

Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy

Scope

Applies to all Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine (MCASOM) students and staff when determining academic progress and graduation requirements.

Purpose

To establish the criteria for satisfactory academic progress and the graduation requirements for the M.D. degree.

To enable students to successfully complete training leading to the M.D. degree within four traditional academic years.

Policy

- MCASOM students are expected to make continuous and successful academic and professional progress toward [graduation requirements](#) for the M.D. degree.
- MCASOM will monitor students' academic and professional performance through items including, but not limited to:
 - Grades recorded.
 - Student assessments (e.g. performance and narrative assessments).
 - Timely passage of United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) Step 1 and Step 2 CK (clinical knowledge) according to the [USMLE Requirements Policy](#).

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- The Student Promotion and Assessment Review Committee (SPARC) will review students' academic progress (including academic performance and timely completion of all requirements) on a biannual basis, and additionally as needed.
- Academic deficiencies will be addressed according to the [Deficiencies and Unsatisfactory Progress Policy](#) and the [Warning, Probation, Dismissal, and Appeal Policy](#).
- MCASOM students must complete their M.D. degree within four years.
 - Up to a total of an additional 2 years are permitted for personal and/or medical leave of absence with approval from the Office of Student Affairs.
 - Students exceeding 6 total years (inclusive of personal and/or medical leave of absence) will be referred to SPARC for review.
- Time away from the curriculum is permitted for academic leave of absence, with approval from the Office of Academic Affairs according to the [External Academic Program Policy](#).

Policy Notes

N/A

Related Procedures

[Warning, Probation, Dismissal, and Appeal Procedure](#)

Related Documents

[Deficiencies and Unsatisfactory Progress Policy](#)

[External Academic Program Policy](#)

[Grading Policy](#)

[Graduation Requirements \(MCASOM Webpage\)](#)

[United States Medical Licensing Examinations \(USMLE\) Requirements Policy](#)

[Warning, Probation, Dismissal and Appeal Policy](#)

Definitions

[United States Medical Licensing Examination \(USMLE\)](#): A three-step examination for medical licensure in the United States and is sponsored by the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) and the National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME).

References

[USMLE Frequently Asked Questions](#)

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