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**School of Medicine
Class of 2021
M.D. Graduation Requirements**

Please review special notes for medical students in official BCM dual degree programs.

Foundational Sciences Years - 63 Weeks	
Fall I - 19 Weeks	
Course	Semester Credit Hours
Foundations Basic to Science of Medicine (FBSM)	21.25
Patient, Physician & Society - 1	3.25
Integrated Problem Solving	2.00
Total Credits	26.50

Spring I - 25 Weeks	
Course	Semester Credit Hours
Pharmacology	1.50
Head & Neck Anatomy	2.50
Immunological & Pathological Basis of Disease	4.75
Behavioral Sciences	3.50
Ethics	1.25
Infectious Disease	7.00
Nervous System	7.00
Integrated Problem Solving - 2	2.50
Patient, Physician & Society - 2	4.00
Total Credits	34.00

Fall II - 19 Weeks	
Course	Semester Credit Hours
Cardiology	2.25
Respiratory	1.75
Renal	1.75
Hematology/Oncology	2.50
Intro. to Radiology & Lab Medicine	1.50
Gastroenterology	2.00
Endocrinology	1.50
GU/GYN	1.00
Genetics	1.25
Age Related Topics	1.25
Patient, Physician & Society - 3	2.75
Patient Safety	0.50
Transition to Clinics	0.75
Total Credits	20.75

Didactic Courses in Clinical Years ◊	
Course	Semester Credit Hours
CABS-Evidence Based Medicine◊	0.75
CABS-Dermatology◊	0.75
CABS-Business in Leadership◊	0.75
CABS-Nutrition◊	0.75
DDASH◊	2.75
Total Credits	5.75

Basic Core Clinical - 50 Weeks	
Course	Semester Credit Hours
Emergency Medicine^	2.00
Family and Community Medicine	4.00
Medicine	8.00
Neurology	4.00
OB/GYN	8.00
Pediatrics	8.00
Psychiatry	8.00
Surgery	8.00
Total Credits	50.00

Advanced Core Clinical - 10 Weeks	
Course	Semester Credit Hours
Sub-Internship*	4.00
Selectives***^	4.00
APEX	2.00
Total Credits	10.00

Elective Courses - 16 Weeks	
Course	Semester Credit Hours
Pre-Clinical and/or Clinical Electives***^	16.00

Please refer to the Core Rotation Scheduling Guidelines in the Student Handbook for timelines to complete clinical core rotations.

Graduation Requirements ***	Credits
Total Minimum Curriculum Credits - 139 Weeks	163.00

Students must take and pass the Clinical Practice Exam (CPX). Students must take and pass the USMLE Step 1, Step 2CK & Step 2CS-prior to graduation. (Update: On April 20, 2020 the Curriculum Committee approved a waiver of requirements for students to take Step 2 CS prior to graduation for students graduating December 2020.) M.D./Ph.D. Program: Students joining the program after year 1 will begin the curriculum requirements at year of entry. Students must not have any professional deficiencies in order to graduate with an M.D. degree.

^ On April 6, 2020, the Curriculum Committee approved the following waivers of graduation requirements for the Graduating Class of 2021 (medical students otherwise on track to graduate in December 2020 or May 2021) who have not yet completed the following, as completion will not be possible before graduation due to restrictions imposed by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic: (1) 2-week emergency medicine rotation; (2) remaining selectives. For Class of 2021 students who have already completed these courses, course completion will count towards the clinical elective requirement for graduation.

* A **Sub-Internship** must be taken at Baylor in Medicine, Neurology, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Surgery, Pediatrics, or Family Medicine. The Sub-Internship **must be completed** prior to Advanced Physicianship Experience (APEX).

****SELECTIVES (GROUP A)**

Choose 2 of these 2-week courses (Prereq. Surgery Clerkship): Ophthalmology, Orthopedic Surgery, Otolaryngology, Urology (See ^ note above).

***12 of the 16 required elective credits must be clinical. For all medical students, no more than 4 credits of Foundational Sciences Electives/Research taken at BCM can be counted toward degree requirements. Students enrolled in the following official BCM Dual Degree programs (MD/PhD, MD/JD, MD/MPH, and MD/MBA) may have 4 weeks fewer required clinical elective credits than MD only students. For all students, a minimum of 8 credits must be taken at BCM.

◊ The following courses are didactic courses occurring during the clinical phase of the curriculum:

- Clinical Applications of Biomedical Sciences (CABS) -occurs in the 2nd year of the clinical phase of the curriculum - Business and Leadership in Medicine, Dermatology, Nutrition, Evidence-Based Medicine
- Determinants, Disparities and Social/Population Health (DDASH) – occurs in the 3rd year of the clinical phase of the curriculum

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE (advance notice will be given)