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The Stanford University Center for Biomedical Ethics (SCBE) is dedicated to interdisciplinary research and education, and provides clinical and research ethics consultation. SCBE serves as a scholarly resource on emerging ethical issues raised by medicine and biomedical research.

SCBE offers a scholarly concentration in Biomedical Ethics and Medical Humanities (BEMH) to medical students. This program allows medical students to study in depth the moral, social, and humanistic dimensions of medicine and biomedical science. Using cross-disciplinary methods such as those from philosophy, social science, film, literature, art, and law, students examine the meaning and implications of medicine and medical research.

Requirements: Students who pursue Biomedical Ethics and Medical Humanities in conjunction with an application area, such as Immunology, are required to complete 6 units including:

INDE 212: The Human Condition: Medicine, Arts, and Humanities (2 units)

MED 250A: Medical Ethics I (2 units)

Students may select the other 2 core BEMH units from a wide variety of university, Medical School, and Law School courses, and students interested in completing all 12 units in the BEMH scholarly area, may do the same. Students are encouraged to go through the various offerings and devise a course plan to present to the directors, David Magnus, PhD, and Audrey Shafer, MD. Additional information on requirements for the scholarly concentration, is available at http://bioethics.stanford.edu/education/bemh.