical vocabulary, going through clinical cases, applying vocabulary in mock interview situations, and learning about various aspects of Latino culture. This elective is facilitated by members of the Tulane Latin American Medical Student Association (LAMSA).

MED 9000 Medicine Visiting Student (4 Credit Hours)
This rotation is available only to visiting MD students, from US schools of medicine, in the clinical phase of their training: Tulane SOM does not accept visiting students from international schools of medicine. Visiting MD students must apply through AAMC’s VSAS system to be eligible to enroll; pre-clinical visiting MD students are not eligible.

MED 9020 Medicine Visiting Student (2 Credit Hours)
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