### Course Goal(s)
Through an independent study format, students would have the opportunity to explore some particular pertinent topic. Such topics might include: history or literature of medicine; public health ethics; rural health disparities; health care ethics; reproductive ethics; sexual ethics; patients’ rights; aging and medical decision-making; environmental bioethics; regulation of scarce resources; and pending legislation affecting medicine.

### Educational Objectives
The student will select a topic and determine, with the assistance of the instructor, an appropriate methodology for study.

### Course Readings

### Course Activities/Experience
Two options will be offered: First, students may take the entire elective with a member of the BIS faculty. Second, students may combine medical training with a pertinent topic in the humanities, i.e., a student might want to take an elective jointly with Hematology-Oncology and explore a problem like that of gaining patient consent in randomized clinical trials. **Permission of instructor(s) required.**

### On Call Requirements

### Student Performance & Assessment
Participation

### Other Info

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**Course Director**

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**Meeting Location & Time**

**Must contact instructor in advance** for approval of topic and schedule, and preparation of IDE. Must submit IDE for approval by the M4 Curriculum Committee **60 days prior to start of block.**

**Course Contact**

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