POLICY

BCOM shall provide a curriculum of instruction that encompasses four academic years (eight semesters) of continuous study. Candidates for the degree of Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) shall be required to complete the course of study within that time. An extension may be granted by the Dean for academic remediation or to accommodate an approved personal leave of absence. Such extensions shall not extend the time to degree beyond six years from the first date of matriculation unless otherwise required by statute.

RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL(S):
Dean, Chair Student Performance Committee, VP Enrollment Services

PROCEDURES

1. BCOM shall create and publish a curriculum calendar that identifies the complete course of study required to obtain the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree (DO).

2. Students unable to satisfactorily complete all coursework in any semester may be offered the opportunity to repeat an academic year. This shall include students granted a leave of absence.

3. Students requiring an extension of time to graduation will be placed on a degree plan that will require graduation within six years from their original date of matriculation. Students unable to meet this requirement shall be withdrawn from the College.

4. Subject to regulatory compliance, the Dean of the College shall have final authority in determining any student’s suitability for continued matriculation and approval of any extension of time allowed to complete the course of study leading to the DO degree.

5. Curriculum calendars are subject to annual revisions that may result in modifications to the course of study for any student unable to complete the DO degree program within four academic years of initial matriculation.

6. Exception to this policy may be granted by the Dean for students concurrently enrolled in a secondary, accredited doctoral degree program.

CROSS REFERENCE: