**Weeks of Instruction**

**Third Year**
- Clinical Foundations (2 calendar weeks, 1.5 weeks of instruction)
- Radiology (longitudinal, taught throughout each core clerkship)
- Doctoring 3 (longitudinal)

**Track A (24 weeks)**
- Surgery Clerkship (12 weeks)

**Women’s and Child’s Health Block**
- Pediatrics Clerkship (6 weeks)
- Obstetrics & Gynecology Clerkship (6 weeks)

**Track B (24 weeks)**
- Inpatient Medicine Clerkship (8 weeks)

**Psychiatry/Neurology Block**
- Psychiatry Clerkship (5 weeks)
- Neurology Clerkship (3 weeks)

**Ambulatory Medicine and Family Medicine Blocks**
- Family Medicine Clerkship (4 weeks)
- Ambulatory Medicine (4 weeks)

All required clerkships must be taken at UCLA or an affiliated hospital.

**Fourth Year**
- 2 weeks of college foundations
- 30 weeks of electives (6 weeks may be non-clinical, e.g. research)
- Complete the Requirements from one of the following colleges
  Acute Care College, Applied Anatomy College, Medical Science College or Primary Care College

**College Program**
As a fourth year student, you are required to enroll and complete the requirements of one of the following colleges: Acute Care, Applied Anatomy, Medical Science or Primary Care.

**Acute Care College** - The themes for the Acute Care college are emergency and intensive care. Members of this college include those in emergency medicine, anesthesia, and critical care subspecialties. The college will address topics such as time-based decision making, physiologic correlations, and crisis management. This college will also provide opportunities to upgrade procedural skills and pharmacologic knowledge.
**Applied Anatomy College** – Anatomy and its implications in medical practice is the unifying theme for the Applied Anatomy college. Members of this college are in the various surgical specialties, radiology, radiation oncology, ophthalmology, and pathology. This college will provide opportunities for surgical dissection and experiences in the role of technology in enhancing functionality.

**Medical Science College** – Members in this college would be those interested in academic careers including research and teaching. Many subspecialty training programs now include an emphasis on research so this would be a home for subspecialty interests as well. Members would include the medical and pediatric subspecialties, neurology, psychiatry, and genetics as well as academicians from any specialty.

**Primary Care College** -- Members of the Primary Care college include those with interests in general internal medicine, general pediatrics, family medicine, ob/gyn, and psychiatry. The College includes a longitudinal patient care experience with a special population, e.g., children, geriatric patients, women, underserved, homeless, chronically ill. The Doctoring 4 medical education fellowship will be an alternative option for the longitudinal experience.

**Elective Clerkships**

You are responsible for 30 weeks of elective clerkships.

To graduate, you must complete a total of seventy-eight weeks of coursework. You will have forty-eight weeks completed by taking all of your required clerkships.

Graduation Requirements: 48 weeks Required Clerkships

+ 30 weeks Elective Clerkships

78 weeks required for graduation

Within the 30 weeks of electives, you must complete 24 weeks of clinical coursework. Research electives and In-Depth elective (100-level) courses DO NOT count as clinical courses. Therefore, a maximum of six of these weeks may be research and/or 100-level electives (e.g., if you receive credit for four weeks of research, you may only receive credit for two weeks of 100-level electives).

Seventy-two weeks of your coursework must be clinical experiences in order to meet California State Licensing requirements.

Licensure Requirements: 48 weeks Required Clerkships

+ 24 clinical weeks Elective Clerkships

72 weeks of clinical coursework required for licensure

You must complete three weeks of 300 level coursework and three weeks of 400 level coursework or six weeks of 400 level coursework.

3 weeks of 300 level coursework

AND

3 weeks of 400 level coursework

OR

6 weeks of 400 level coursework

You can receive a maximum of 12 weeks of credit for electives taken away from UCLA or its affiliated hospitals. Please note that most schools may only offer you four-week electives. All electives in this Handbook of Courses are UCLA courses and are not considered away electives.

**In-Depth (100 level course numbers)** electives explore the basic sciences as well as the clinical aspects of an organ system and its disease states or focus on a particular field of study. Although In-Depth electives may not list required clerkships as prerequisites, you may have more clinical understanding if you have completed some of the required clerkships prior to the elective. You may receive credit for six weeks of In-Depth electives.
and/or research electives (e.g., if you receive credit for four weeks of research, you may only receive credit for two weeks of In-Depth electives).

**Advanced Clinical Clerkship (200 level course numbers)** electives allow you to utilize and build upon the fundamental information and skills acquired during required specialty clerkships of the third year in a practical approach, rather than relying largely on textbooks and theoretical skills alone. They are structured to provide you with deeper insight into complex medical problems and stress development of the intellectual process by which you make decisions, as well as teaching you how to acquire the data on which decision making is based.

**Subinternship (300 & 400 level course numbers)** electives are inpatient, emergency, or outpatient clerkships that give you increased responsibility for decisions made for the total care of the patient. In general, you will be expected to function more nearly as an intern than as a fourth-year student. You are required to take 6 weeks of Subinternship clerkships to meet graduation requirements. Three of these must be Subinternship/Inpatient experiences (400 level clerkships). A clerkship must meet the following criteria to be classified as a Subinternship:

- The clerkship will be conducted at UCLA or one of the affiliated hospitals.
- You will, on the average, work-up at least three new patients per week (12-30 per rotation).
- You will actively participate in the ongoing care of the patient.
- The clerkship will involve the treatment of significantly ill/complex patient cases in diverse patient populations.
- You will have substantial or primary patient care responsibilities.
- The clerkship requires at least Medicine and Surgery core rotations as minimum prerequisites.
- The Subinternship requirement for graduation can only be met by the official 300 and 400 level courses listed in the Handbook; comparable clerkships at other schools may not be substituted.
- The clerkship must be at least three consecutive weeks.

