MD Core Educational Program: Graduation Requirements

Pre-clinical

MS1 year

- Learning Communities 1
- Intro to Clinical Medicine (ICM 1)
- Patient Doctor & Society (PDS)
- Fundamentals
- Cardiovascular
- Pulmonary
- Gastrointestinal
- Renal

MS2 year

- Learning Communities 2
- Intro to Clinical Medicine (ICM 2)
- Neurosciences
- Musculoskeletal/Skin
- Endocrine
- Reproductive Health
- Hematology
- Evidence-Based Medicine

Clinical

MS3 year

- Learning Communities 3
- Medicine clerkship (8 weeks)
- Surgery clerkship (8 weeks)
- OB/GYN clerkship (8 weeks)
- Pediatrics clerkship (8 weeks)
- Scholarly clerkship Activity (8 weeks)
- Neurology clerkship (4 weeks)
- Psychiatry clerkship (4 weeks)
- Family Medicine clerkship (4 weeks)
- Clinical Skills Assessment (Must Pass)
**MS4 year**

- Learning Communities 4
- Medicine Acting Internship (4 weeks)
- Ambulatory Acting Internship (4 weeks)
- Surgery/Critical Care Acting Internship (4 weeks)
- Preparation for Residency (2 weeks)
- Electives (22 weeks) 
  Electives may be completed in a standard 2-4 week format, co-enrolled format (max 4 weeks), 3rd year elective format, and/or Teaching Associate format (max 4 weeks).

**Special Topics**

- Students must successfully complete 4 weeks of Special Topics. Beginning after the MS1 year is successfully completed, there are multiple weeks allotted solely for Special Topic courses.
- Special Topics requirements may vary in joint and dual degree programs

**USMLE Exam Requirements**

- **Step 1** Must be taken before beginning 3rd year clerkships.
- **Step 2 Clinical Knowledge (CK)** Must be passed in order to graduate
- **Step 2 Clinical Skills (CS)** Must be passed in order to graduate

**Joint and Dual Degree Programs**

**MD-MPH PROGRAM**

[http://www.soph.uab.edu/md_mph_program](http://www.soph.uab.edu/md_mph_program)

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<td>Requirements: 42 SOPH hours</td>
<td>• FM clerkship – 1st block of MS3 year (May) •</td>
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<td>Minimum 30 SOPH hours</td>
<td>Ambulatory AI – 2nd block of MS3 year (June):</td>
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<td>Possible 12 hours credit from SOM courses</td>
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<td>• EBM (MS2 course) – 2 credit hours</td>
<td><strong>Ambulatory AI requirement (Ambulatory AI waived)</strong></td>
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<td>• Scholarly Activity (MS3 course) – 8 credit hours</td>
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<td>• SOM electives (per SOPH) 2 credit hours</td>
<td>(July and August): <strong>Scholarly Activity follows SOPH internship. Scholarly Activity project must be a public health research activity/focus.</strong></td>
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MD-MBA PROGRAM

Faculty contact: Majd Zayzafoon, MD, PhD (mzayzafoon@uab.edu)

Program can be completed in 4 or 5 years
Requirements: 30 School of Business hours, with possible 3 credit hours from SOM course [E.g., Health Care Systems co-enrolled elective (Will Ferniany)]

MSTP (Medical Scientist Training Program)

Contacts: Randy Seay (rseay@uab.edu)

Preclinical Curriculum:
• Overlapping GBS courses, no SOM exemptions
• Special Topics requirement (2 weeks) – course per MSTP (STP2043 – Survival Skills for Physician Scientists)

Clinical Curriculum:
• Clerkships unchanged except Family Medicine clerkship is not required
• No Scholarly Activity requirement
• 2 AIs (Medicine + any other AI)
• 4 weeks of electives (strongly encouraged to take Family Medicine elective before students enter research phase)
• If time available, extra electives possible

Oral Maxillofacial Surgery Program (OMFS)

Contact: Patrick Louis, DDS, MD (plouis@uab.edu)

• Dental school graduates enter the SOM clinical curriculum after 1 year of surgical residency
• Clinical curriculum unchanged except no Scholarly Activity requirement
Overview of differences in core GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS for M.D. DEGREE VS. JOINT/DUAL DEGREE PROGRAMS

Students in dual degree programs/special tracks should refer to the specific graduation requirements for that specific degree program or track.

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<td>The following AIs are required in the regular M.D. Program (4 weeks each, for a total of 12 weeks of required AI credit):</td>
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