Duke University School of Medicine - M.D. Program
Academic Calendar

Approved by Curriculum Committee 11/6/2019

2020-2021

FIRST YEAR

COURSE DIRECTOR NOTE: Grades are due within 4 weeks of the last day of class for each section

Fall Term 2020

August
3 – 7 Introduction to the Profession – MANDATORY ATTENDANCE
7 Friday, SoM Annual Medical Student Research Symposium - MANDATORY ATTENDANCE
10 Monday, Begin class, Clinical Skills Training Immersion
21 Friday, End class, Clinical Skills Training Immersion
24 Monday, Begin, Human Structure & Function
25 Tuesday, Begin, Clinical Skills Foundation 1
27 Thursday, Begin, Cultural Determinants of Health & Health Disparities

September
7 Monday, Labor Day, student holiday

October
28 – Wednesday, Registration/Drop/Add for spring term opens

November
3 Tuesday, 1pm - Registration/Drop/Add for spring term closes
24 Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. Begin Thanksgiving student holiday
30 Monday, Class resumes, Human Structure & Function

December
18 Friday, 5:00 p.m., Begin Winter Break for 1st year Medical Students

January
1 Friday- New Year’s Day Holiday observed
4 Monday, Resume Human Structure & Function
18 Monday, Martin Luther King, Jr., student holiday

February
3 Wednesday, End class Human Structure & Function

Spring Term 2021

4 Thursday, spring term begins
4 Thursday, Begin class, Body & Disease

March
6 Saturday, Begin Spring Break MS1
14 Sunday, end Spring Break MS1
15 Monday, resume Body & Disease

May
18 Tuesday, End, Clinical Skills Foundation 1
31 Monday – Memorial Day Holiday – student holiday

June
17 Thursday, End, Cultural Determinants of Health & Health Disparities

July
2 Friday, 5:00 pm – End class, Body and Disease, section 16
Fall Term 2020

August
3       Monday, Begin Clinical Skills Course - Intensive, 8:00 a.m.
4       MS2 students register on-line for fall selectives
7       Friday, SoM Annual Medical Student Research Symposium - MANDATORY ATTENDANCE
21      Friday, End Clinical Skills Course - Intensive
24      Monday, Begin sections 21, 41, 61, and 81
26      Wednesday, 3:00 p.m., Begin Class Clinical Skills Course (longitudinal)

September
4       Friday, End section 21
7       Monday, Labor Day, student holiday
8       Tuesday, Begin Section 22, 62
16      Wednesday, Begin Cultural Determinates of Health & Health Disparities
18      Friday, End sections 22 and 41
21      Monday, Begin sections 23 and 42
23      Wednesday, Begin Clinical Skills Foundation 2

October
2       Friday, End sections 23 and 61
5       Monday, Begin section 24
14      Wednesday, End section 81, except PEDS
16      Friday, End sections 24, 42, 62 and 81 PEDS
19      Monday, Begin sections 25, 43, 63, and 82
28      Wednesday, End sections 27 and 63
30      Friday, End section 25

November
2       Monday, Begin sections 26 and 64
3       Tuesday, 1:00 p.m., on-line registration for MS2 spring selectives closes
13      Friday, End sections 26 and 43
16      Monday, Begin sections 27 and 44
25       Wednesday, End sections 27 and 63
25 – Wednesday, noon, Begin Thanksgiving holiday
29       Thanksgiving holiday
30       Monday, classes resume; Begin sections 28

December
11      Friday, End sections 28, 44, 64, and 82
12      Begin winter break

Spring Term 2021

January
1       Friday, New Year’s Day, student holiday observed
4       Monday, Begin sections 21, 41, 61, and 81
15      Friday, End section 21
18      Monday, Martin Luther King, Jr., student holiday
19      Tuesday, Begin sections 22 and 62
29      Friday, End classes in sections 22 and 41

February
1       Monday, Begin classes in sections 23 and 42
12      Friday, End classes in sections 23 and 61
15      Monday, Begin section 24
24      Wednesday, End section 81, except PEDS
26      Friday, End sections 24, 42, 62 and 81 PEDS

March
1       Monday, Begin sections 25, 43, 63, and 82
10-16   MS2 students register for summer selectives
12      Friday, End section 25
15      Monday, Begin sections 26 and 64
26      Friday, End sections 26 and 43
29      Monday, Begin sections 27 and 44

April
9       Friday, End sections 27 and 63
12      Monday, Begin section 28
21      Wednesday, End section 82
23      Friday, End section 28, 44, 64 and 82 PEDS
24      Saturday, Begin Spring Break Begins
TBD      MS3 Registration for Fall opens

Summer Term 2021

May
2       Sunday, End Spring Break
3       Monday, Begin sections 21, 41, 61, and 81
14      Friday, End section 21
17      Monday, Begin sections 22 and 62
26      Wednesday, End Cultural Determinates of Health & Health Disparities
28      Friday, End sections 22 and 41
28      Friday, noon deadline for rising Third Yr. (MED3) Registration form to Third Year Coordinator
31      Monday, Memorial Day Holiday – student holiday

June
1       Tuesday, Begin sections 23 and 42
4       Friday, Online Registration - 3rd Year, Fall ends
11      Friday, End sections 23 and 61
14      Monday, Begin section 24
16      Wednesday, End Clinical Skills Foundation 2
23      Wednesday, End section 81, except PEDS
25      Friday, End sections 24, 42, 62 and 81 PEDS
28      Monday, Begin sections 25, 43, 63, and 82

July
5       Monday, Independence Day, student holiday observed
9       Friday, End section 25
12      Monday, Begin sections 26 and 64
23      Friday, End classes in sections 26 and 43
26      Monday, Begin sections 27 and 44

August
6       Friday, End sections 27 and 63
**THIRD YEAR**

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### Fall Term 2020

**August**
- 7 Friday, SoM Annual Medical Student Research Symposium - MANDATORY ATTENDANCE
- 24 Monday, Third Year Begins

**September**
- 7 Monday, Labor Day, student holiday
- 14 Monday, MS3 Begin section 42

**October**
- 10 Saturday, MS3 End Section 42
- 12 Monday, MS3 Begin section 43
- 15 Thursday, MS3 Begin QMDM I – Med Stats
- 28 Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. MS3 registration - spring opens.

