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ABOUT NEXUS LEARNING

Nexus Learning comprises a diverse range of courses geared towards first- and second-year medical students; the offerings build on the required curriculum and allow students to gain new insights, knowledge, and skills to enhance their practice of medicine. Students can explore topics in the humanities as well as courses in the sciences. While Nexus Learning courses are not for credit, students are strongly encouraged to take at least one of these courses. Nexus Learning is an opportunity to deepen knowledge in particular areas of interest or discover an entirely new discipline, as well as to engage with faculty and students with these shared interests.

Students who have met the minimum requirements of the Nexus Learning course, which are set by the individual course directors, should track their participation in their student portfolio. The Nexus Learning courses are not formally graded but rather a voluntary experience in keeping with the Icahn School of Medicine's philosophy.

FAQs for Nexus Course Participants

I am interested in creating a new Nexus course, what do I do?

First, contact Dr. Forsyth to discuss the idea for the course. She will provide final review and approval. Next, you will create a syllabus, and complete the [Formstack](#) for the corresponding semester, including the course details for the catalogue.

Are Nexus courses in person or on Zoom?

Nexus courses may be held in-person or online (on Zoom). All participants, including lecturers and faculty, who attend in-person classes must be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 and adhere to Mount Sinai Health System infection prevention [meeting guidelines](#).

I am an M1 or M2 student. How do I register for a Nexus course?

First and second year students should register for a Nexus course through Empower. You do not need approval in Empower since anyone can sign up. Once you are registered, you will become part of a Blackboard Org, and your course directors will post information there. Instructions on how to register for courses can be found [here](#).

If I am not an M1 or M2 student, but the course coordinator and faculty have permitted me to participate in the class, how do I register?

Most courses are geared towards MS1 and MS2 students; however, anyone who is a student, staff, housestaff, or faculty member at Mount Sinai Health Systems can join Nexus at the course coordinator and/or faculty discretion. However, only MS1 and MS2 can register for Nexus in Empower. If you are anything other than an M1 or M2 including someone in their PhD phase, you should reach out to the course director and coordinator for approval and they can add you to the Blackboard Org.

Why don't I see credit on my transcript for the Nexus course? What sort of completion acknowledgement do Nexus courses typically offer? Does it go on student MSPE or transcript?

Nexus are not for credit, therefore they do not appear on the transcript nor does it go on the MSPE. However, as long as you meet the minimum requirements for attendance set out by the course director(s), you can and should highlight the course on your CV and in your ERAS application.

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