Medical Humanities Scholarly Concentration: Final Project
2019-2020

Requirements

Students will be expected to complete a final project during Humanistic Elements of Medicine, a fourth-year elective. The project chosen should reflect the student’s own interests and background. Most students select to write a research paper. However, students may produce an artistic work or other project that is given written approval by the course director*. Research papers should be 10-12 pages in length, plus footnotes and bibliography. (*Course Director: Keisha Ray, Ph.D. Keisha.S.Ray@uth.tmc.edu)

If your project requires interviews or human subjects, please consult with Rebecca Lunstroth regarding an Institutional Review Board (IRB) submission.

If you elect to do the artistic project, you must have prior experience. Photographic scrapbooks and sculptures are not permitted. Note, being on your high school’s yearbook staff as photographer or taking pictures of your friends is not support for a photography project. For your artistic project to be approved set up an appointment with the course director (Dr. Keisha Ray) prior to the due date of the abstract and bring your professional level evidence to the meeting.

Research resources may be found here: http://libguides.library.tmc.edu/humanities

A PowerPoint presentation also will be due along with your paper. It should include: (1) Title and Abstract (30-50 words); (2) Introduction; (3) Literature Review; (4) Thesis Statement; (5) Discussion and Evidence; and (6) Conclusions/Significance. It is also recommended having 2 or more visuals.

You can see previous presentations here: https://med.uth.edu/mcgovern/programs/medical-humanities/graduates-and-research/

Summary

1) All students in the course must complete a final project.
2) Research papers should be 10-12 pages in length (double-spaced, Times New Roman, 12-point font, 1 inch margins), plus footnotes and bibliography.
3) Any citation style, such as the American Psychological Association or the Chicago Manual of Style, is acceptable.
4) The structure and the content of the paper should be negotiated with the project mentor.
5) Papers must have a thesis statement, even if they are literature reviews.
6) Papers will be evaluated according to the rubric included in the course syllabus. Special projects will be evaluated by other means to be determined by the project mentor.
7) Projects are due at 11:59 pm on the last calendar day of the month you take Humanistic Elements of Medicine. Please submit the project in Canvas.
8) The PowerPoint presentation is due along with your paper (all projects must have a PowerPoint presentation, even if it is an artistic project).
9) The Abstract is due at 11:59 pm on the Friday of week 3 of the month you take Humanistic Elements of Medicine.

Awards

At the graduation banquet, 2 awards will be given: a $250 award for the best research paper and a $250 award for the best artistic project. These prizes are from the Samuel Karff Chair.

Funding

A small amount of funding is available for artist projects, to cover costs such as printing. Please consult with the Director of the scholarly concentration prior to making plans.