

2025-2026 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

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Class of 2029 – ASCEND Phase 1			
2025			
Semester 1			
July	28	M	Base Camp Begins (Ends 8/1)
August	4	M	Molecular, Cellular and Genomic Foundations Module Begins (Ends 9/12)
	7	Th	Practice of Medicine I Begins (Ends 12/19)
	22	F	MCG Mid-Module Exam*
September	1	M	Labor Day
	12	F	MCG End-of-Module Exam**
	16	T	White Coat Ceremony
	15	M	Anatomy Module Begins (Ends 10/24)
	19-21	F-Su	MD/PhD Retreat
October	3	F	Anatomy Mid-Module Exam**
	6	M	Mid Semester 1 Pause (no classes or assessments scheduled, ends 12 AM 10/7)
	16	Th	POM I Mid-Module Objective Structured Clinical Assessment (OSCE)***
	22	W	Anatomy End-of-Module Practical**
	24	F	Anatomy End-of-Module Exam**
	27	M	Foundations of Immunology and Microbiology Module Begins (Ends 11/25)*
November	25	T	Foundations of Immunology and Microbiology Module End-of-Module Exam**
	26-28	W-F	Thanksgiving Holiday Break
December	1	M	Pathology Module (Ends 12/19)
	11	Th	POM I End-of-Module Objective Structured Clinical Assessment (OSCE)***
	17	W	Pathology Practical**
	19	F	Pathology End-of-Module Exam**
December	22-1/2		Winter Break 1
2026			
Semester 2			
January	5	M	Neuroscience Module Begins (Ends 2/13)
	8	Th	Practice of Medicine II Module Begins (Ends 6/12)
	19	M	Martin Luther King Day
	23	F	Neuroscience Mid-Module Exam**
February	13	F	Neuroscience End-of-Module Exam**
	16	M	Presidents' Day
	17	Tu	Behavioral Science Module Begins (Ends 3/6)
March	6	F	Behavioral Science End-of-Module Exam**
	9	M	Hematology Module Begins (Ends 3/27)
	27	F	Hematology End-of-Module Exam**
	30-Apr 3	M-F	Practice of Medicine II Mid-Module Assessment Week***
April	6-10	M-F	Spring Break
	13	M	Cardiology Module Begins (Ends 5/15)

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May	15	F	Cardiology End-of-Module Exam**
	18	M	Pulmonary Medicine Module Begins (Ends 6/12)
	25	M	Memorial Day
	28	Th	Medical Student Research Day
June	4		POM II End-of-Module Objective Structured Clinical Assessment (OSCE)***
	12	F	Pulmonary Medicine End-of-Module Exam**
	15-Aug 7		Summer Break
	19	F	Juneteenth
August	10	M	Phase 1 Semester 3 Classes Resume

IN-PERSON AND MAJOR ASSESSMENT DATES - THESE DAYS CANNOT BE USED FOR PLANNED ABSENCES:

****Mid-Module Exams, End of Module Exams, and Practicals are proctored and in-person**

*****Practice of Medicine Week and Peaks includes assessments. This full week is part of the restricted dates and cannot be used for planned absences.**

There will be designated make-up dates for the proctored end-of-module exams on 10/30/25, 12/4/25, 12/30/25, 1/8/26, 2/19/26, 3/12/26, 4/16/26, 5/21/26, 6/18/26, 7/9/26, /7/16/26, 7/30/26. Students should be mindful of making plans during designated make-up days as these are the only make-up times that will be offered.

Planned absence requests on restricted days will only be granted for major religious holidays, as described in the Preclerkship Absence Policy.

