



## **I. POLICY**

Class Rank

## **II. PURPOSE**

This policy outlines the guidelines for calculating and using class rank for the Doctor of Medicine (MD) program.

## **III. RESPONSIBLE PARTY AND REVIEW CYCLE**

The Assessment, Learning Outcomes, and Evaluation (ALOE) team will review and update annually with input from the Curriculum Policy Subcommittee. Final approval will be obtained from the Medical Education Committee.

## **IV. ACCREDITATION REFERENCES**

SACSCOC 12.3      Student Rights

## **V. DESCRIPTION**

Class rank is based on performance during the Pre-clerkship and Clerkship Phases of the program. Guidelines for calculating rank are as follows:

### **Included Scores**

- For MD2024 and MD2025
  - Second semester M1 module grades
  - M2 module or course grades
  - M3 six core clerkship (family medicine, internal medicine, general surgery, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, psychiatry) domain grades

### **Assessment Retakes**

If a student retook an assessment due to not meeting the standards for passing, the first score will be used in rank calculations. If the first attempt is not available, the last recorded score is used.

### **Multiple Completions of the Same Module, Course, and/or Clerkship**

- If a student repeats or remediates a module, course, and/or clerkship due to not meeting the standards for passing, the first scores will be used in rank calculations.
- If a student repeats a module, course, and/or clerkship due to taking a leave of absence mid-module, course, and/or clerkship, the most recent scores will be used in rank calculation.
- If a student completes a module or course as a Medical Master (MM) and as an MD student, their most recent scores will be used to calculate rank. (NOTE: This procedure does not apply to students who have waiver status for a specific module or course.)
- If a former MM student has waiver status while enrolled in a module or course, their MM Medical Knowledge scores will be used in lieu of their MD Medical Knowledge scores for that particular module or course.

### **Quartile Determination**

In dividing the class, the number of students in each quartile will be rounded to the nearest whole number of students.

### **Cohort Used for Class Rank**

- If a student is still enrolled at EVMS, they will receive a ranking regardless of their leave of absence status.
- For Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society selection, students will be ranked based on the graduating cohort for the academic year during which they completed four or more of the core clerkships.

### **Appropriate Uses of Class Rank**

- Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society selection
- Merit-based scholarships and awards
- Medical Student Performance Evaluation

## **VI. PROCEDURES**

<b>MD Class of 2025</b>		
<b>Domain</b>	<b>Modules (Excluding the first semester)</b>	<b>Six Core Clerkships</b>
<b>Medical Knowledge</b>	Domain percentage scores for M1 & M2 modules	Honors=1 point High Pass=0.5 point Pass=0 points Fail=-1 points
<b>Clinical Evaluation</b>	Average CSA + US scores (i.e., Lab scanning and OSCE) for each M1 & M2 module	
<b>Applied Learning</b>	Domain percentage scores for M1 modules	
<b>Professionalism</b>	N/A	
<b>Rank Score</b>	All of the above percentage scores are averaged across modules and converted to a 10 point score scale.	Points are averaged across all clerkships and converted to a 10 point score scale.
<b>Overall Rank Score</b>	(0.5 x module rank score) + (0.5 x clerkship rank score)	
<b>MD Class of 2024</b>		
<b>Domain</b>	<b>Modules (Excluding the first semester)</b>	<b>Six Core Clerkships</b>
<b>Medical Knowledge</b>	Domain percentage scores for M1 & M2 modules	Honors=1 point High Pass=0.5 point Pass=0 points Fail=-1 points
<b>Clinical Evaluation</b>	Average CSA + US scores (i.e., Lab scanning and OSCE) for each M1 & M2 module	
<b>Applied Learning</b>	Domain percentage scores for M1 & M2 modules	
<b>Professionalism</b>	N/A	
<b>Rank Score</b>	All of the above percentage scores are averaged across modules and converted to a 10 point score scale.	Points are averaged across all clerkships and converted to a 10 point score scale.
<b>Overall Rank Score</b>	(0.5 x module rank score) + (0.5 x clerkship rank score)	

## VII. RELATED DOCUMENTS

Clerkship Phase Assessment and Grading Policy  
 Pre-clerkship Phase Assessment and Grading Policy  
 Professionalism and Expectations for Students' Professional Behavior Policy

## VIII. HISTORY OF APPROVALS AND UPDATES

The following list documents policy approvals and updates by oversight authority, date, and summary of changes. This policy is housed on the MD Student Handbook webpage.

- On July 23, 2020, the Medical Education Committee approved the update to rank calculation procedures for Pre-clerkship Phase module grades due to transition to domain-based grading and COVID-19 disruption.
- On September 18, 2020, the Medical Education Committee approved the update to clarify the cohort used for class rank.
- On July 14, 2021, the Medical Education Committee approved the update to include the MD Class of 2025 and to remove the excluded scores section and the Professionalism component from the module calculations (MD Class of 2023 & 2024).

- On June 8, 2022, the Medical Education Committee approved the update to remove MD Class of 2022.
- On Dec 14, 2022, the Medical Education Committee approved the update to include MD Class of 2026.
- On May 10, 2023, the Medical Education Committee approved the update to include MD Class of 2027 (including clarification of changes for this cohort due to the curriculum redesign) and remove MD Class of 2023.
- On October 9, 2024, the Medical Education Committee approved to remove MD 2026 and MD2027 from the policy and retire this policy at the end of AY 24-25 since we are moving to an academic tier designation instead that will be housed in the Holistic Assessment of Medical Students policy.