

Summary of one semester-hour elective courses for CCOM MD Students

Dept #####	Course Name	Hours	Catalog Description	Semesters	Typical Offered day/time	Related Distinction Tracks
MED 8021	Community Health Outreach I	1	Presentations and practical experience working with agencies that provide health care and wellness promotion to communities; substance abuse; child, adolescent, and adult health; aging; interpersonal violence; homelessness. Eligible students must apply as incoming M1s, expected to participate in CHO 1 and 2.	Fall	Wednesdays 12:00-12:50^	
MED 8022	Community Health Outreach II	1	Presentations, patient-based learning groups, readings, and practical experience working with agencies that provide health care and wellness promotion to communities; substance abuse; child, adolescent, and adult health; aging; interpersonal violence; homelessness. CHO 1 required.	Spring	Wednesdays 12:00-12:50	
MED 8023	Community Health Outreach III	2	Individual or partner projects partnering with community organizations to address a need that they have. Students reflect on concepts, topics, and speakers highlighted in CHO 1 and 2 for inspiration. CHO 1 and 2 required.	Fall & Spring	Individually Arranged	
MED 8031	Reproductive and Gynecological Health Seminar	1	Education on women's health topics, service opportunities, and mentorship.	Fall	Mondays 12:00-12:50**	
MED 8033	Clinical Skills for Responding to Sexual Violence	1	Focuses specifically on the epidemiology, screening, clinical presentation, initial evaluation, and medical management of sexual violence and interpersonal violence victimization. Students will have the opportunity to apply pre-clinical and/or concurrent coursework to true-to-reality, clinically relevant, and medically complex health problems with sexual violence as the underlying cause and develop the communication and clinical skills necessary to address sexual and interpersonal violence in a clinical setting.	Fall	Mondays 5:30-6:30	
MED 8070	The Examined Life: Writing & Medicine	1	This seminar integrates literature, visual art, and creative writing with medical training to cultivate reflection, empathy, and communication skills. Students will engage with a variety of works to practice narrative and reflective writing, examine representations of illness and healing, and consider the cultural and ethical dimensions of care. Through weekly discussions and activities—including narratives, poetry, and art-based observation exercises—students will explore how the humanities can deepen their understanding of themselves, their patients, and the practice of medicine.	Spring	Wednesdays 12:00-12:50	Humanities
MED 8074	Changing Medicine through Research: The Physician-Scientist Pathway	1	This course introduces medical students to the dynamic career track of the physician-scientist, from initial inquiry to global impact. Students will learn how clinical insights drive scientific discovery and how laboratory findings transform patient care. The curriculum covers novel areas of investigation, dual-training paradigms, early-career development pillars, building competitive residency and fellowship applications, the biomedical funding pipeline, and strategies to overcome common systemic hurdles.	Fall	Tuesdays 5:00-5:50	Research
MED 8076	Bioethics and Humanities Seminar	1	Broad range of topics in bioethics and medical humanities, including philosophical principles, clinical ethics, research ethics, medical professionalism, narrative ethics, and historical and cultural aspects of medicine.	Fall & Spring	Mondays 12:00-12:50**	Humanities
MED 8077	Personal Professional Compass	1	Provides help for medical students to understand, articulate, and integrate personal and professional values and goals while making their way through medical school; promote student growth as humanistic professionals through written reflections on personal experience, readings from medicine and the humanities, and discussions with peers and mentors; preparation to write an authentic and compelling personal statement for residency applications.	Fall & Spring	tbd/arranged	Humanities

MD students have the option to enroll in one semester-hour elective courses during fall and spring semesters of the pre-clinical curriculum. Course meetings occur during the noon hour or after 5pm, to avoid any conflicts with the required MD coursework. While there are multiple elective courses to consider, students should remember their primary focus is on their required pre-clinical coursework. Additional details will be emailed to students in August from the instructors, concerning course timelines and registration. Students are limited to a maximum of two elective courses per semester, unless otherwise approved by an OSAC Dean.