

BSHS CRITERIA

A Selective will be a four-week, full-time scholarly activity for 4th year medical students emphasizing the integral role of the sciences and humanities in the practice of medicine and involving a large measure of self-directed, independent learning. Selectives will meet the following additional criteria:

- A UTMB faculty member with appropriate expertise for supervision of the subject matter under study will be responsible for the direction of the selective, although other faculty (at UTMB or elsewhere) may participate in the course at the discretion of the selective director and the Selectives Course Committee.
- A Selective may be designed either by faculty or by student(s) in conjunction with a member of the faculty.
- The selective will be appropriately rigorous for a 4th year student.
- It may be organized within a single department or interdepartmentally.
- **It must result in a graded scholarly product**, such as an essay, oral presentation, PowerPoint presentation, or anything of “capstone” quality approved by the course committee. Final grades for BSHS courses may also be based on attendance and other course activities.
- Grades will be given according to a scale of Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory in accordance with grading criteria specified by the selective faculty director. Such criteria must be communicated to the student prior to the start of the selective. A student must pass every evaluated component of the selective to receive a passing grade. A student producing highly meritorious work may be recognized through a letter of commendation to the Dean from the selective director. In receiving an Unsatisfactory, the student must repeat the entire selective or choose another selective. Faculty have up to thirty days to get grades, evaluations, and scholarly product to the BSHS coordinators. Once coordinators receive all requirements, grades will be posted.
- A Student may receive Elective credit for a Selective if they have already received a Satisfactory grade for a different Selective. **All criteria for the Selective must be satisfied even if it is being taken for Elective credit.**
- Timely evaluations of students by Selective course directors is required. Student evaluations by course directors are expected to be reported to the BSHS Coordinator on the last day of the course. The required scholarly product **must** be attached to the student evaluation before grades can be posted in MySTAR. Posting grades in MyStar is limited to BSHS coordinator and only upon completion of Faculty evaluation of the student and the submission of the final scholarly product.
- Selectives are optional for MD/PhD students.