**Academic Progress**

Academic Progress refers to the satisfactory completion of academic requirements, institutional requirements, and licensing examinations within the required timeframe. All students in the MD program are expected to complete 8 semesters, but students have no more than 12 semesters (one-and-a-half times the accredited program length) of enrolled credit to complete the degree. A student who requires enrollment in more than 12 semesters is considered to not be making Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP). Students must meet SAP in order to remain eligible for loans and financial aid for that time period. Scholarly leave is not considered extending the time needed to complete the program.

Each student is assessed at the end of each year by Student Affairs to ensure that the student is meeting SAP.

Students must pass all Year 1 courses to move onto Year 2 and all their Year 2 courses and take USMLE Step 1 to advance to Year 3. Third year clerkships must be taken and completed in Year 3 in order to advance to Year 4. Only the Anesthesia clerkship is potentially deferrable to Year 4.

A student who fails a Year 1 course can remediate the course over the summer between Year 1 and 2. A student who fails a Year 2 course can remediate the course between the end of Year 2 and the beginning of Year 3. A student requires permission from Student Affairs and the course director to remediate a course at any other time. A student who fails three (3) or more courses in a year may be required to repeat the entire year, at the discretion of the Promotions Committee.

**Academic Standing**

Academic progress is related to academic standing. A student will be considered in “Good Standing” if he or she meets the following requirements:

- Is not in Serious Academic Status (see Academic Status section of the Medical Student Handbook) or academic probation (see Academic section of Graduate School Handbook).
- Passes licensing examinations within the specified timeframe; medical students must pass USMLE Step 1 to progress to Year 3 and pass Step 2 CK and CS to graduate.
- Pays on time all bills including tuition, fees and, if applicable, housing.
- Meets school standards and deadlines for health assessments, immunization status, PPD testing, BLS training and other requirements as determined by Student Affairs.

A student who fails to meet one or more of the components above may be subjected to certain “holds” which can include failure to advance to the next year of training, ability to release a transcript or to receive a letter of recommendation from the administration. Please see the Registrar section of this handbook for a more detailed explanation of holds.