



**MS3 GRADING
POLICIES
LLUSM
CLASS OF 2027**

GRADING AND REMEDIATION

Clerkship grades are a combination of clinical performance and medical knowledge assessments, with an intentional emphasis being given to clinical performance. Grades used by the Academic Review Committee for determining academic promotion and retention in the clinical years are reported as Satisfactory, Marginal Pass, In Progress, and Unsatisfactory. Students should receive notification of their grade from each clerkship within six weeks of clerkship completion.

At the request of the Clerkship Implementation Committee, the Curriculum Committee has approved the use of “Honors and High Pass” Distinctions. These are not placed on the student’s official transcript but are used on the Medical School Performance Evaluation (MSPE/Deans Letter) which will be seen by prospective program directors during the residency match. In order to achieve an honors or high pass distinction a student must pass all sections of the clerkship on the first attempt (including NBME Shelf Exam, OSCE, Clinical Performance, quizzes, and supplemental clinical assignments). **A student will not be awarded a distinction of honors or high pass if any component of the clerkship must be remediated due to a failure or performance below what is expected for that section (even if the points required to achieve that score is met).

Clinical students must receive their end of clerkship/course grades within four weeks of the clerkship completion. If grades are not submitted within four weeks, the clerkship director and chair of the department will be contacted, as all clerkship grades must be received within six weeks of clerkship completion without exception.

To receive a grade of Satisfactory in a clinical course, the student's performance must exceed all course requirements. Which includes:

1. Passing the NBME subject exam (passing is determined by scoring at or above the 7th percentile nationally) on first attempt,
AND
2. Receiving a full pass on all clinical evaluations
3. Satisfactorily completing any required skills/patient logs, simulations, and OSCEs
4. Demonstrate acceptable non-cognitive behavior
5. Participate and complete all other requirements according to the standardized grading scale outline

Academic performance is reported as:

- Per University Policy, grades will be reported as In-progress (IP), Marginal Pass (MP), or unsatisfactory (U) on their official transcript. In addition, any Honors (H) or High Pass (HP) distinction will be reported on their Medical School Performance Evaluation (MSPE).
- In addition, student's performance in the senior year clinical performance examination (CPX) and USMLE Step 2 CK will be included in the MSPE.

Your clerkship grade will consist of the following:

Clinical Evaluations <i>based on points from faculty evaluation (clerkship dependent)</i>	OSCE <i>100 points possible</i>	Supplemental Clinical: <i>Prev Med/ Radiology/clerkship choice Professionalism</i>	Clerkship Quizzes- <i>100 points possible</i>	Subject Exam- <i>100 points possible Per-centile compared to national average will be used for the grade, Not percent correct.</i>
25%-2.5	20%-2.0	15%-1.5	15%-1.5	25%-2.5
≥ 80% = pts (2.5)	≥90% (2.0)	≥95% (1.5)	≥ 90% (1.5)	>90% (2.5)
≥ 71%= pts (2.0)	80-89% (1.5)	>90% (1.0)	≥ 80% (1.0)	85-89% (2.25)
≥60%= pts (1.5)	70-79% (1)	≥ 65% (0.5)	≥ 65% (0.5)	80-84% (2)
>50-59%=pts (1.0)	60-69% (0.5)	<65% (0)	<65% (0)	75-79% (1.5)
≤49%= pts (0)	< 60% (0)			65-74% (1.25)
				55-64% (1)
				45-54% (0.75)
				25-44% (0.5)
				7-24% (0.25)
				<6% (0)

DETERMINATION OF CLERKSHIP GRADE

The final clerkship grade is determined by the sum of achieved scores:

Medical Knowledge (40%)

- NBME: 25%
- Quizzes 15%

Clinical Performance (60%)

- Clinical Evals 25% (director to assign point values based on faculty evaluations which take into account narrative assessment in addition to numerical scoring)
- OSCE 20%
- Supplemental Clinical: Integrated courses/clerkship choice: 15% (must have completed all radiology and requirements on time to receive honors)
 - Radiology 5%, PrevMed 5%, Clerkship project/choice 5%
 - Minimum One H&P reviewed by attending (P/F)
 - Minimum SMART Goal to be reviewed at mid-clerkship eval
 - Minimum one practice NBME per clerkship (NEPS requires two)--(paid for by school)

**late assignment(s) or unexcused absence from an assigned clinical experience will affect the likelihood to receive distinction of honors/high pass*

8.5-10	Honors
7.25-8.4	High Pass
3-7.24	Pass
1.6-2.9	Marginal Pass
0-1.5	Fail

Grading Scale 2025-2026

- A. A grade of **In Progress** will be assigned when the student:
- Fails a NBME subject exam on the first attempt, **OR**
 - Cumulatively fails departmental faculty-generated examinations on the first attempt, **OR**
 - Demonstrates substandard clinical performance that the clerkship director judges could be improved if the student spent more time (but less than the full rotation) on the clinical service; **OR**
 - Demonstrates some deficiency(s) in non-cognitive academic performance that the clerkship director judges could be improved if the student spent more time (but less than the full rotation) on the clinical service, **OR**
 - Fails an OSCE/Standardized Patient exam, **OR**
 - Has unfinished course requirements that the clerkship director, in his/her judgment, will allow the student to complete at a later specified time.
- B. A grade of **Marginal Pass** is assigned if the course director judges that the student's performance as met, but not exceeded, minimum course requirements.
- C. A grade of **Unsatisfactory** is assigned if the student:
- Fails both the NBME subject exam **AND** cumulatively fails faculty-generated examinations on the first attempt, **OR**
 - Demonstrates marginally acceptable clinical performance AND fails either the NBME subject exam or any faculty generated exam on the first attempt, **OR**
 - Demonstrates unsatisfactory clinical performance that the clerkship director judges can only be remediated by having the student repeat the entire clinical rotation, **OR**

4. Demonstrates unsatisfactory non-cognitive academic performance that the clerkship director judges can only be remediated by having the student repeat the entire clinical rotation, **OR**
5. Fails to complete any required skills/patient logs required by the clerkship, **OR**
6. Fails to complete any other specific requirements that the clerkship director will not allow the student to finish at a later time, **OR**
7. Fails the NBME subject exam or any faculty generated exam after taking the exam a second time to remove a previous grade of In Progress.

Clerkship Distinction Policy

- As stated above, students will be awarded a distinction of 'Honors' or 'High Pass' to their passing grade on a clerkship if they are able to meet the requirements for that distinction as outlined on the standardized grading schema.
- If a student fails or requires additional supplemental instruction in any area of the clerkship curriculum, they will be disqualified from being awarded honors or high pass distinction. This is most often seen if a student fails on of the NBME shelf exams, but may also occur, but not limited to, when a student failing the OSCE or is required to repeat any supplemental instruction due to unsatisfactory clinical performance.