

MEDICINE – M.D. WITH BIOETHICS – M.A.

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Vacant

Faculty

The faculty for the combined degrees Bioethics with Medicine Program is drawn from Loma Linda University's School of Religion and School of Medicine.

Admissions

Students are selected through a competitive process led by the School of Medicine in conjunction with the Bioethics Program. Selection is based upon the standard admission criteria for the M.A. degree in bioethics minus the GRE because the MCAT includes a critical-thinking component.

The program

An M.A. degree in bioethics taken as a stand-alone degree requires 48 units in bioethics courses. However, the M.A./M.D. combined degrees student is able to reduce the total units required by sharing 18 units between the two programs in the following manner.

- 12 units from three courses in the medical curriculum count as credit toward the M.A. degree in bioethics: a) MDCJ 538 Medical Neuroscience, b) PSYT 526 Psychopathology, and c) PRVM 517 Lifestyle and Preventive Medicine. Acceptance of these courses for M.A. degree credit requires an integrative, supplemental eight-page paper that relates the courses' content to bioethics. The rationale: These three courses in medicine have sufficiently relevant content to bioethics that they academically warrant being applied to the M.A. degree in bioethics requirements.
- 3 units come from three School of Religion courses: a) RELE 708 Medicine and Ethics, b) RELE 714 Advanced Medical Ethics, and c) the deletion of one RELT course from the medical student's combined degrees curriculum because its content is substantively duplicated in the Bioethics Program. (Students are informed of the combined degrees option at the beginning of their first year and are encouraged not to take RELE 708 Medicine and Ethics during Autumn Quarter if they are contemplating the combined degrees program. The School of Medicine's determination about student acceptability for the combined degrees program can be made immediately after Autumn Quarter grades are posted.)

M.A. degree requirements

The following courses from the M.D. curriculum will be double counted for the M.A. degree in bioethics once the supplemental papers, noted above, are approved.

MDCJ 538	Medical Neuroscience	3.5
PRVM 517	Lifestyle and Preventive Medicine	4
PSYT 526	Psychopathology	4.5
RELE 708	Medicine and Ethics	1

RELE 714	Advanced Medical Ethics	2
Total Units		15

A model curriculum of bioethics coursework taken throughout the four years of medical school

First Year

Winter Quarter

RELE 588	Philosophical Ethics	3
RELE 568	Bioethics and the Law	3

Second Year

Summer Quarter

RELE 524	Bioethics and Society	3
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Autumn Quarter

RELE 589	Biblical Ethics	3
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Winter Quarter

RELE 554	Clinical Ethics Practicum I	3
RELG 510	Christian Service	2

Fourth Year

Winter Quarter

RELE 545	Bioethics Case Conference I	1
RELE 598	Master's Seminar I	3
RELE 555	Clinical Ethics Practicum II	3

Spring Quarter

RELE 556	Clinical Practicum III	3
RELE 566	History of Health-Care Ethics	3
RELE 599	Master's Seminar II	2

Total Units:		32
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