The UC Berkeley-UCSF Joint Medical Program (JMP) is a five-year graduate/medical degree program. The pre-clerkship years are spent at UC Berkeley, engaging in a leading-edge integrated Problem-Based Learning medical curriculum while simultaneously earning a master's degree (MS) in the Health and Medical Sciences at UC Berkeley's School of Public Health. For their MS degrees, students can pursue research in any field of knowledge with a link to human health. After 2.5 years, our students move across the bay to UCSF to finish their medical education and receive their MDs.

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The medical curriculum that you will register for while pursuing your MS include 5 semesters of Foundational Sciences through PBL, 4 semesters of clinical skills work as part of a Master Clinician Working Group (MCWG), 4 semesters in Clinical Contexts working with clinics in the East Bay and 1 semester of Advanced Studies in Patient Care & Clinical Systems (PCCS).

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JMP Masters of Health & Medical Sciences Thesis

A JMP student’s MS coursework and research culminate in the crafting of a thesis, including an in-depth literature review of the student’s area of expertise and a scholarly product, often a manuscript for submission to a journal. Students can pursue research in any field of knowledge with a link to human health. A database of prior JMP research theses can be accessed at: http://escholarship.org/uc/ucb_uccsf_joint_medical_program

Health and Medical Sciences Program

Expand all course descriptions [+]Collapse all course descriptions [-]
HMEDSCI 211 Narrative and Medicine 1 Unit
This course's goal is to provide a method for medical students to think, write about, and discuss feelings engendered by clinical encounters. Medical students are taught the need to be emotionally detached from patients, yet being emotionally detached does not mean devoid of emotion. This course offers a means to express and analyze those feelings. Also considered is the value of regarding the medical history as "text" which can be written and read from differing, equally valid viewpoints.

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Graduate standing in health and medical sciences or consent of instructor
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1 hour of seminar per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Health and Medical Sciences/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Instructor: Micco

HMEDSCI 216 Clinical Medicine 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2020, Fall 2019, Spring 2019
Clinical Medicine at the JMP is designed to learn and practice the basic skills, knowledge and professionalism needed for the practice of medicine. Students enroll in the course for four consecutive semesters during their first and second years.

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: HMS 214
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 6 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Health and Medical Sciences/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Instructors: Swartzberg, Mays, Olson

HMEDSCI 218 Clinical Contexts 2 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2020, Fall 2019, Spring 2019
The overall objective in the Clinical Contexts course is to provide students with real world experience and an applied opportunity for them to practice the basic skills, knowledge and professionalism needed for the practice of medicine in clinical environments. Clinical placements include preceptorships with practicing clinicians and other experiences designed to expose pre-clerkship medical students to clinical environments. This course compliments their classroom learning course HMS216.

Rules & Requirements
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Health and Medical Sciences/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Instructor: Garlin

HMEDSCI 220 Advanced Studies in Patient Care & Clinical Systems 4 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2019, Fall 2018, Fall 2001
The overall goals of this course is for students to learn and practice advanced interviewing, integrated and focused clinical history-taking, physical exam skills, clinical decision making and problem solving skills, H & P and SOAP notes, oral case presentations and professionalism in clinical settings. Coursework is divided in 5 elements of Classroom Sessions, Psychiatric Interview, Kaiser PACE Week, 4 Inpatient Preceptorships, and 2 standardized patient exercises at SMU

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 4 semesters of HMEDSCI 216 is required

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Health and Medical Sciences/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Instructors: Garlin, Hartley, Anderson

Clinical Contexts: Read Less [-]
HMEDSCI 261 Research Seminar 2 Units
Terms offered: Summer 2015 10 Week Session, Spring 2013, Spring 2010
A seminar to help Joint Medical Program students acquire skills necessary to define a research question, find appropriate mentorship, and design a research project. Summer course introduces research design, methods, and expectations for M.S. research in Health and Medical Sciences. Fall and spring semesters address topics in research; student progress toward M.S. thesis is reviewed and critiqued. Development of research plan, protocol design and implementation, and research findings will be reviewed. Each student takes this course three times in the first year.
Research Seminar: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Graduate standing in Health and Medical Sciences UCB-UCSF Joint Medical Program
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week
Summer: 8 weeks - 6 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Health and Medical Sciences/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Research Seminar: Read Less [-]

