Elective Requirements at a Glance
Class of 2018

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 full-time 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:

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