



TITLE OF POLICY

Grading Policy for TEC 2.0 Foundation Phase Medical Science Courses

PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to establish the grading structure of and standards of advancement for Medical Science courses in the Foundation Phase.

RESPONSIBLE PARTY AND REVIEW CYCLE

Education Committee on an as-needed basis with input from the Foundation Phase Committee.

LCME REFERENCE(S)

LCME 9.6: Setting Standards of Achievement
LCME 9.9: Student Advancement and Appeal Process

HISTORY OF APPROVALS AND UPDATES

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DEFINITION(S)

Medical Science courses: There are three Medical Science courses in each of the three semesters of the Foundation Phase. All students are required to take and pass these nine courses to proceed in the curriculum.

POLICY

A student is expected to meet objectives in all of the Medical Science courses. To pass a course, a student must (1) achieve a score of 70.0 or greater calculated according to the individual assessment weights identified for that course and (2) achieve a score of 65 or greater on National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME) examinations and the narrative assessment in that course. Medical Science Directors reserve the right to revise a passing grade on the basis of egregious or repetitive unprofessional behavior.

- (1) A student who scores 70.0 or greater for the course with a score of 65 or greater on NBME examinations and the narrative assessment and satisfies the attendance requirements receives a grade of **P** (Pass) for a Medical Science course.
- (2) A student who scores below 70.0 for the course receives an initial grade of **IN** (Incomplete) for a Medical Science course and may have the opportunity for remediation during the summer for MS1 courses or during the spring for MS2 courses, contingent upon permission from the Student Progress Committee (SPC). If the SPC permits remediation and the course is successfully completed, the grade of **IN** is converted to **P** for the course. If the course is not successfully completed, the Medical Science course grade is converted to a grade of **F** (Fail) and the student is reviewed by the SPC. Remediation is noted in the Medical Student Performance Evaluation (MSPE).



(3) A student who scores 70.0 or greater for the course but scores below 65 on an NBME examination or the narrative assessment receives a grade of **IN** and is allowed to retake the assessment(s) a maximum of two times. If after the second retake a student fails to score 65 or greater, then the student must complete a two-week targeted review of the course material during the summer (for MS1s) or spring (for MS2s). The targeted review would include both self-study and a minimum of 4 meetings with an assigned tutor during the two-week period. The Medical Science directors, course directors, and OAE will work together to compile the list of self-study materials and a study schedule. Additionally, the student must meet with their college advisor at the completion of the targeted study. This targeted review will not be referenced in the MSPE.

A grade other than **P** prompts review by Medical Science directors and the SPC for the consideration of remediation, which is designed by the Medical Science directors and approved by the SPC. A student may retake up to two incomplete courses in June and/or July following the MS1 spring semester and up to two incomplete courses in January and/or February following the MS2 fall semester if approved by the SPC.

The SPC has the authority and discretion to approve remediation and make recommendations based on a student's individual academic circumstances. A student is eligible for remediation if (1) the SPC permits remediation and (2) no more than 2 courses require remediation in the MS1 year or in the MS2 fall semester.

A failed remediation results in a course grade of **F** and deceleration with a retake of just the failed Medical Science course. Failure to pass a Medical Science course for a third time (original attempt + remediation + retake during deceleration) is grounds for review by the SPC for dismissal.

PROCEDURE(S)

Students receive course grades within 28 days of the end of the course per school policy. The school registrar is responsible for communicating to students when grades can be viewed in the school's evaluation platform.