Class of 2028 – ASCEND Phase 1/Phase 2

2025

Semester 3

August	11	M	Orientation to Semester 3
	11	M	Endocrinology Module Begins (Ends 8/29)
	14	Th	Practice of Medicine III Begins (Ends 12/13)
	29	F	Endocrinology End-of-Module Exam**
September	1	M	Labor Day
	2	M	Gastroenterology Module Begins (Ends 9/26)
	19-21	F-Su	MD/PhD Retreat
	26	F	Gastroenterology End-of-Module Exam**
	29	M	GU/Sexual Reproductive Health Module (Ends 10/17)
October	9	Th	POM III Mid-Module Objective Structured Clinical Assessment (OSCE)***
	17	F	GU/Sexual Reproductive Health End-of-Module Exam**
	20	M	Renal Module Begins (Ends 11/14)
November	14	F	Renal End-of-Module Exam**
	17	M	Musculoskeletal Module Begins (Ends 12/12)
	24-28	M-F	Thanksgiving Holiday Week
December	4	Th	POM III End-of-Module Objective Structured Clinical Assessment (OSCE)***
	12		Musculoskeletal End-of-Module Exam**
	15-19	M-F	Periodic Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (PEAKS) 1 (Ends 12/19)**
December	22-31	M-W	Winter Break 2

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January	1-4	Th-F	Winter Break 2
	5	M	DEDICATED STUDY BLOCK (Ends 2/13)
	19	M	Martin Luther King Day
February	16	M	Presidents' Day

ASCEND PHASE 2 BEGINS

	17-20	T-F	Transition to Phase 2 (Ends 2/20)
	23	M	Rotation 1 Begins (Ends 4/3)
	23	M	Palliative Care Clerkship 1 Orientation Day (Clerkship Ends 3/6)***
March	6	F	Palliative Care 1 Direct Observation**
	9	M	Neurology Direct Observation**
	13	F	Medicine and Psychiatry Direct Observation**
	20	F	Neurology NBME Shelf**
	20	F	Obstetrics and Gynecology Direct Observation**
	23	M	Palliative Care Clerkship 2 Orientation Day (Clerkship Ends 4/3)***
	24	Tu	Pediatrics Direct Observation**
	27	F	Surgery/Anesthesia Direct Observation**
April	3	F	Pediatrics, Psychiatry, Medicine, Surgery/Anesthesia, Obstetrics and Gynecology NBME Shelf Exams**
	3	F	Palliative Care 2 Direct Observation**
	8-10	W-F	Coaching, Advising, Mentoring, and Preparation (CAMP) 1**
	13	M	Rotation 2 Begins (Ends 5/22)
	13	M	Palliative Care 3 Orientation Day (Clerkship Ends 4/24)***
	24	F	Palliative Care 3 Direct Observation**
	27	M	Neurology Direct Observation**
May	1	F	Medicine and Psychiatry Direct Observation**
	8	F	Neurology NBME Shelf**

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	8	F	Obstetrics and Gynecology Direct Observation**
	11	M	Palliative Care Clerkship 4 Orientation Day (Clerkship Ends 5/22)***
	12	Tu	Pediatrics Direct Observation**
	15	F	Surgery/Anesthesia Direct Observation**
	22	F	Pediatrics, Psychiatry, Medicine, Surgery/Anesthesia, Obstetrics and Gynecology NBME Shelf Exams**
	22	F	Palliative Care 4 Direct Observation**
	25	M	Memorial Day*
	27-29	W-F	Coaching, Advising, Mentoring, and Preparation (CAMP) 2
	28	Th	Medical Student Research Day
June	1	M	Rotation 3 Begins (Ends 7/10)
	1	M	Palliative Care Clerkship 5 Orientation Day (Clerkship Ends 6/12)***
	12	F	Palliative Care 5 Direct Observation**
	15	M	Neurology Direct Observation**
	18	Th	Medicine and Psychiatry Direct Observation**
	19	F	Juneteenth*
	26	F	Neurology NBME Shelf**
	26	F	Obstetrics and Gynecology Direct Observation**
	29	M	Palliative Care Clerkship 6 Orientation Day (Clerkship Ends 7/9)***
	29	Tu	Pediatrics Direct Observation**
July	2	F	Surgery/Anesthesia Direct Observation**
	4	M	Independence Day*
	9	F	Pediatrics, Psychiatry, Medicine, Surgery/Anesthesia, Obstetrics and Gynecology NBME Shelf Exams**
	9	F	Palliative Care 6 Direct Observation**
	13-17	M-F	FlexTime
	22-24	W-F	Coaching, Advising, Mentoring, and Preparation (CAMP) 3
	27	M	Start of New Academic Year with Rotation 4

