

I. GUIDELINES

The University of Arizona College of Medicine offers a wide variety of fourth-year electives for medical students. Opportunities for elective courses are available across the state and internationally. Most of these electives are divided between the two major cities in Arizona: Tucson, with the vast majority of these electives at University Medical Center (UMC) and at Southern Arizona VA Healthcare System (VAH); and Phoenix, where many of the electives are offered at Banner Good Samaritan Medical Center, St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center, Maricopa Integrated Health System, Phoenix Children's Hospital and at the Phoenix VAMC. To facilitate ease in the use of this Electives Manual, electives for the Tucson and Phoenix areas have been placed in separate sections with a reference index in the back. All requests to enroll in elective courses must be submitted to the Student Records Office at the College of Medicine.

Clinical Advisors

Plan to schedule two meetings with your clinical advisor: one early, while you are doing initial planning for the year, and a second meeting later to get final approval of your program. While other faculty members will be glad to assist you in schedule planning, your clinical advisor must serve as your primary consultant. Your advisor has access to your academic records and therefore is invaluable in pointing out ways to capitalize on your strengths and to advise you on preparation for your career choice. You would be wise to consider residency possibilities in planning your senior schedule. Be sure to contact your clinical advisor prior to the deadline for returning materials. Your clinical advisor must approve and sign your final schedule.

Academic Calendar and Scheduling Requirements

Please note that Year IV is divided into four modules of 12 instructional weeks each, with the exception of the final module, which is only six weeks in length and culminates with graduation. Each 12-week module is further sub-divided into six-week, four-week, or three-week sections. Elective periods are identified by length in weeks, session offered, and date sequence (i.e., 6F1 is the first six week offering in the Fall).

Excluding the two-week Winter Break period and the week of graduation, there are 42 instructional weeks between July 6, 2009 and graduation on May 07, 2010. You should complete the minimum of 33 elective weeks (one week = one unit) in an approved program before graduation. Thus, there are 9 weeks of discretionary time available during this year, which you may use as you wish for such activities as vacation, residency interviewing and other non-credit activities. You may take additional electives during the discretionary time at no extra tuition charge.

You may continue to participate in elective experiences that are interrupted by graduation.

At least 18 units must be under the direct supervision of a University of Arizona College of Medicine faculty member. Distinctions are discussed in detail in a following section.

Prior approval of the course director is required to enroll in a non-classroom-based elective for a period of less than three weeks. Elective course listings also indicate the maximum number of weeks the elective may be taken for credit. Students may enroll in electives supervised by University of Arizona faculty only during the time periods specified in this Electives Manual. However, you may enroll in an elective at another medical school for a period that does not correspond to the periods specified in this Electives Manual; for example, you may arrange to take a four-week elective elsewhere from August 1 through August 31 using vacation time before and after the elective.

Academic Calendar (Electives Year 2009-2010)

6 week periods		4 week periods		3 week periods	
6S1	07/06/09-08/14/09	4S1	07/06/09-07/31/09	3S1	07/06/09-07/24/09
6S2	08/17/09-09/25/09	4S2	08/03/09-08/28/09	3S2	07/27/09-08/14/09
		4S3	08/31/09-09/25/09	3S3	08/17/09-09/04/09
				3S4	09/07/09-09/25/09
6F1	09/28/09-11/06/09	4F1	09/28/09-10/23/09	3F1	09/28/09-10/16/09
6F2	11/09/09-12/18/09	4F2	10/26/09-11/20/09	3F2	10/19/09-11/06/09
		4F3	11/23/09-12/18/09	3F3	11/09/09-11/27/09
				3F4	11/30/09-12/18/09
6W1	01/04/10-02/12/10	4W1	01/04/10-01/29/10	3W1	01/04/10-01/22/10
6W2	02/15/10-03/26/10	4W2	02/01/10-02/26/10	3W2	01/25/10-02/12/10
		4W3	03/01/10-03/26/10	3W3	02/15/10-03/05/10
				3W4	03/08/10-03/26/10
6P1	03/29/10-05/07/10	4P1	03/29/10-04/23/10	3P1	03/29/10-04/16/10
				3P2	04/19/10-05/07/10