

Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine
Student Handbook 2020-2021
Course Grades

Preclinical Courses (Years One and Two)

Beginning in the fall term of 2020, all first and second year courses are graded as Pass (P) or Fail (F). Final grades are based on attaining designated levels of competency in each graded element of the course as described in each course syllabus. The final overall score determines the grade of Pass/Fail, which is documented in the transcript. Courses that include the acquisition and demonstration of clinical skills may require students to meet minimum competencies in order to complete the course and receive a passing grade. The course syllabus will have information regarding those requirements and should be reviewed at the beginning of the course.

For students who matriculated prior to July 2020, all preclinical systems course grades completed prior to July 2020 are recorded as the earned percent score. Students must earn at least 70% on a scale of 0% to 100% of all available points in order to obtain a passing grade for the course.

Clinical Courses – OMS III and OMS IV

The *Introduction to Clinical Rotations* (ICR) in Year Three and all final course grades for clinical clerkships in Years Three and Four will be graded as Pass (P) or Fail (F). For clerkships designated as *core* by the College, students may earn the grade of Honors (H) if their performance in the core clerkship is in the top 10% of all students completing the clerkship that year. All students tied at the 10% threshold score will be included. Final grades are based upon points accumulated in the clerkship as described in the clerkship syllabus as well as achievement of designated minimum competencies in each student's final evaluation by supervising preceptors.

Final grades in clerkships designated as *elective* will be determined by the preceptor's evaluation of the student and result in a final grade of Pass (P) or Fail (F). A grade of Honors (H) is not available for elective clerkships.

Grade Point Average (GPA)

For students who matriculated July 2019 and thereafter, the College will not provide a grade point average recorded in their student academic record.

For students who matriculated prior to July 2019, numeric grades achieved in Years One and Two are used to calculate and record a GPA for each student. The grade in numerically graded courses are weighted by the number of credit hours for those courses and a composite GPA is calculated and scaled to 100 points. All courses for which a final, numeric grade appears on the official transcript are included in the calculation. For students repeating all or part of an academic term, previously recorded grades will be included with new grades for the same courses. Students repeating their first year with the Class of 2024 will not have a grade point average recorded in their student academic record.

Class Rank

For students who matriculated in July of 2019 or thereafter in the Pass/Fail grading system, no class rank will be provided.

For students who matriculated prior to July of 2019, after determination of final grades upon completion of Year Two, students will be provided a class rank reported by quartile. Class rank is cumulative of all numerically graded work performed at the College that appears on the official transcript. Courses for which a grade of Pass (P), Fail (F), Honors (H) or any other letter grade designation are not included in the GPA and, hence, not included in determining class rank.

Grade Appeals

All exams are reviewed for appropriateness, and exam results are analyzed prior to release of official scores.

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Students may only appeal an exam (assessment) score or a course grade if the appeal is based upon an error in score reporting or score calculation, and may not be based on exam content. Appeal is made by written submission to the Office of Pre-Clinical Education's Administrative Assistant within one (1) business day (twenty-four [24] hours) of the posting of the official score/grade. The appeal will be routed to the Associate Dean of Pre-Clinical Education for OMS I and II or to the Associate Dean of Clinical Education for OMS III and IV. Appeals submitted more than one (1) business day (twenty-four [24] hours) after posting of the score will not be considered. The Associate Dean for Pre-Clinical Education or the Associate Dean for Clinical Education shall make a final determination upon consultation with appropriate faculty. If an appeal is deemed to have merit, the student's exam score(s) will be recalculated, and that score posted as the final score.