HMEDSCI 262 Qualitative Analysis Thesis Working Group 3 - 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2020, Spring 2000, Spring 1999
The Qualitative Analysis TWG provides JMP students a supportive small group student-centered environment in which to discuss their qualitative research with other students engaged in qualitative research towards the goal of the successful completion of the required JMP MS.
 Qualitative Analysis Thesis Working Group: Read More [+]

Objectives & Outcomes
Course Objectives:
To develop specific skills in qualitative research design, data collection, analysis, presentation and publication, areas of emphasis will include: 1) grounded theory research and analysis and 2) cultural research and analysis
To give students a supportive environment in which to discuss their research with students and faculty who are engaged in similar research.
To give students the opportunity to provide peer advising to their classmates regarding their research projects.
To provide students with individual mentoring by TWG leaders during outside sessions planned between faculty and students.
To support students in developing skills in working with a mentor, developing a research design, obtaining IRB approval, collecting and analyzing data, managing a research project, presenting findings as posters or oral presentations, and drafting a master’s thesis and/or publication.

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 2nd year students-HMS 261 completed with no incompletes 3rd year students-prior HMS 262 completed with no incompletes
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit up to a total of 4 times.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-5 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Health and Medical Sciences/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Instructor: Eyre
Qualitative Analysis Thesis Working Group: Read Less [-]
HMEDSCI 264 Mixed Methods/Community-Based Research Thesis Working Group 3 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

The Mixed Methods/Community-based Research TWG provides JMP students a supportive small group student-centered environment in which to discuss their research with other students engaged or interested in mixed methods/community-based research projects towards the goal of the successful completion of the required JMP MS.

Mixed Methods/Community-Based Research Thesis Working Group: Read More [+]

Objectives & Outcomes

Course Objectives: To develop specific skills in mixed methods research and community-based research design, planning and implementation, data collection, analysis, presentation and publication.

To give students a supportive environment in which to discuss their research with students and faculty who are engaged in similar research.

To give students the opportunity to provide peer advising to their classmates regarding their research projects.

To provide students with individual mentoring by TWG leaders during outside sessions planned between faculty and students.

To support students in developing skills in working with a mentor, developing a research design, obtaining IRB approval, collecting and analyzing data, managing a research project, presenting findings as posters or oral presentations, and drafting a master’s thesis and/or publication.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 2nd year students-HMS 261 completed with no incompletes 3rd year students-prior HMS 264 completed with no incompletes

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit up to a total of 4 times.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-5 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Health and Medical Sciences/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: Ivey

Mixed Methods/Community-Based Research Thesis Working Group: Read Less [-]

HMEDSCI 265 Basic, Clinical, and Behavioral Research Thesis Working Group 3 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2020

The Epidemiology/Reproductive Health/ Evaluation TWG provides JMP students a supportive small group student-centered environment in which to discuss their research with other students engaged in Epidemiology/Reproductive Health/ Evaluation projects towards the goal of the successful completion of the required JMP MS.

Basic, Clinical, and Behavioral Research Thesis Working Group: Read More [+]

Objectives & Outcomes

Course Objectives: To develop specific skills in Epidemiology/Reproductive Health/ Evaluation research design, planning and implementation, data collection, analysis, presentation and publication.

To give students a supportive environment in which to discuss their research with students and faculty who are engaged in similar research.

To give students the opportunity to provide peer advising to their classmates regarding their research projects.

To provide students with individual mentoring by TWG leaders during outside sessions planned between faculty and students.

To support students in developing skills in working with a mentor, developing a research design, obtaining IRB approval, collecting and analyzing data, managing a research project, presenting research to the community, and drafting a master’s thesis and/or publication.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 2nd year students-HMS 261 completed with no incompletes 3rd year students-prior HMS 265 completed with no incompletes

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit up to a total of 4 times.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-5 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Health and Medical Sciences/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: Dahl

