



Elective Requirements At a Glance

Class of 2009

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

Guidelines:

- 1) You must complete **at least twenty weeks of electives that are 4 or more weeks in length** (e.g., five 4-week electives). Life is much easier if you plan for seven 4-weekers (28 weeks).
- 2) No more than **12 weeks of extramural electives** will count towards graduation requirements.
 - It is recommended that you begin looking for an extramural elective 3 to 6 months in advance of your desired starting date or according to the recommended calendar of the other site. Academic credit and liability coverage are offered only for electives that have been approved *in advance* of their start dates.
 - ***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, the Office of Registration and Records (ORR) has not received approval for the elective from the extramural school.***
 - **Please Note: *The extramural site should sign Section III of the Loyola application and return it to Registration & Records at Loyola to confirm your registration.*** However, in some cases, the extramural site will send notice of approval only to the student. If you receive paperwork or an email from the extramural school indicating approval of your rotation, bring it in to Registration & Records or forward it to Tess Kazda (tkazda@lumc.edu) by email or fax (708-216-8151).
- 3) No more than **12 weeks** of electives in a **particular specialty area** will count towards your graduation requirements. However, there are a few courses excepted from this specialty “capstone.” These courses in the Department of Medicine do not count towards your 12 weeks capstone of Internal Medicine electives allowed:
 - Clinical Allergy/Immunology (Med-462)
 - Cardiology Graphics (Med-401A or 405)
 - Dermatology Consults (Med-408A)
 - Nuclear Medicine (Med-445)



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- Preparation for Internal Medicine Internship (Med-457)
Medical Teaching (Med-420)

In addition, the Preparation for Surgical Internship (Surg-430) elective does not count towards the capstone of Surgery electives.

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

Table listing clinical specialty areas: Anesthesiology, Emergency Medicine, ENT, Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Neurosurgery, Neurology, OB/Gyn, Ophthalmology, Ortho. Surgery/Rehab, Pathology, Pediatrics, Preventive Med & Epidemiology, Psychiatry, Radiology, Radiation Oncology, Surgery, Thoracic & CV Surgery, Urology.

Please note that any research or individually designed electives do count towards the total capstone of specialty electives given credit. If you are uncertain about a specific elective and how it will apply to your capstone, do not hesitate to inquire in ORR.

- 5) Normally, credit will not be granted for full-time electives that are less than 2 weeks in length, or for "split" electives...
6) If you wish to complete an individually designed elective...
7) International experiences are awarded elective credit only if they are electives sponsored by Loyola...
8) You must submit a Discretionary Time form for any week or weeks that you are not enrolled in a full-time elective or required clerkship.