

13.0 ATTENDANCE

- 13.1 Attendance is required at all scheduled course activities unless they are specifically designated as optional. The Policy for Student Work Hours During Elective Coursework shall apply to all electives taken in Years Three and Four.
- 13.2 Only students enrolled in an extended elective course will be released on Thursday afternoon to participate in extended elective course activities. Extended elective sessions will be held ONLY on Thursday afternoon. It is the student's responsibility to inform faculty that s/he is enrolled in an extended elective and arrange schedules accordingly to be released on Thursday afternoon. There are some courses, which do not grant time off on Thursday afternoon, and this is so noted in the course description. This policy applies to elective courses in or near Springfield only, and does not apply to required courses or such as Doctoring and Medical Humanities.
- 13.3 Ample time has been built into the elective year to allow students to arrange interviews for residency programs without interfering with their elective course work. It is expected that students will schedule their residency **interviews during vacation weeks**.
- 13.4 **Medical Absences:** Students will be excused from elective activities to seek needed medical care after notification and approval of the appropriate supervising elective faculty or his/her designee.
- 13.5 **Non-Emergency Absences:** Elective course faculty may approve brief absences during their elective, but are not required to do so. Any request must be made in advance, and with as much notice as possible. At the discretion of the faculty, students may be required to make up any missed work and/or be assigned additional work in order to receive credit for the elective.
- 13.6 Unexcused absences, excessive absences, or failure to complete required make-up work may result in an **unsatisfactory grade or reduced credit for the course**.
- 13.7 **No interviews can be scheduled during required Clerkships (Doctoring / Medical Humanities).**