

# YEAR FOUR ORIENTATION

*WELCOME*  
*Class of 2020*



**SIU** MEDICINE  
FORWARD. FOR YOU.

# PURPOSE OF THE 4<sup>TH</sup> YEAR



- Explore your interests
- Strengthen your knowledge, clinical skills and clinical reasoning
- Prepare for residency
- Broaden your education



# OUTLINE

- 30 weeks of elective credit
- 4 week Intensive Clinical Experience
  - **Additional ICE** may be required of deferral students
- 4 weeks Basic Science Electives
- Electives in 3 clinical areas
- Doctoring Year 4
- Y4 Geriatrics
- Doctoring Mentoring Activities
- USMLE Step 2 (CK and CS)
- Residency Applications / Interviews





# THE RULES!





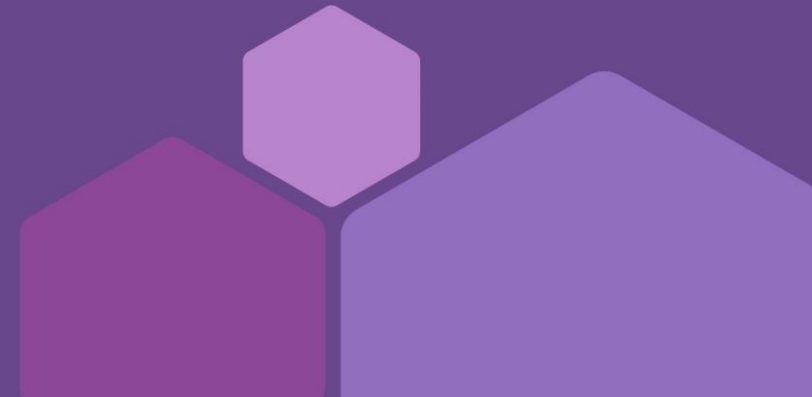
- **NO INTERVIEWING DURING  
MED HUM / Doctoring Week**
- **SCHEDULE INTERVIEWS FOR  
VACATION TIME**



# Time Requirements in Y4

- 45.0 weeks = Time available in Y4
- 30.0 weeks = Required Elective Credit  
(20 On-Campus Credit)
- 1.0 week = Required MED HUM / Doc Clerkship

**14 weeks = Open Time**



# PITFALLS TO AVOID

- **Prerequisites:**

- Notify faculty “X” weeks before
- “Successful completion of .....
- Not checking these things and following through may cause you last minute changes

- **Absences / Time Off:**

- Communicate! If you need time off or have an unplanned absence for an elective, discuss with **faculty** far in advance, come with a plan to make it up.
- No absence line in Y4, work with course faculty and staff directly.
- Holidays – Are at the discretion of the faculty.

# PITFALLS TO AVOID



- Retake elective only with permission / No waiting list
- Graduation Requirements
- Evaluations: no credit until done

- **YOUR RESPONSIBILITY!**





# PITFALLS TO AVOID

- Satisfactory with decreased weeks of credit
- Incomplete (must be completed before April—or converts to Unsatisfactory)
- Unsatisfactory-stays on transcript and triggers review by most medical licensing boards (ie. delays licensure for residency and practice each time you apply!)

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- **PLAN TO TAKE CPR/BLS AND POSSIBLY ACLS BEFORE YOU START RESIDENCY**
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# Getting Ready for Year Four



# ELECTIVES



## 30 Weeks of Credit

- 20 Weeks - On-Campus Credit
- 12 Weeks of “Core” Credit
  - 4 Weeks each in 3 Core Clinical Departments
    - (FCM, IM, OBGYN, Neuro, Peds, Psych, & Surgery)
  - 1 (4-week rotation) – ICE\* – from the list
    - Additional ICE may be required of deferral students
- 4 Weeks of Basic Science Elective
- *\*ICE CAN count toward 1 of 3 “Cores”*



# ELECTIVES



## Vary in Length:

- Full time (1 credit for each week)
- Half-Time: AM/PM (0.5 credit for each week)
- Extended (consecutive Thursday PMs)  
(1 block = 5 weeks = 0.5 credit)



