

MEDICAL HUMANITIES AND BIOETHICS MA

Degree Requirements

The following requirements are in addition to, or further elaborate upon, those requirements outlined in The Graduate School Policy Guide (<https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/tgs/academic-policies-procedures/>).

The Master of Arts in Medical Humanities & Bioethics program exposes students to the key conceptual approaches and methodological tools that each of the field's core disciplines contributes to addressing problems in medicine. These core disciplines include: Bioethics/Philosophy, Law, History, Literature, and Anthropology, and our required coursework covers each of these fields in turn in its engagement with medicine.

This interdisciplinary training in Medical Humanities and Bioethics is particularly beneficial to students interested in building upon a primary area of expertise such as medicine, law, genetic counseling, and other related fields. For such students, the MA program both provides and marks an additional area of expertise that can enhance and expand their primary professional work. The MA offers training relevant to a variety of clinical, academic, and industry career paths, preparing students to take on roles such as serving on hospital ethics committees and institutional review boards, as well as engaging in education, scholarship, and policy work on medicine and ethics.

Master of Arts

Total Units Required: 10

Course	Title
MHB 401-0	Foundations of Bioethics
MHB 402-0	Law, Medicine, and Bioethics
MHB 403-0	The History of Medicine
MHB 404-0	Literature, Medicine, and Bioethics
MHB 405-0	Anthropology and Medicine
MHB 406-0	The Practice of Medical Humanities and Bioethics
MHB 410-0	Special Topics in Medical Humanities and Bioethics (0.5 units; taken four times)
MHB 499-0	Independent Study (0.5 units; taken twice; each referred to as a "tutorial")
MHB 500-0	Capstone Project in Medical Humanities and Bioethics