

DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAL EDUCATION

Policy



Policy Title: Years 3 and 4 Electives	
Accountable Dean or Director: Senior Associate Dean for Curricular Affairs	
Approved By: Executive Oversight Committee (EOC)	
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RELEVANT LCME STANDARDS:

- 6.5 Elective Opportunities
- 11.3 Oversight of Extramural Electives

POLICY:

Students must successfully complete a total of twenty-eight (28) weeks of elective credit, per the guidelines listed below, during their third and fourth years to graduate. For those students in the InterACT Program, a total of twenty-two (22) weeks is required due to additional clerkship weeks required for the program.

To receive full credit for an elective, students must complete each step of the elective process:

1. The student must register and be fully approved for an elective prior to the start of the elective.
2. The student must complete the elective during the approved dates.

The Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai provides medical students with medical liability when providing medical services as a part of approved educational activities. Students are not covered while participating in unapproved activities or rotations.

GUIDELINES:

- A minimum of twelve (12) weeks must be completed as clinical electives. A clinical elective is defined as an elective in which the student participates in the direct care of patients or in specialties such as pathology or radiology, that directly connect to patient care.

- A maximum of sixteen (16) weeks of Research/Non-Clinical elective(s), for credit, may count towards the graduation requirement
- All electives must be completed by the week prior to May Commencement; failure to complete this requirement will result in a June 15 degree conferral date.
- Forty (40) hours minimum of contact/work hours are required to receive one (1) week of elective credit.
- Students cannot take an elective concurrently with a required clerkship or course.
- No retroactive elective credit is given.
- Work completed for remediation is not eligible for elective credit.
- Longitudinal Electives:
 - Students are permitted to take longitudinal electives that are listed in the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai (ISMMS) Electives Catalog in Empower.
 - Longitudinal electives may be taken concurrently with another non-required rotation (e.g., another elective) as long as the hours do not conflict.
 - Only one non-longitudinal elective that is one week in duration will count toward graduation requirement.
- Students will receive an automatic two (2) weeks of non-clinical elective credit for taking and passing USMLE Step 1.
- Students on a Scholarly Year or Leave of Absence are not eligible to participate in MD program course work and cannot accrue elective credit.
- MD/PhD students in their PhD phase may receive a maximum of four (4) weeks of elective credit in an established ISMMS elective if:
 - They are a matriculated student in the ISMMS Graduate School and eligible to participate in coursework
 - They meet the prerequisite(s) for the elective and have the approval of the faculty elective director

RELATED POLICIES:

Student Assignment to Learning Experiences

Grading Policy

Leave of Absence Policy