

CLINICAL COURSE REQUIREMENTS

CLASS OF 2013

Students in the Class of 2013 are required to complete 76 credits of clinical training. Students at the Binghamton Campus are required to satisfactorily complete 50 credits of clerkships (required clinical courses) and 26 elective credits. Students at the Syracuse Campus are required to satisfactorily complete 53 credits of clerkships (required clinical courses) and 23 elective credits.

Clerkship credits for the Class of 2013 are as follows:

Clerkship	Syracuse credits	Binghamton Credits
Medicine	12	11
Family Medicine	4	5 (longitudinal)
Psychiatry	6	5
Pediatrics	6	5
Neurology	5	4
Ophthalmology	1	N/A
Ambulatory Surgery	N/A	2
Obstetrics/Gynecology	6	5
Surgery	8	7
Emergency Medicine	2	1
Bioethics at the Bedside (Syracuse) Practice of Medicine III (Binghamton)	1	1
Geriatrics	N/A	4
Urology	2	N/A
Electives	23	26

*Note – Some clerkship credits hours will change beginning with the 2012-2013 academic year. If you take and pass one of these clerkships in the 2012-2013 year instead of in the 2011-2012 year, you will have fulfilled the requirement for that clerkship regardless of the number of credits assigned. No adjustment to the number of elective credits required will be made and your total required credits of clinical training will be adjusted accordingly.

Four credits of the required total elective credit requirement (4 of 23 credits for Syracuse campus students, and 4 of 26 credits for Binghamton Campus students) must be chosen to fulfill the requirement for a basic science selective. The basic science selective requirement may only be fulfilled after six months of clinical coursework has been completed. This selective may be chosen from a list of pre-approved basic science selectives. Alternatively, a student can petition that a unique elective be reviewed for potential approval as a basic science.

All students may take more than the required number of elective credits. Each elective is listed under the department offering it (departments are listed alphabetically). It is imperative to identify the courses you select by their appropriate code numbers in order to correctly prepare your schedule. A two digit code number is assigned to each department. Code numbers ending in "00" are clerkships, the other numbers are electives offered by the department. The following policies outline the elective requirements and will guide students as they select course schedules:

1. Only 16 of the required 23 (Syracuse) or 26 (Binghamton) elective credits may be taken in any one department.

2. Only 12 of the required 23 (Syracuse) or 26 (Binghamton) elective credits may be taken in an extramural experience.
3. A maximum of six of the required 23 (Syracuse) or 26 (Binghamton) elective credits may be taken in the pre-clinical years and count toward fulfilling graduation requirements. Electives taken in the pre-clinical years must be taken on a pass-fail basis, unless petitioned by the sponsoring faculty to be taken for a grade.
4. Standard electives have one credit assigned for each week of training. Credit assignment for electives may be found in each description of electives included in the Course Selection Book. Exceptions require a written approval from the elective sponsor and the corresponding department chair.
5. All extramural electives that are existing electives at LCME accredited medical schools must have prior approval from the host school or confirmation of acceptance in the Visiting student Application Service (VSAS). Students must complete an add/drop form and submit the description of the course from the hosting school's website or course catalogue if the elective was not accepted through VSAS. All extramural electives taken at sites other than LCME accredited medical schools should be processed as Unique Electives.
6. All extramural electives which are not existing electives at LCME accredited medical schools, and all intramural electives which do not appear in the Course Selection Book (both hereafter titled unique electives), must have prior approval of the sponsor of the proposed elective, the corresponding Upstate department chair (Syracuse students) or Campus Coordinator (Binghamton students), and the Associate Dean for Curriculum (Syracuse students) or Associate Dean for Academic Affairs (Binghamton students). Students must complete an add/drop form and a Request for Approval of Unique Elective form. The request for such approval must be submitted no less than one month before the first day of the proposed elective.
7. Any changes in course schedules such as adding and dropping electives should be made by the student at least six weeks before they anticipate taking the elective. This also includes extramural electives, and those which may not appear in the Course Selection Book. Electives as listed in the Course Selection Book may be added or dropped through MyUpstate. For all others, an Elective Add/Drop form should be submitted to the Registrar's Office (Syracuse) or the Student Affairs Office (Binghamton). Forms are available on the Registrar's Office website or the Registrar's Office and the Binghamton Campus Student Affairs Office.
8. Under no circumstances will a student be permitted to take two electives at the same time unless one is a concurrent elective. It is the student's responsibility to inform elective sponsors and coordinate requirements for both the elective and concurrent elective so as to not infringe upon the educational experience of either elective.
9. Students must meet all prerequisites of a course (unless waived by the course director) before they will be permitted to take the course.
10. It is possible to complete the academic requirements for the M.D. in less than 8 semesters. However, be advised that, nonetheless, Upstate requires payment of a minimum of eight semesters of tuition for completion of the M.D. degree. This policy is in lieu of the more cumbersome method of charging for credit overloads in each semester, or charging for separate tuition for summer semesters. The exception to this is transfer students and students who are admitted with advanced standing. These students must pay two semesters of tuition for every year of medical education completed at SUNY Upstate Medical University.