I. POLICY

Class Rank

II. PURPOSE

This policy outlines the guidelines for calculating and using class rank for the Doctor of Medicine (MD) program.

III. RESPONSIBLE PARTY AND REVIEW CYCLE

The Assessment, Learning Outcomes, and Evaluation (ALOE) team will review and update annually with input from the Curriculum Policy Subcommittee. Final approval will be obtained from the Medical Education Committee.

IV. ACCREDITATION REFERENCES

SACSCOC 12.3 Student Rights

V. DESCRIPTION

Class rank is based on performance during the Pre-clerkship and Clerkship Phases of the program. Guidelines for calculating rank are as follows:

Included Scores

- For MD2027
  - For Pre-clerkship Phase -- Intro to Organ Systems (IOS), Hormones and Reproductive Health (HRH), Heart Lung Kidney (HLK) and Brain Mind and Behavior (BMB) course grades
  - For Clerkship Phase -- core clerkship domain grades
- For MD2024, MD2025, and MD2026
  - Second semester M1 module grades
  - M2 module or course grades
  - M3 six core clerkship (family medicine, internal medicine, general surgery, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, psychiatry) domain grades

Assessment Retakes

If a student retook an assessment due to not meeting the standards for passing, the first score will be used in rank calculations. If the first attempt is not available, the last recorded score is used.

Multiple Completions of the Same Module, Course, and/or Clerkship

- If a student repeats or remediates a module, course, and/or clerkship due to not meeting the standards for passing, the first scores will be used in rank calculations.
- If a student repeats a module, course, and/or clerkship due to taking a leave of absence mid-module, course, and/or clerkship, the most recent scores will be used in rank

calculation.

- If a student completes a module or course as a Medical Master (MM) and as an MD student, their most recent scores will be used to calculate rank. (NOTE: This procedure does not apply to students who have waiver status for a specific module or course.)
- If a former MM student has waiver status while enrolled in a module or course, their MM Medical Knowledge scores will be used in lieu of their MD Medical Knowledge scores for that particular module or course.

Quartile Determination

In dividing the class, the number of students in each quartile will be rounded to the nearest whole number of students.

Cohort Used for Class Rank

- If a student is still enrolled at EVMS, they will receive a ranking regardless of their leave of absence status.
- For Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society selection, students will be ranked based on the graduating cohort for the academic year during which they completed four or more of the core clerkships.

Appropriate Uses of Class Rank

- Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society selection
- Merit-based scholarships and awards
- Medical Student Performance Evaluation

VI. PROCEDURES

MD Class of 2027		
Domain	**Pre-Clerkship Courses (Excluding the first term)**	**Core Clerkships**
Medical Knowledge	Exam percentage scores for IOS, HRH, HLK & BMB	Honors=1 point High Pass=0.5 point Pass=0 points Fail=-1 points
Clinical Evaluation	Average Clinical Skills Assessment (CSA) + Ultrasound (US) Image scores for IOS, HRH, HLK & BMB (as applicable)	
Applied Learning	N/A	
Professionalism	N/A	
Rank Score	All of the above percentage scores are averaged across courses and converted to a 10 point score scale.	Points are averaged across all clerkships and converted to a 10 point score scale.
Overall Rank Score	(0.5 x course rank score) + (0.5 x clerkship rank score)	

MD Class of 2026		
Domain	**Module/Courses (Excluding the first semester)**	**Six Core Clerkships**
Medical Knowledge	Exam percentage scores for M1 & M2 modules/courses	Honors=1 point High Pass=0.5 point Pass=0 points Fail=-1 points
Clinical Evaluation	Average Clinical Skills Assessment (CSA) + Ultrasound (US) Image scores for each M1 & M2 module/course	
Applied Learning	N/A	
Professionalism	N/A	
Rank Score	All of the above percentage scores are averaged across modules/courses and converted to a 10 point score scale.	Points are averaged across all clerkships and converted to a 10 point score scale.
Overall Rank Score	(0.5 x module/course rank score) + (0.5 x clerkship rank score)	

MD Class of 2025		
Domain	**Modules (Excluding the first semester)**	**Six Core Clerkships**
Medical Knowledge	Domain percentage scores for M1 & M2 modules	Honors=1 point High Pass=0.5 point Pass=0 points Fail=-1 points
Clinical Evaluation	Average CSA + US scores (i.e., Lab scanning and OSCE) for each M1 & M2 module	
Applied Learning	Domain percentage scores for M1 modules	
Professionalism	N/A	
Rank Score	All of the above percentage scores are averaged across modules and converted to a 10 point score scale.	Points are averaged across all clerkships and converted to a 10 point score scale.
Overall Rank Score	(0.5 x module rank score) + (0.5 x clerkship rank score)	

MD Class of 2024		
Domain	**Modules (Excluding the first semester)**	**Six Core Clerkships**
Medical Knowledge	Domain percentage scores for M1 & M2 modules	Honors=1 point High Pass=0.5 point Pass=0 points Fail=-1 points
Clinical Evaluation	Average CSA + US scores (i.e., Lab scanning and OSCE) for each M1 & M2 module	
Applied Learning	Domain percentage scores for M1 & M2 modules	
Professionalism	N/A	
Rank Score	All of the above percentage scores are averaged across modules and converted to a 10 point score scale.	Points are averaged across all clerkships and converted to a 10 point score scale.
Overall Rank Score	(0.5 x module rank score) + (0.5 x clerkship rank score)	

VII. RELATED POLICIES AND/OR REGULATIONS

Clerkship Phase Assessment and Grading Policy
Pre-clerkship Phase Assessment and Grading Policy
Professionalism and Expectations for Students' Professional Behavior Policy

VIII. HISTORY OF APPROVALS AND UPDATES

The following list documents policy approvals and updates by oversight authority, date, and summary of changes. This policy is housed on the MD Student Handbook webpage.

- On July 23, 2020, the Medical Education Committee approved the update to rank calculation procedures for Pre-clerkship Phase module grades due to transition to domain-based grading and COVID-19 disruption.
- On September 18, 2020, the Medical Education Committee approved the update to clarify the cohort used for class rank.
- On July 14, 2021, the Medical Education Committee approved the update to include the MD Class of 2025 and to remove the excluded scores section and the Professionalism component from the module calculations (MD Class of 2023 & 2024).
- On June 8, 2022, the Medical Education Committee approved the update to remove MD Class of 2022.
- On Dec 14, 2022, the Medical Education Committee approved the update to include MD Class of 2026.
- On May 10, 2023, the Medical Education Committee approved the update to include MD Class of 2027 (including clarification of changes for this cohort due to the curriculum redesign) and remove MD Class of 2023.