



## Elective Requirements At a Glance Class of 2010

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.***
- 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:
  - Cardiology Graphics (Med-401A or 405)
  - Preparation for Internal Medicine Internship (Med-457)
  - Medical Teaching (Med-420)

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.**

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



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Allergy and Immunology	Otolaryngology
Anesthesiology	Pain Medicine
Colon and Rectal Surgery	Pathology-Anatomic and Clinical
Dermatology	Pediatrics
Emergency Medicine	Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
Family Medicine	Plastic Surgery
Internal Medicine	Preventive Medicine
Medical Genetics	Psychiatry
Neurological Surgery	Radiation Oncology
Neurology	Radiology-Diagnostic
Nuclear Medicine	Sleep Medicine
Obstetrics and Gynecology	Surgery-General
Ophthalmology	Thoracic Surgery
Orthopaedic 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 along with your elective application. Please see [Section P](#) of the Elective Course Catalog policies for details.
- 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 and Dean Mendez in Student Affairs (jamendez@lumc.edu).
- 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.