*Clerkship and Acting Internship Students are expected to fulfill clerkship duties if scheduled

IN-PERSON AND MAJOR ASSESSMENT DATES - THESE DAYS CANNOT BE USED FOR PLANNED ABSENCES:

**Mid-Module Exams, End of Module Exams, Practicals, Direct Observation Days, and NBME Shelf Exams are proctored examinations and are restricted dates and cannot be used for planned absences.

***Transition to Phase 2, Palliative Care Orientation Days, CAMP Weeks, Practice of Medicine Week and Peaks Week are restricted dates and cannot be used for planned absences.

Designated make-up dates for the proctored end-of-module exams on 9/4/25, 10/10/25, 10/23/25, 11/24/25, 12/30/25.

Designated Practice of Medicine Make Up Dates TBD

Designated make-up dates for NBME Shelf Exams are

Students should be mindful of making plans during designated make-up days as these are the only make-up times that will be offered.

Planned absence requests on restricted days will only be granted for major religious holidays, as described in the Pre-clerkship and Clerkship Absence Policies.

Class of 2027** - Legacy Year 3			
2025			
June	23-27	M-F	InFocus 5
	30	M	Module 1 Begins (Ends 8/3)**
July	4	F	Independence Day*
August	4	M	Module 2 Begins (Ends 9/5)**
September	1	M	Labor Day*
	8	M	Module 3 Begins (Ends 10/10)**
October	13	M	Module 4 Begins (Ends 11/14)**
November	17	M	Module 5 Begins (Ends 12/19)**
	27-28	Th-F	Thanksgiving Holiday*
December	22- 1/2		Winter Break
2026			
January	5	M	Module 6 Begins (Ends 2/6)**
	19	M	Martin Luther King Day*
February	9-13	M-F	Direct Observation Week
	16	M	Presidents' Day*
	17	M	Dedicated/Electives/Flextime Block Begins
May	25	M	Memorial Day*
	28	Th	Medical Student Research Day
June	19	F	Juneteenth*
June	29	M	Year 4 Begins

*3rd and 4th Year students are expected to fulfill clerkship duties if scheduled

** Assessment and Clerkship Block dates can be found on the Clerkship Information Sheets (CIS) in the Medinfo App.

Class of 2026 – Legacy Year 4			
2025			
June	30	M	Block 1 Begins (Ends 7/27)
July	4	F	Independence Day*
	28	M	Block 2 Begins (Ends 8/22)
August	25	M	Block 3 Begins (Ends 9/19)
September	1	M	Labor Day*
	22	T	Block 4 Begins (Ends 10/17)
October	20	M	Block 5 Begins (Ends 11/14)
November	17	M	Block 6 Begins- Interviews & Electives (NO CLERKSHIPS) (Ends 1/3)
	27-28	Th-F	Thanksgiving Holiday*
2026			
January	5	M	Block 7 Begins (Ends 1/31)
	19	M	Martin Luther King Day*
February	2	M	Block 8 Begins (Ends 2/27)
	16	M	Presidents' Day*
March	2-6	M-F	Flextime
	9-13	M-F	InFocus 8 Final date for presenting Research Graduation Requirement
	16-20	M-F	Match Week
	20	F	Match Day
	23	M	Block 9b Begins (Ends 4/3)
April	6	M	Block 10 Begins (Ends 5/1)
May	5	T	Commencement

**3rd and 4th Year students are expected to fulfill clerkship duties if scheduled*