Elective Requirements at a Glance
Class of 2016

There are 34 weeks available in the third and fourth year for electives. You must complete a minimum of 26 weeks of electives to fulfill your graduation requirement.

Elective Guidelines:

1) During your fourth year, you must complete at least sixteen weeks of electives that are 4 or more weeks in length (e.g., four 4-week electives). Most students find it easiest to schedule six 4-weekers (24 weeks) and one 2-weeker (26 weeks total), or to schedule seven 4-week electives (28 weeks total) over the course of their third and fourth years.

2) No more than 12 weeks of extramural electives will count towards graduation requirements.
   - Before leaving for your extramural rotation, check your schedule on myLUMEN to make sure that you have been scheduled for the rotation. This will ensure that you receive credit towards graduation and that a grade evaluation is sent to the extramural school. If your extramural is not listed on your schedule, Registration and Records has not received approval for the elective from the extramural school.

3) During your fourth year, you can accrue no more than 12 weeks of electives in a particular specialty area to count towards your graduation requirements. However, there are a few courses excepted from this specialty cap. These courses in the Department of Medicine do not count towards your 12 weeks cap of Internal Medicine electives allowed:
   - Cardiology Graphics (Med-401A or 405)
   - Preparation for Internal Medicine Internship (Med-457)
   - Medical Teaching (Med-420, 420B, or 420C)

Please note that individually designed electives do count towards the total cap of specialty electives given credit. However, research electives (RES-401) do not count towards the cap of the particular specialty you are doing research in (i.e. research is considered its own separate “specialty” category). If you are uncertain about a specific elective and how it will apply to your cap, do not hesitate to inquire in our office.

4) Clinical specialty areas include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following:

   Allergy and Immunology  Dermatology
   Anesthesiology          Emergency Medicine
   Colon and Rectal Surgery Family Medicine
Internal Medicine
Medical Genetics
Neurological Surgery
Neurology
Nuclear Medicine
Obstetrics and Gynecology
Ophthalmology
Orthopaedic Surgery
Otolaryngology
Pain Medicine
Pathology-Anatomic and Clinical
Pediatrics
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
Plastic Surgery
Preventive Medicine
Psychiatry
Radiation Oncology
Radiology-Diagnostic
Sleep Medicine
Surgery-General
Thoracic Surgery
Urology

5) Normally, credit will not be granted for full-time electives that are less than 2 weeks in length, or for "split" electives (electives interrupted by Discretionary Time, another elective, etc.) without prior written approval from the elective supervisor and the ORR.

6) If you wish to complete an individually designed elective (i.e. an elective not listed in the course catalog), you must submit a written proposal signed by the supervising physician to the ORR as your elective application. Dr. Michelfelder, as the dean in charge of elective curriculum, will review and approve or deny all individually designed elective proposals. Please see Section P of the Elective Course Catalog policies for details on constructing an individually designed elective experience.

7) **International experiences** are awarded elective credit only if they are electives sponsored by Loyola (intramural) or by another LCME-accredited medical school (extramural). Inquiries regarding specific programs may be directed to Dr. Amy Blair in the Center for Global Health.

8) You must submit an online **Discretionary Time request** (on mylumen, under the same menu as elective registration) for any week or weeks that you are not enrolled in a **full-time** elective or required clerkship.

9) A **maximum of three weeks** of elective credit from your preclinical years can be applied to your elective requirements.