**November**
- 3 Tuesday, 1:00 p.m. MS3 registration for spring closes.
- 7 Saturday, MS3 End section 43
- 9 Monday, MS3 Begin section 44
- 26 Thursday – Sunday (Nov. 25th) – Begin Thanksgiving, student holiday
- 30 Monday, Classes resume

**December**
- 10 Thursday, MS3 End QMDM I – Med Stats
- 11 Friday, MS3 fall term end section 44
- 12 Saturday, Winter Break begins

### Spring Term 2021

**January**
- 1 Friday, New Year’s Day – student holiday observed
- 4 Monday, Research Resumes
- 4 Monday, Begin QMDM II - EBM
- 18 Monday, Martin Luther King, Jr., student holiday

**March**
- TBD Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. – Tuesday, 1:00 p.m., Registration for MS3, summer

**April**
- 9 Friday, End QMDM II - EBM
- 9 Friday, End Spring term

### Summer Term 2021

**May**
- 31 Monday, Memorial Day holiday – student holiday observed

**July**
- 5 Monday, Independence Day, student holiday observed

**August**
- 6 Friday, SoM Annual Medical Student Research Symposium - MANDATORY ATTENDANCE

The thesis due date is dependent on the approved start date and track (10, 11, 12 month). Third year start dates and thesis deadlines must be approved PRIOR to the third year registration form due date.

**Research Ethics due 30 days after start date**
**FOURTH YEAR**

**COURSE DIRECTOR NOTE:** Grades are due within 4 weeks of the last day of class for each section

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### Summer Term 2020

#### March
- 11-17: Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. – Tuesday, 1:00 p.m.  
  Registration for rising MS4, summer *(dates subject to change)*

#### April
- 1-7: Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. – Tuesday, 1:00 p.m.  
  Registration for rising MS4, fall
- 8: Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. – Drop/Add for Fall opens. *(dates subject to change)*
- 20: Monday, Begin classes in sections 81, 41

#### May
- 16: Saturday, 12:00 noon – End classes in section 41
- 18: Monday, Begin classes in section 42
- 25: Monday, Memorial Day holiday – student holiday

#### June
- 2: Tues., 1:00 p.m. – Drop/Add Ends for summer, sections 82, 43, 44 *(MS4)*
- 13: Saturday, 12:00 noon, End classes in sections 81, 42
- 15: Monday, Begin classes in sections 82, 43

### Fall Term 2020

#### August
- 24: Monday, MS4 Begin section 41, section 81, Capstone

#### September
- 7: Monday, Labor Day, student holiday
- 18: Saturday, MS4 End section 41
- 21: Monday, MS4 Begin section 42
- 25: Friday, MS4, GRADES FOR 41 ARE DUE

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### October
- 2: Drop/add, fall, Sections 82, 43, 44 *(MS4)*
- 17: Saturday, MS4 End section 42, 81
- 19: Monday, MS4 Begin 43, 82
- 28: Wednesday, 8:30 a.m., MS4 registration opens for spring

### November
- 3: Tuesday, 1:00 p.m. Reg. Ends Tues, 1:00 p.m.
- 4: Wed., 8:30 a.m., MS4 Drop/Add for spring opens
- 14: Saturday, MS4 End section 43
- 16: Monday, MS4 Begin section 44
- 26: Thursday – Sunday (29th) – Begin Thanksgiving, student holiday
- 30: Monday, Classes Resume

### December
- 12: Saturday, MS4 End sections 44, 82
- 12: Saturday, Winter Break begins
- 18: Friday, 1:00 pm, MS4 on-line Drop/Add for spring, sections 81, 41 and 42 Ends

### Spring Term 2021

#### January
- 1: Friday, New Year’s Day – student holiday
- 4: Monday, MS4 Begin sections 41, 81
- 18: Monday, Martin Luther King, Jr., student holiday
- 30: Saturday, End section 41

#### February
- 1: Monday, Begin section 42
- 6: Saturday, Drop/Add period for spring, sections 82, 43, 44 closes. *(MS4) *43 Capstone required
- 27: Saturday, End sections 42 and 81

#### March
- 1: Monday, Begin section 43 – CAPSTONE - Mandatory
- 19: Friday, MS4 MATCH DAY
- 26: Friday, MS4 End section 43, CAPSTONE
- 29: Monday, Begin section 44

#### April
- 24: Saturday, MS4 End section 44

#### May
- 5: Wednesday, ALL MS4 Grades Due (to clear students for Graduation)
- 7 – 9: Friday through Sunday, Graduation Activities

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**NOTE:** ALL GRADES MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR BY SPECIFIED DATE IN ORDER FOR STUDENTS TO BE APPROVED FOR GRADUATION  
*(Calendar and Registration dates are Subject to Change)*
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### Approved School of Medicine Holidays for Medical Students - *(subject to change)*

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