**Subinternship/Inpatient (400 level course numbers)**
- Electives in the Departments of Medicine, Surgery, Pediatrics, and Obstetrics & Gynecology are subinternships (as defined above) that occur in the inpatient setting only.
- At least 90% of a Subinternship/Inpatient elective will be in the inpatient setting.

**Research Electives (600 level course numbers)**

**UCLA Research**
- Up to six weeks of research and/or In-Depth Electives (100 level courses) may be applied toward the 30 week elective requirement. For example, if you receive credit for four weeks of research, you may only receive credit for two weeks of an In-Depth elective.
- The course chair or preceptor for the elective must be a UCLA faculty member.
- Academic credit will not be given for research electives for which you are paid or while on a leave of absence.
- Research experiences eligible for academic credit include school-approved programs, e.g., MSTP, M.D./Ph.D., and NMF. However, Short Term Training Program work, Pathology Fellowship, Hughes positions, etc., are excluded.
- Academic credit will not be given for any research conducted prior to the end of your second year or while on a leave of absence.
- UCLA vs. AWAY credit: Research electives taken at any of the UCLA hospital campuses and sponsored by a UCLA faculty member will be given "UCLA" elective credit, while those research experiences taken away from the UCLA hospital campuses will count towards the 12 weeks allowed for AWAY electives.
- Research electives cannot be applied toward the 24 weeks of elective clinical experiences.
- Final approval for research will rest with the Director for Student Research.
Non-UCLA Research

- Non-UCLA research is permitted only under the sponsorship of a UCLA faculty member from the corresponding department in which you will be participating, e.g., Radiology research at UCSF must be sponsored by a UCLA faculty member in Radiology.
- Both the non-UCLA and UCLA sponsor will participate in the evaluation of the elective.

Away Electives or Non-UCLA Electives (700 level course numbers)

- AWAY Electives are established clinical clerkships offered at other medical schools outside the UCLA system.
- Twelve of the 30 weeks of elective weeks may be used for AWAY Electives.
- AWAY Electives may not count toward the six weeks of 300 or 400 level subinternships required for graduation.
- Final approval for Away Electives will rest with the Senior Associate Dean for Student Affairs, Dr. Neil Parker.
- Arrangements must be made in advance to complete Doctoring 3.

Special Clinical Electives (800 level course numbers) are electives designed by you and sponsored by a UCLA faculty member.

- UCLA vs. AWAY credit -- Special electives taken at UCLA or the affiliated hospitals and sponsored by a UCLA faculty member will be given UCLA elective credit.
- Non-UCLA Special Electives are permitted only under the sponsorship of a UCLA faculty member from the corresponding department in which you will be participating, e.g., Radiology research at UCSF must be sponsored by a UCLA faculty member in Radiology.
- Special Electives taken away from the UCLA hospital campuses will count as part of the 12 weeks allowed for AWAY electives.
- Special Electives may not count toward the six weeks of 300 or 400 level subinternships required for graduation.
- Final approval for Special Electives will rest with the chair of the Senior Associate Dean for Student Affairs, Dr. Neil Parker.

Prerequisites

You are responsible for completing designated course prerequisites prior to the commencement of each elective. You may place yourself at a disadvantage if you begin an elective without completing the proper prerequisites.

Health Clearance

The Student Affairs Office must have your completed immunization records and health clearance in our office before you are allowed to see patients.

United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) Step 1 and Step 2

USMLE Step 1

- Step 1 must be taken before the start of your third year.
- You must pass Step 1 in order to advance to your fourth year.
- Failure of Step 1 may require removal from the clinical curriculum or you may not be allowed to start the next rotation. The Senior Associate Dean for Student Affairs will meet with each student to plan the best course of action on a one-to-one basis. For example, a student may be left taking clinical coursework as it may help to improve the student’s ultimate success in passing Step 1.

USMLE Step 2

- Step 2 must be taken before January of your fourth year.
- You must pass Step 1 and Step 2 to graduate.
- You have three opportunities to pass each Step.
- Failure of Step 1 or Step 2 twice will require coursework remediation before a third attempt is made.
- Failure of Step 1 or Step 2 three times will result in automatic dismal.

**Clinical Performance Examination (CPX)**

Late in your third year, you are required to complete a Clinical Performance Examination (CPX) which consists of eight clinical cases portrayed by standardized patients. Each case requires a focused work up and is followed by a written exercise. Performance is observed by a clinical faculty member and taped. Individual feedback is provided for purposes of improving history taking, physical examination, counseling, and patient/doctor relationship skills. Poor performance will require remediation.

**Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) Graduation Questionnaire (GQ)**

The Association of American Medical Colleges requires each medical student in the country to complete the AAMC Graduation Questionnaire. In January-February, Brian Zeglen will send you the information necessary to complete the questionnaire. You must completed questionnaire, before you will receive your diploma.

**Registration Fees**

You are required to pay for a minimum of eight semesters and two summer sessions.