	Policy on Electives (LCME Element 6.5)	Effective Date:	2-9-18
		Current Date:	2-14-18
		Contact:	Office of Student Affairs
Approved By: Curriculum Committee		Date Approved:	2-9-18

1) **GENERAL POLICY STATEMENT**

1. Pre-Clinical Curriculum: All students are expected to complete one preclinical elective during their first two years of medical school. A complete list of pre-clinical curriculum electives is available on-line. In general, students should not participate in electives during their first semester of Year 1. This requirement can also be met by using elective time to participate in any of the following activities:
    a. Combined degree program (MD/MBA, MD/MPH, MD/PhD, etc)
    b. DeBakey Scholars
    c. Auditing another Tulane University course with permission of the professor/school

2. Clinical Curriculum: Six months of elective time are available and should be used by students in their clinical curriculum. A complete list of clinical curriculum electives is available on-line. Five months of elective time are available and should be used by students in the MD/MPH program. Electives are generally taken during the fourth (final) year of medical school. Students are expected to use clinical electives to prepare for their residency and career as physicians and are REQUIRED to meet with their clinical advisor for approval of electives prior to enrollment.

a) Scope: This policy applies to all medical students.

b) Responsible Department/Party/Parties:

   i. Policy Owner: Office of Student Affairs

   ii. Procedure: Office of Student Affairs/Registrar

   iii. Supervision: Office of Student Affairs

3) **Review/Revision/Implementation**

   a) Review Cycle: This policy shall be reviewed by the Curriculum Committee at least annually from the effective date.

   b) Office of Record: After authorization, the Office of Student Affairs shall house this policy in a policy database and shall be the office of record for this policy.

4) **Related Policies**

   Not applicable

5) Governing Law or Regulations

Not applicable

6) Attachments

Not applicable