

## **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 Director of Assessment 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 phase of the program. Guidelines for calculating rank are as follows:

### **Included Scores**

- Second semester M1 module grades
- First and second semester M2 module 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 first attempt is not available, the last recorded score will be used.

### **Multiple Completions of the Same Module/Clerkship:**

- If a student repeats or remediates a module/clerkship due to not meeting the standards for passing, the first scores will be used in rank calculations.
- If a student repeats a module/clerkship due to taking a leave of absence mid-module/ clerkship, the most recent scores will be used in rank calculation.
- If a student completes a module 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.)
- If a former MM student has waiver status while enrolled in a module, their MM Medical Knowledge domain score will be used in lieu of their MD Medical Knowledge domain score for that particular module.

**Quartile Determination (MD 2021 & MD 2022)**

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:**

- Students will receive a ranking regardless of their Leave of Absence status.
- For Junior and Senior 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.
- Quartiles documented in the Medical Student Performance Evaluation are based on Senior Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society rankings

**Appropriate Uses of Class Rank**

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

**VI. PROCEDURES**

<b>MD Class of 2025</b>		
<b>Domain</b>	<b>Modules (Excluding the first semester)</b>	<b>Six Core Clerkships</b>
<b>Medical Knowledge</b>	Domain percentage scores for M1 & M2 modules	Honors=1 point High Pass=.5 point Pass=0 points Fail=-1 points
<b>Clinical Evaluation</b>	Average Clinical Skills Assessment (CSA) + Ultrasound (US) scores (i.e., Lab scanning and Objective Structured Clinical Examination [OSCE]) for each M1 & M2 module	
<b>Applied Learning</b>	Domain percentage scores for M1 & M2 modules	
<b>Professionalism</b>	N/A	
<b>Rank Score</b>	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
<b>Overall Rank Score</b>	(0.5 x module rank score) + (0.5 x clerkship rank score)	

<b>MD Class of 2024</b>		
<b>Domain</b>	<b>Modules (Excluding the first semester)</b>	<b>Six Core Clerkships</b>
<b>Medical Knowledge</b>	Domain percentage scores for M1 & M2 modules	Honors=1 point High Pass=.5 point Pass=0 points Fail=-1 points
<b>Clinical Evaluation</b>	Average CSA + US scores (i.e., Lab scanning and OSCE) for each M1 & M2 module	
<b>Applied Learning</b>	Domain percentage scores for M1 & M2 modules	
<b>Professionalism</b>	N/A	
<b>Rank Score</b>	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
<b>Overall Rank Score</b>	(0.5 x module rank score) + (0.5 x clerkship rank score)	

<b>MD Class of 2023</b>		
<b>Domain</b>	<b>Modules (Excluding the first semester; excluding Skin, Muscle, and Bone* and the Gastrointestinal System and Metabolism* modules due to disruption to the curriculum by COVID-19; converting General Mechanisms of Disease grades into domain scores)</b>	<b>Six Core Clerkships</b>
<b>Medical Knowledge</b>	Domain percentage scores for M1 & M2 modules	Honors=1 point High Pass=.5 point Pass=0 points Fail=-1 points
<b>Clinical Evaluation</b>	Average CSA + US scores (i.e., Lab scanning and OSCE) for each M1 & M2 module	
<b>Applied Learning</b>	Domain percentage scores for M1 & M2 modules	
<b>Professionalism</b>	N/A	
<b>Rank Score</b>	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
<b>Overall Rank Score</b>	(0.5 x module rank score) + (0.5 x clerkship rank score)	

\*Medical Knowledge scores will be included for students with waivers.

<b>MD Class of 2022</b>		
	<b>Modules (Excluding the first semester; excluding Multisystem Disorders due to disruption to curriculum by COVID-19)</b>	<b>Clerkships</b>
<b>M1/M2: Overall Score</b>	Overall score for each module averaged across M1 & M2	Honors=1 point High Pass=.5 point Pass=0 points Fail=-1 points
<b>M3: Applied Learning Clinical Evaluation Medical Knowledge Professionalism</b>		
<b>Rank Score</b>	Overall score 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
<b>Overall Rank Score</b>	(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).