Scheduling/Elective Suggestions for OPTH Specialty
*Rotations highlighted in a given color can be swapped for other time periods of the same color

Major schedule considerations:

- Do you still need to take Step 1? Must take Step 1 by 8/15 or you will be placed on administrative LOA until you achieve a passing score.
- Do you need a T3 clerkship? Must complete before any T4 rotation.
- Do you need free time to study for Step 2? Most students use 2 - 4 weeks of vacation time; most take Step 2 in May/June. Take no later than December.
- Do you want a rotation to appear on your ERAS application materials? Complete it in August or earlier: September may be a stretch. ERAS info will be available to residency programs sometime in late Sept/early Oct (exact date TBA by AAMC).
- Have you planned free time during interview season? Generally Nov – Jan. Even virtual interviews are stressful—give yourself free time if possible!
- Have you completed all graduation requirements? See tables on last page for guide. Complete all requirements by last block of April for best outcome. Only in extenuating circumstances should graduating students plan to work after graduation.

T4 blocks

Spr	Begin Date	End Date					ROTATION PREFERENCE	DEPT PERMISSION
	May 1		2 wks				Step 2 Study Elective	
	May 2		2 wks	4 wks		Mem Day	Step 2 Discretionary Time	
	June 1		2 wks				OPTH	
	June 2		2 wks	4 wks	8 wks	Juneteeth	4 week	

Fall							*Switch terms in eMedley!*	
	Jul 1		2 wks			Ind Day	OPTH	
	Jul 2		2 wks	4 wks			Research	
	Aug 1		2 wks				Away	
	Aug 2		2 wks	4 wks	8 wks		Rotation	
	Sept 1		2 wks			Labor Day	Community	
	Sept 2		2 wks	4 wks			EMER	
	Oct 1		2 wks			ERAS opens to programs	RADS	

	Oct 2		2 wks	4 wks	8 wks		Discretionary time	
	Nov 1		2 wks				Discretionary time	
	Nov 2		2 wks	4 wks			Discretionary time	
	Dec 1		2 wks			Thanksgiving	Discretionary time	
	Dec 2		2 wks	4 wks	8 wks	University wint break begins	Discretionary Time	
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	Jan 1		2 wks				Online Elective to accommodate second look	
	Jan 2		2 wks	4 wks		MLK, Jr.	Online Elective to accommodate second look	
	Feb 1		2 wks				Elective of choice	
	Feb 2		2 wks	4 wks	8 wks		Elective of choice	
						Mardi Gras/spring break	**Timing varies widely year to year**	**See eMedley for specific dates for the current academic year**
	Mar 1		2 wks			*Match Day*	Elective of choice	
	Mar 2		2 wks	4 wks			Elective of choice	
	Apr 1		2 wks				Elective of choice	
	April 2		2 wks	4 wks	8 wks		Elective of choice	

Saturday Mid May Graduation!! (date varies each year)

See next page for tables to tally graduation requirements

The following blocks may be used to complete necessary graduation requirements for students who may be off cycle. *It is preferable, however, to complete all graduation requirements by the end of the April block.* All grades must be submitted by 6/30 to be eligible for the May graduation date. Residency paperwork cannot be completed until all graduation requirements are complete and you are certified for graduation.

	May 1		2 wks		
	May 2		2 wks	4 wks	

	Jun 1		2 wks				

After initial scheduling appointment, send all permission/requests for add/drops to [SOMSchedule@tulane.edu.](SOMSchedule@tulane.edu) Forward dept permission & indicate rotation (*i.e.,* MED4230 Gastro) and start/end dates for all adds/drops. Allow at least one week before you follow up. For your sanity, plan permanently, and send as few schedule change requests as possible! **No schedule changes are made less than 7 days before a block begins.**

We'll fill these tables out during your scheduling appointment

	Required Rotations (must be scheduled before your appt is complete. Consider your required rotation schedule permanent unless under extreme extenuating circumstances. Cannot drop one section w/o dept permission to both drop and also add another specific section.)	
1	Acting internship (XXXX3500 or XXXX4500): 4 wks *(can be scheduled later, can be dropped/moved, but only into gaps or elective slots; cannot drop required rotations to rearrange)*	
2	Community Health (MED4212): 2 wks (not required for MD/MPH)	
3	Emergency (EMER4020): 2 wks	
4	Radiology (RADS3020): 2 wks	

*The required rotations above do *NOT* count toward your minimum number of weeks' of electives, tallied below*

Electives required[1]		Electives completed, if applicable (off-cycle, after FAMY, etc.)		Electives scheduled		Electives to be scheduled (need approval/paperwork)		Total electives accounted for after scheduling appointment
26 (non-MD/MPH) or 28 (MD/MPH)			+		+		=	