

First Year Elective Requirement FAQ

1. How many elective credits am I required to take?

Ans: 100 units of elective credit is required in the spring quarter of the first year of medical studies.

2. When selecting my electives through the Electives Survey, are registrations distributed on a first come, first served basis?

Ans: Course selection will be randomized so there is no need to be the first to submit course selection.

3. If I am doing SRP, do I have to take the SRP Preparation elective?

Ans: Yes, all students who do SRP have to be registered for a 50 Unit elective. By completing the SRP application and subsequently being accepted into the program, you will automatically be registered for these units without completing additional paperwork.

The MINIMUM time requirement to satisfy these 50 units includes: 1 hour per week working directly with your faculty mentor, and 4 hours per week of independent study (learning lab techniques, literature review, etc.). Please know that this should be discussed with your mentor, and he/she may have additional time requirements to get you prepared to be successful during the summer.

4. If I'm participating in the Summer Research Program, but want to complete another project, does this independent study project have to be unrelated to my summer research project.

Ans: Yes.

5. How many credits are required to be in Scholarship and Discovery?

Ans: 50 credits of the required 100 credits should be in a scholarly area which can be satisfied EITHER by taking the SRP preparation OR one of the S&D electives which are labeled that way (med ed, health care delivery, community health, global health). The other 50 units can be satisfied by any course listed in the electives online catalog or most courses in the University.

6. Do I have to take a track elective if I am thinking about the S&D track?

Ans: If you are participating in SRP, you do not have to take a track elective. However, if you have a strong interest in a specific track that OFFERS an elective (med ed, health care delivery, community health, global health) you can take that track elective to learn more about the track and to get to know the track leaders.

7. Can I take more than 100 units of electives?

Ans: Yes, you can take as many electives that you feel you can reasonably handle.

8. Can I take a course in another division for the elective requirement?

Ans: Yes, you can, depending on the open seats and prerequisites. Please consider that due to the workload required of the medical school curriculum, the time commitment of one of these courses generally makes it unfeasible.