

STATEMENT 3.4.4 – Statement – Strategies for Choosing Electives

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I. PURPOSE

1. In order to gain approval for your program, it must be broadly based.
2. This is to ensure that you gain a broad range of experience and place an emphasis on areas that suit your personal strengths.
3. In order for your program to be considered broadly based, you must have electives in a minimum of 3 CaRMS entry disciplines **plus** a maximum of 12 weeks of elective time in any one discipline cluster, with the remaining 4 weeks in two other discipline clusters.
4. More variety in your choices is advisable.
5. If you have had areas of weakness in clerkship, you will be counseled by Dr.Viana to address these within your elective block choices.

II. STATEMENT

Elective Discipline Clusters

1. Electives must be from a **minimum of 3 different** discipline clusters.
 2. Students may have a maximum of 12 weeks in any one discipline cluster, with the remaining 4 weeks in two other discipline clusters.
 3. Research will count towards the discipline in which the research is conducted.
- Medicine: general and subspecialties
 - Paediatrics: general and subspecialties
 - Paeds Neurology
 - Psychiatry
 - Clinical Neurological Sciences
 - Medical Oncology
 - Physical Med & Rehab
 - Surgery: general and subspecialties (incl. Paeds surgery)
 - Ophthalmology
 - Otolaryngology
 - Obstetrics & Gynecology
 - Anesthesiology
 - Family Medicine
 - Emergency Medicine
 - Diagnostic Radiology
 - Pathology
 - Nuclear Medicine
 - Laboratory Medicine
 - Radiation Oncology
 - Public Health and Preventive Medicine

Interviews for PGY-1 Positions

1. Students may take the opportunity to have interviews with programs outside London during the designated CaRMS weeks.
2. Should your interview be scheduled during an elective or Integration & Transition classes, you must get permission from your elective supervisor and follow the attendance policies and procedures posted on the UME site.

Call Schedule

1. In planning your program, you should understand that any requirements for call duty must be fulfilled unless call falls during the weekend allotted for travel time between electives.
2. If you accept rotations with call *you will be required to do call*.
3. It is your responsibility to integrate with the service that accepts you or to negotiate with the service directors about alternative arrangements well in advance.

Travel Time

1. The only travel time permitted to and from Clinical Science Electives is the weekend between blocks.

Mail & Email

1. It is **strongly** recommended that students, who will be out of town for an extended period of time, arrange for someone (perhaps a fellow classmate) to pick up mail from their student mailbox. This will help to avoid missing messages of an urgent or otherwise important nature.
2. Please read your Email messages on a regular basis and ensure that your mailbox is always able to receive messages.
3. It is important that you use your "Email for Life" address when you correspond with the UME office. Yahoo, gmail and hotmail email messages may not get through the system filters.
4. The Undergraduate Office assumes no responsibility for students who miss deadlines because they have neglected to read their emails or make arrangements to have the mail picked up from their mailbox.

Students' Contact Number(s)

1. It is very important for the Undergraduate Office to be able to reach you during your elective blocks. Please ensure you update your profile information on single sign on. This may be with regard to future electives, CaRMS match, grades, etc.