# ELECTIVES

- **Catalog (Traditional, ICE, or BSE)**
  - Approx. 180 electives offered
- **Individually-Designed Electives**
  - IDE -- Not in the Catalog – something YOU design
- **Extramural Electives**
  - “Away” Electives – other LCME schools
- **Travel to Foreign Countries:**
  - Electives requiring travel to foreign countries will not be added to your schedule until you have completed a required meeting with the Associate Dean for Student Affairs **AT LEAST** six weeks prior to the start date. No credit will be given if this requirement is not fulfilled by the deadline.

# BEFORE YOU REGISTER.....



- Read
  - “Helpful Hints”
  - “Student Misconceptions”
- Review List of Electives:
  - Note the ones you think might be of interest
  - Read the course descriptions in the Catalog
  - Check out past Student Feedback

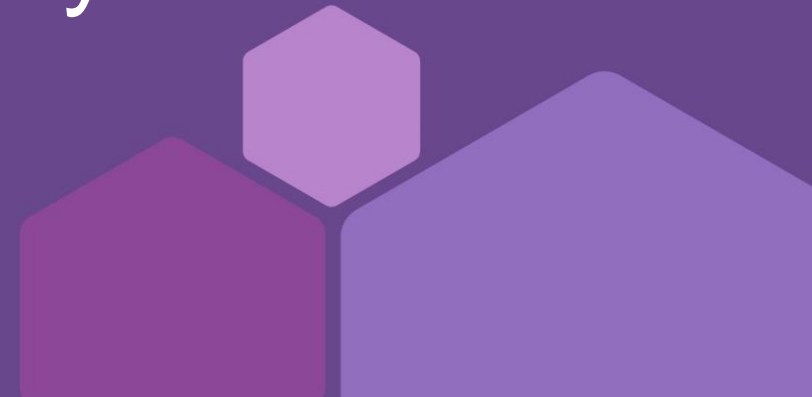


# Before you Register.....

**Make a list of all the electives you'd like to take**

**Meet with your advisor by April 19**

Career Advisors can be your Y4 Elective Advisors; still note on the link to whom will be your advisor in the fourth year.





# PATHWAYS

- FCM, IM, OB/GYN, Pathology, PEDS, PSYCH
- Community Outreach and Education
- Surgery: Ortho, General, Plastic, ENT
- 12 weeks (non-consecutive)
  - 4 ICE; 4 basic science; 4 elective

# REGISTRATION PROCESS





- **Complete Registration Online**

1. Registration for your **Top 3** elective choices will open at 3pm on **April 26** and close at 8am on April 29.
2. Registration for ALL remaining electives will open at 5pm on **May 3** and close at 8am on May 6.



# IMPORTANT DEADLINES



## April 19:

- Deadline for students to have met with their advisor

## April 26 (3pm):

- Registration opens for selection of Top 3 Elective choices

# Important Deadlines



**May 3 (5pm):**

**Registration opens for all remaining elective choices**

**May 10:**

**Student Schedules will be available online  
Open Enrollment Ends**

## IMPORTANT DEADLINES (THROUGHOUT THE YEAR)

- **Add/Drop: 1 week before start date**
- **IDE: 3 weeks in advance of start date**
- **Extramural: 3 weeks in advance of start date (this is in addition to applying on VSLO)**



**Note: Be sure to have paperwork completed and necessary signatures**

*(Forms available on website or outside Cherie's office)*

# BE SURE TO.....

- Check your student mailbox every 2-3 days when in town.
- Check email daily – here or away
- You are responsible for information sent via email.

# BE SURE TO.....

- Read and follow the Year Four
- Policies & Procedures
- **All forms & pertinent documents online**  
[Y4 Webpage Class 2020](#)







## Contact

- **Emily Lane, MSW, LCSW – Y4 Curriculum Director**
- **Chris Reavis – Y4 Curriculum Coordinator**
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# *QUESTIONS*

