

2010 University of Washington School of Medicine Social Science/Humanities Admission Requirement:



4 semesters or 6 quarters of Social Sciences or Humanities

In order to work towards a competitive medical school application, consider selecting Social Science or Humanities courses that are aligned with the spirit or goals of the new requirement. The UW School of Medicine is looking for applicants who have a deep, broad understanding of the human condition – students who have the ability to critically examine aspects of human life from multiple academic disciplines. Therefore, some Social Science and Humanities courses are more appropriate than others. How will you know? Ask yourself the following questions while making your course selections:

If the answer is YES to the following questions, the course you are considering taking *may* be appropriate:

- Will this class ask you to learn more about a different culture?
- Will you learn more about why a particular social structure was designed?
- Will this class stretch you to consider difficult questions from multiple perspectives?
- Will you leave this class with a broader vocabulary about how to describe why people behave in certain patterns?

If the answer is YES to the following questions, the course you are considering taking *may not* be appropriate:

- Will this class teach you a specific skill? Examples: 3 dimensional drawing, a specific writing style, how to play a musical instrument, etc.
- Will this class focus on one academic discipline with the goal of increasing your knowledge of how to construct/produce something, how to complete a task, or how to navigate through a system?

Contact the UW School of Medicine Office of Admission with questions about this requirement.

*A note: courses that do not meet the goals of this particular UW School of Medicine admission requirement, will still contribute greatly to your overall education and may be helpful for other aspects of making your medical school application competitive.