



Policy Title: Elective Opportunities

Accountable Dean(s) and/or Director(s):

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Reviewed By:

Office of Student Affairs

Approval Body:

Curriculum Committee (CC)

RELEVANT LCME STANDARD:

6.5 Elective Opportunities

POLICY STATEMENT AND PURPOSE:

The LCME states: The faculty of a medical school ensure that the medical school curriculum includes elective opportunities that supplement required learning experiences and that permit medical students to gain exposure to and expand their understanding of medical specialties, and to pursue their individual academic interests.

PRE-CLINICAL POLICY:

Medical students are required to complete one elective by the end of Year 2 of medical school. A catalogue of elective offerings is available to students via Tulane's curriculum management system.

- Students cannot participate in electives during their first semester of Year 1.
- In addition to electives offered by the medical school, the preclinical elective requirement can also be met by elective time associated with the following activities:
 - a) Dual-degree programs (MD/MBA, MD/MPH, MD/PhD, etc.)
 - b) DeBakey Scholars Program

CLINICAL POLICY:

Medical students must complete a minimum of 26 weeks of electives during the clinical curriculum. Students enrolled in the combined MD/MPH program must complete a minimum of 28 weeks of electives. A catalogue of elective offerings is available to students via Tulane's curriculum management system.

- Online electives are limited to a maximum of 4 weeks.

- Research electives (including DeBakey and departmental research electives) are limited to a maximum of 4 weeks. Exception allowed for MD/PhD students who can complete up to 8 weeks.
- No concurrent registration is allowed, with the exception of longitudinal electives, which are approved and denoted as longitudinal by the Curriculum Committee.

LAST REVIEW DATE/APPROVAL:

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REVIEW CYCLE:

Every 2 years