

First Year (MS1) Block & Exam Schedule 2025-2026

The academic calendar for **first-year** medical students has **34 weeks** (14.5 + 8.5 + 11).

Block	# of Weeks	Dates
FALL QUARTER		Aug. 25 – Dec. 18, 2025
Orientation Week (mandatory attendance)	1	Mon., Aug. 25 – Thurs., Aug. 28
Foundations of Medicine	5	Tues., Sept. 2 – Oct. 3
Foundations of Medicine Final Exam		Oct. 3, 8:00am - 9:50am
Cardiovascular	4	Oct. 6 – Oct. 31
Cardiovascular Midterm Exam		Oct. 17, 8:00 am – 9:50 am
Cardiovascular Final Exam		Oct. 31, 8:00am - 9:50am
Pulmonary	2.5	Nov. 3 – Nov. 18
Anatomy Lab Exam #1 (Thorax)		Wed., Nov. 12, 10:00am – 11:50am
Pulmonary Final Exam		Tues., Nov. 18, 8:00am - 9:50am
Gastrointestinal System & Nutrition (GSN)	3	Thurs., Nov. 20 – Dec. 12
Break		Wed., Nov. 26 – Nov. 30
Gastrointestinal System & Nutrition Midterm Exam		Dec. 5, 8:00 am – 9:00 am
Gastrointestinal System & Nutrition Final Exam		Dec. 12, 8:00am - 9:50am
Progress Week (mandatory attendance)	1	Dec. 15 – Dec. 18, 2025
Holiday Break		Dec. 19, 2025 – Jan. 4, 2026
WINTER QUARTER		Jan. 5 - Mar. 22, 2026
Renal	3	Jan. 5 – Jan. 23
Anatomy Lab Exam #2		Wed., Jan. 14, 10:00am – 11:50am
Renal Final Exam		Jan. 23, 8:00am - 9:50am
Epidemiology Biostatistics and Medical Informatics (EBMI)	1.5	Jan. 26 – Feb. 3
EBMI Final Exam		Tues., Feb. 3, 8:00am - 9:50am
Mind/Brain/Behavior (MBB)	4	Thurs., Feb. 5 – Mar. 6
Anatomy Lab Exam #3 (Head/Neuro)		Wed., Mar. 4, 10:00am – 11:50am
MBB Final Exam		Mar. 6, 8:00am – 9:50am
Progress Week (mandatory attendance)	1	Mar. 9 – Mar. 12
Spring Break		Mar. 13 – Mar. 22
SPRING QUARTER		Mar. 23 – June 11, 2026
Endocrinology/Reproduction/Metabolism (ERM)	3	Mar. 23 – April 10
ERM Final Exam		April 10, 8:00am – 9:50am
Immunology	2	April 13 – April 24
Immunology Final Exam		April 24, 8:00am – 9:50am
Hematology	2	April 27 – May 8
Hematology Final Exam		May 8, 8:00am – 9:50am
Microbiology	4	May 11 – June 5
Anatomy Lab Exam #4 (MSK)		Wed., May 13, 10:00am – 11:50am
Practice of Medicine (POM) Observed Structured Clinical Exam (<i>Students will be assigned to one day</i>)		May 19 & 26, June 1-3
Diagnostics: Histology Exam		Wed., May 20, 10:00am – 11:50am
Diagnostics: Radiology Final Exam (Take Home)		May 27 - 31
Practice of Medicine (POM) Final Exam		Wed., June 3, 10:00am – 11:50am
Microbiology Final Exam		June 5, 8:00am – 9:50am
Progress Week (mandatory attendance)	1	June 8 – June 11
Summer Remediation Exams		Fri., July 10; Fri., July 24; Fri., August 7

Students are enrolled in the following longitudinal courses throughout the academic year:

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| • Anatomy | • Diagnostics |
| • Compassionate Action and Real Community Engagement (CARE) | • Equity in Systems Science (ESS) |
| | • Practice of Medicine (POM) |

The Office of Student Affairs & Undergraduate Medical Education will be closed on the following administrative holidays:

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| • Monday, September 1, 2025 (Labor Day) | • Monday, January 19, 2026 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday) |
| • Tuesday, November 11, 2025 (Veterans Day) | • Monday, February 16, 2026 (Presidents' Day) |
| • Thursday - Friday, November 27 - 28, 2025 (Thanksgiving Holiday) | • Friday, March 27, 2026 (Cesar Chavez Holiday) |
| • Wednesday, December 24, 2025 - Thursday, January 1, 2026 (Campus Holiday Closure) | • Monday, May 25, 2026 (Memorial Day) |