Basic, Clinical, and Behavioral Research Thesis Working Group: Read Less [-]
HMEDSCI 266 Clinical Medicine/Bench Research/Clinical Epi/Behavioral Thesis Working Group 3 - 4 Units
Terms offered: Summer 1998 10 Week Session, Spring 1998, Summer 1997 10 Week Session
The Clinical Medicine/Bench Research/Clinical Epi/Behavioral TWG provides JMP students a supportive small group student-centered environment in which to discuss their Clinical Medicine/Bench Research/ Clinical Epi/Behavioral projects towards the goal of the successful completion of the required JMP MS. Clinical Medicine/Bench Research/Clinical Epi/Behavioral Thesis Working Group: Read More [+]
Objectives & Outcomes
Course Objectives: To develop specific skills in Clinical Medicine/Bench Research/Clinical Epi/Behavioral TWG research design, planning and implementation, data collection, analysis, presentation and publication. To give students a supportive environment in which to discuss their research with students and faculty who are engaged in similar research. To give students the opportunity to provide peer advising to their classmates regarding their research projects. To provide students with individual mentoring by TWG leaders during outside sessions planned between faculty and students. To support students in developing skills in working with a mentor, developing a research design, obtaining IRB approval, collecting and analyzing data, managing a research project, presenting findings as posters or oral presentations, and drafting a master's thesis and/or publication.
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 2nd year students-HMS 261 completed with no incompletes 3rd year students-prior HMS 266 completed with no incompletes
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit up to a total of 4 times.
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-5 hours of seminar per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Health and Medical Sciences/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Instructor: Madsen
Clinical Medicine/Bench Research/Clinical Epi/Behavioral Thesis Working Group: Read Less [-]

HMEDSCI 267 Bioethics, Medical Humanities, or Archival Thesis Working Group 3 - 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2020
The Bioethics, Medical Humanities TWG provides JMP students a supportive small group student-centered environment in which to discuss their research with other students engaged in Bioethics, Medical Humanities projects towards the goal of the successful completion of the required JMP MS.
Bioethics, Medical Humanities, or Archival Thesis Working Group: Read More [+]
Objectives & Outcomes
Course Objectives: To develop specific skills in Bioethics, Medical Humanities research design, planning and implementation, data collection, analysis, presentation and publication. To give students a supportive environment in which to discuss their research with students and faculty who are engaged in similar research. To give students the opportunity to provide peer advising to their classmates regarding their research projects. To provide students with individual mentoring by TWG leaders during outside sessions planned between faculty and students. To support students in developing skills in working with a mentor, developing a research design, obtaining IRB approval, collecting and analyzing data, managing a research project, presenting findings as posters or oral presentations, presenting research to the community, and drafting a master's thesis and/or publication.
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 2nd year students-HMS 261 completed with no incompletes 3rd year students-prior HMS 267 completed with no incompletes
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit up to a total of 4 times.
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-5 hours of seminar per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Health and Medical Sciences/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Instructor: Halpern
Bioethics, Medical Humanities, or Archival Thesis Working Group: Read Less [-]
**HMEDSCI 296 Special Study 1 - 10 Units**  
Terms offered: Spring 2020, Fall 2019, Spring 2019  
Designed to permit qualified graduate students to pursue special study under the direction of a faculty member.  
Special Study: Read More [+]

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** Graduate standing  
**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 0-3 hours of independent study per week  
**Summer:** 8 weeks - 0-3 hours of independent study per week  

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Health and Medical Sciences/Graduate  
**Grading:** Letter grade.

**Special Study:** Read Less [-]

**HMEDSCI 298 Directed Group Study 1 - 5 Units**  
Terms offered: Spring 2014, Spring 2013, Fall 2011  
Group study for graduate students. Intensive examination of health-related topics.  
Directed Group Study: Read More [+]

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** Graduate standing in Health and Medical Sciences Program or consent of instructor  
**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 1-5 hours of independent study per week  
**Summer:** 6 weeks - 2.5-30 hours of independent study per week  
8 weeks - 1.5-22.5 hours of independent study per week  
10 weeks - 1.5-4 hours of independent study per week  

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Health and Medical Sciences/Graduate  
**Grading:** Letter grade.

**Directed Group Study:** Read Less [-]

**HMEDSCI 299 Independent Study and Research in Health and Medical Sciences 1 - 12 Units**  
Terms offered: Spring 2007, Fall 2006, Spring 2006  
Independent study, research, and writing in an area related to program of study, sponsored by an approved faculty member and approved by program adviser.  
Independent Study and Research in Health and Medical Sciences: Read More [+]

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** Graduate standing in HMS Program or consent of sponsoring HMS faculty member  
**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 1-12 hours of independent study per week  
**Summer:** 6 weeks - 2.5-30 hours of independent study per week  
8 weeks - 1.5-22.5 hours of independent study per week  
10 weeks - 1.5-4 hours of independent study per week  

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Health and Medical Sciences/Graduate  
**Grading:** The grading option will be decided by the instructor when the class is offered.

**Independent Study and Research in Health and Medical Sciences:** Read Less [-]