

ELECTIVE GUIDELINES

-Students need to complete **7 electives** in the 4th year in order to graduate.

-Four of these 7 electives can be done **outside** of the BUSM system.

-Students can do **no more than 16 weeks** in one subspecialty.

-Please go to the Registrar's website for information regarding:

a)BUSM elective options:

<http://www.bumc.bu.edu/busm/education/registrar-office/fourth-year-elective-catalogue/>.

b)Requesting an outside rotation, you will need to complete an Extramural Elective form:

<http://www.bumc.bu.edu/busm/files/2017/06/Extramural-Elective-Form-Final.pdf>

c) Creating a research elective, you will need to complete a Research Approval form:

<http://www.bumc.bu.edu/busm/files/2015/07/research-elective-approval-form-July-14-2015.pdf>

d) Creating an elective at BUSM, you will need to work with a faculty member and complete an Elective Approval Form:

<http://www.bumc.bu.edu/busm/files/2015/07/research-elective-approval-form-July-14-2015.pdf>

SUGGESTED ELECTIVE ROTATIONS PER SPECIALTY BASED ON STUDENT AND FACULTY INPUT

There are no specific electives that students need to complete prior to graduating. Students choose electives based on various criteria including specialty interest and seeking letters of recommendation for their ERAS application; away electives to get a better sense of a program and “audition”; enhancing one’s skills in a perceived area of deficit; conducting QI research with a faculty member; or choosing an elective that one thinks will be interesting and may never get the chance to do again (e.g., pediatric cardiology for a student applying into urology). Below is a list of suggested electives per specialty that may be useful to consider. This list was formulated from input from students, residency directors at BMC, and faculty.

Please discuss your elective options with your FSA and choose electives that best serve your needs and career interests.

Anesthesia

- SICU
- Cardiology
- Ultrasound

Emergency Medicine

(Typically, students applying in this specialty do 1-2 away electives. Please note that many of the away rotations are off-schedule which may require using a vacation block to make the schedules align)

- SICU/MICU
- Anesthesia
- Orthopedics
- Ophthalmology
- Dermatology
- Medicine Subspecialties such as Cardiology, Palliative Care, Heme/Onc, Infectious Disease

Family Medicine

- HART-IM: an integrative medicine elective in California
- Nutrition
- Dermatology
- Radiology
- QI
- Sports Medicine
- Addiction Medicine
- Adolescent Medicine
- Renal
- Maternal Child Health
- FM Advanced Outpatient elective

- FM 360 elective (still waiting for approval from the electives subcommittee)
- ICM teaching elective

Internal Medicine

- Renal
- Cardiology
- Pulmonary
- GI
- ID
- Heme
- Psychosomatic Medicine (essentially a psych sub-I)
- Ultrasound Elective
- MICU
- Correctional health elective (not during interview season, because you have to turn in your phone at the door)
- Dermatology
- ICM teaching elective
- Creating a teaching module in Medicine- work with IM faculty
- ED
- International health opportunities. I (WH) oversee the formal Exchange Program we have with Hadassah Medical School in Israel. We pay for students' airfare and provide free housing.

Neurology

- Stroke service
- Epilepsy
- Headache

OB/GYN

- Surgical Subspecialty
- QI
- Maternal Child Health
- Sexual Assault and Trauma-Informed Care
- Substance Use Disorder in Pregnancy
- SICU or MICU
- NICU
- Anesthesia
- Endocrine/Diabetes/Nutrition
- Anatomy

Ophthalmology

- BU Ophthalmology rotation
- Dermatology
- ENT
- Neuro Radiology
- Clinical Research Elective
- ID
- Rheumatology

Orthopedic Surgery

- Primary Care Sports Medicine
- MSK Radiology

Otolaryngology

- Anesthesia
- SICU
- Plastics
- Interventional Radiology
- ER
- Trauma Service
- Neuro Radiology

Pathology

- Forensic Pathology
- Diagnostic Pathology
- Radiology
- Genome Editing and the Future of Medicine
- Research

Pediatrics

- Adolescent Medicine
- Dermatology
- Sleep Medicine Elective: Particularly useful if interested in complex care.

- Pediatric ID
- Pediatric GI
- Pediatric Radiology
- Family Planning
- Breastfeeding
- ENT
- Sexual Assault and Trauma-Informed Care

Psychiatry

- Psychosomatic Medicine
- Addiction psychiatry
- Outpatient neurology
- Emergency medicine
- Medical advocacy (if interested in advocacy and social determinants of health)

Radiology

- Neuroradiology elective at BMC (lots of opportunity to join research projects)
- Psychosomatic Medicine
- ED Ultrasound
- Research elective

Surgery

- Mozden service (surgical oncology)
- Thoracic
- Plastics
- Trauma Service
- SICU
- Anatomy
- Anesthesia
- Minimal Invasive Surgery
- Colorectal Surgery
- Surgery Bootcamp

Urology

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- Emergency Renal Ultrasound
- Renal Pathology
- SICU
- Anatomy