

WHAT IS THE CAPSTONE COURSE?

- A required project that UMMS med students complete over the 4 years in the medical program
- Students pick any type of topic (e.g.: research, humanities, medical education, etc) that
 - o Relates to medicine or healthcare
 - o Satisfies one of the core competencies (Physician as a... professional, scientist, communicator, clinical problem solver, patient & community advocate, person)
- The project is done in a “scholarly” format; i.e., you must write a paper with a literature review (introduction), methods and results sections, and conclusions

HOW WILL THE CAPSTONE PROJECT BE “GRADED”?

1. Scholarly paper: 5-7 pages plus figures, appendices and works cited
2. Reflective write-up
3. Capstone Project Presentation –poster or podium presentation, or exhibition

WHOS’ WHO?

- Learning Community House Mentor: Surrogate capstone mentor during FOM1-FOM2
- Project Advisor: Official capstone advisor chosen in FOM2
- Capstone Course Affiliates
 - o Backbone of the capstone course
 - o assigned to students according to LC houses
 - o check in and assist students with projects throughout all four years

WHEN CAN I WORK ON MY CAPSTONE?

Students should work on their projects over the course of all four years in the medical program. Many students take advantage of the summer between FOM1 and FOM2, design an FCE to complete in CCE (3rd) year, and the required month-long Capstone block in AS (4th) year.

WHEN ARE THINGS DUE?

FOM1 (MS1)
November | Topic Selection
April | Project Progress Report

FOM2 (MS2)
November | Project Advisor Selection
December | Project Proposal
May | Project Update

CCE (MS3)
October | Beginnings of a Draft Report
April | Draft Report

AS (MS4)
Capstone Month (XX 4010) | meet with Capstone Affiliate
December | Final Draft Submission
March | Project Presentation

OTHER IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW...

- *How do I **change** my capstone topic?* Contact your Capstone Affiliate to discuss before [Submitting form on capstone website](#)

- *What's the deal with **group projects**?* Max of 3 students; all students must complete a distinct part of the project; students submit individual reports
- *What's a **legacy project**?* A project that has been initiated by a previous medical student, that is built up (not replicated) by up-coming students

WHERE DO I FIND MORE INFORMATION/RESOURCES?

Colleen Burnham MBA | Program Manager | Kelley (MS3 MS4) & Groups
Bronwyn Cooper MD | Course Co-Leader | Kelley (MS1 MS2)
Rachel Gerstein PhD | Course Co-Leader | Blackstone & Tatnuck (MS4)
Christina Hermos MD MS | Course Co-Leader | Burncoat
Carolina Ionete MD PhD | Course Co-Leader | Quinsigamond
Sarah McAdoo MD MPH | Course Co-Leader | Brightwood
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