

Surgery Clerkship Grading Policy

The final course grade will include all of the following factors:

- Clinical Evaluation – 30% of final grade
 - Each month long rotation is assigned a possible 100 points and is worth 15% toward the final grade. Faculty and residents provide a comprehensive report with comments and a consensus point total.
 - Failure on the clinical service constitutes failure for the clerkship and will require remediation with additional clinical ward work.
- NBME Surgery Shelf Exam – 40% of final grade
 - A content outline for the test is available at www.nbme.org. Students are expected to review the course medical knowledge objectives and utilize the required text, clinical ward experiences, problem solving sessions, formal lectures, and WISE-MD modules as study tools. The student is assigned an adjusted percent correct out of 100.
 - A passing score on the NBME Surgery Shelf Exam is 59 or higher.
 - Failure of the online examination results in grade of "U." The student must meet with the Director of Undergraduate Education of the Department of Surgery within one week of notice of a grade of "Unsatisfactory" for the CORE clerkship. The Student Affairs Office will be notified immediately on "Unsatisfactory" grade. Providing performance on the clinical service was satisfactory, a repeat written examination will be offered within a reasonable time period, in accordance with medical school policy. Prior to this examination, tutorial sessions and other necessary counseling may be required at the discretion of the Department of Surgery or the Student Affairs Office. Failure on the repeat written examination is a "Failure" grade for the entire clerkship and can only be remediated by additional clinical ward work and subsequent successful examination performance.
- OSCE examination – 15% of final grade
 - All students will participate in a standardized patient exam, which will take place during the last month of the rotation. The student will receive feedback from the standardized patient and their score out of 100. A passing score of 60 or higher is required to pass the clerkship and those students who fail the exam will need to remediate and retake the exam.
- Weekly quizzes – 10% of final grade
 - All students will be required to complete seven quizzes on the asynchronous lecture material. The quizzes will be given equal weight and averaged for a final score.
- H&P/Monograph/Presentation Assignment – 5% of final grade
 - The assignment will be graded by a faculty member and assigned a final grade out of 30.

Final Grade will be calculated using the following equation: $(0.30) (\text{clinical}) + (0.40) (\text{Shelf exam}) + (0.15) (\text{OSCE}) + (0.10)(\text{quizzes}) + (0.05)(\text{Assignment}) = \text{Final numeric grade}$

The score will be curved and grades assigned as follows:

H – greater than or equal to one standard deviation above the mean

HP –mean to one standard deviation above mean

P –below the mean

No rounding will occur during the year but a year-end review will be completed and grades adjusted at the discretion of the clerkship director.

End of the Year Review

At the end of the academic year, a review is done. In this review an overall mean and standard deviation for the year is calculated. Using this data, the course director will then set the final grade cut-off scores. A student's final grade may be raised based on this review but not lowered. The final cut scores will be applied to all students and based solely on their performance with blinding to their identity.

The minimum passing standard for the overall course grade is greater than or equal to 64.1%.