Years 3 and 4 - Electives

General Information

A student must successfully complete a total of 21 weeks of elective credit in order to graduate.

Students may take clinical electives during the third and fourth years at Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, our affiliates, or at off-campus scholarly institutions. Students may also design clinical or research electives or seek out international experiences.

The following guidelines apply to all types of electives:

- 40 hours are required to receive one week of elective credit
- You are only permitted to take one 1-week elective (40 hours completed within a consecutive 7-day time period); you also are permitted one additional 1-week elective in the form of a longitudinal elective (40 hours of elective time completed over a period of weeks or months). All other electives must fall between 2-4 weeks in length.
- You cannot take an elective concurrently with a required clerkship. Longitudinal electives may be taken concurrently with another non-required rotation (e.g. another elective) as long as the hours do not conflict.
- Elective application forms must be submitted to the Assistant Registrar, with all required signatures, no less than 2 weeks prior to the desired start date of the elective.
- **No retroactive credit will be granted for an elective.**
- If a student wishes to repeat an elective that has already been taken, it is possible to do so, however, elective credit will not be given for the subsequent course(s)
- Any request for an elective greater than 4 weeks in length requires additional approval by the Associate Dean of Student Affairs
- Preparation for USMLE Step 2 CK is built into the Year Four schedule with a Step 2 CK Board Review course that, if attended in its entirety, counts as two (2) weeks of elective credit
- Work completed for remediation (including remediation for Step I and/or Step II) is not eligible for elective credit

To receive full credit for an elective you must complete each step of the elective process:

1. Select and register for the elective
2. Complete the elective
3. Ensure that your mentor/preceptor has submitted an evaluation of your performance
4. Complete your evaluation of the elective through E*value