Medical Humanities Scholarly Concentration
“The Humanities Program has a way of making you take your head out of the books for a second and remember the fire that brought you here in the first place. It reminds you that in medicine, there is an art to be mastered and relationships to be valued.”

Brittany Solar, MD
Class of 2012
Since 2007...

The McGovern Center for Humanities and Ethics offers students the opportunity to enrich their medical education through study and involvement in the humanities through participation in elective courses, seminars, writing workshops, and research.

The Scholarly Concentration is a unique offering that encompasses all four years of medical school, conferring a special designation on the transcript, and the Dean’s recognition upon graduation.
Why Enroll?

**Medicine must be viewed as both art and science.**

By exploring medicine through the lenses of history, ethics, law, literature, religion, and social science, students gain insights into the human condition, experiences of suffering, personhood, and the responsibilities of individuals to one another in sickness and in health.

Students also learn to cultivate the most important instrument of healing—their individual selves. Drawing on the tradition of the humanities, students learn to direct their own learning and self-development—posing questions and seeking their own answers.
## Program Requirements

### MSI
- **Humanities Seminar**
  - Summer before MSII year
- **Optional**
  - Blue Book Electives
    - Introduction to Medical Humanities
    - At least 1 McGovern Center sponsored elective (by end of MSII year)
  - Events
    - 2 dinners
    - 3 other events
  - Volunteer Activity
    - 4 hours total (by end of MSII year)

### MSII
- **Blue Book Electives**
  - Introduction to Medical Humanities
  - At least 1 McGovern Center elective
- **Events**
  - 2 dinners
  - 3 other events
- **Optional**
  - Blue Book Electives
  - Events
  - Volunteer Activity
    - 4 hours total (by end of MSII year)

### MSIII
- **Journal Orientation**
  - Meeting in August
- **Journal Entries**
  - 3 journals per 5 rotations of your choice (15 entries minimum)
- **Writing Workshop**
  - Attend at least 1 workshop (Orientation Meeting not eligible)
- **Events**
  - 2 dinners
  - 3 other events
- **Volunteer Activity**
  - 4 hours total (by end of MSIII year)

### MSIV
- **Fourth-Year Elective**
  - Humanistic Elements of Medicine (choose from Oct, Dec, or Feb)
- **Research Project**
  - 10 – 12-page research paper (or director-approved project)
- **Research Presentation**
  - 2-minute elevator speech (presented at Graduation Banquet)
- **Events**
  - 2 dinners
  - 3 other events
- **Volunteer Activity**
  - 4 hours total (by end of MSIII year)
How to Apply

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The McGovern Medical School’s Scholarly Concentrations Program: [http://go.uth.edu/apply-medical-humanities](http://go.uth.edu/apply-medical-humanities)

- Applications are reviewed by the Program Director on a rolling basis
- Enrollment is limited to 30 students per class, so apply early!
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