

UC Riverside, School of Medicine Policies and Procedures**Policy Title:** Pre-clerkship Phase Scheduled Time**Policy Number:** 950-06-028

Responsible Officer:	Senior Associate Dean, Medical Education
Responsible Office:	Undergraduate Medical Education
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Scope:	This policy applies to the Year 1 and Year 2 Pre-clerkship Program

I. Policy Summary

UCR SOM will clearly define the expectations regarding anticipated scheduled curriculum hours within the pre-clerkship core curriculum.

II. Definitions

Not Applicable

III. Policy Text

- A.** Students in the pre-clerkship phase will have, on average, no more than 24 total contact hours per week of instruction.
- B.** Of those contact hours, **on average**, no more than 10 will be classroom didactic hours, no more than 14 will be other small group, laboratory, clinical contact hours or other **active learning modalities**. Attendance for the 10 classroom didactic hours is strongly encouraged, but not required. Attendance for the remaining contact hours is required.
- C.** The Year 1 and 2 curriculum is designed to have on average a maximum of 24 hours total contact time per week – this includes both required and recommended educational activities. Efforts are made to provide one or more unscheduled afternoons within each 2-week period for self-study. With this scheduling strategy, students should be able to plan their appointments outside of required educational experiences.

IV. Responsibilities

Not Applicable

V. Procedures

- A.** The Medical Education Committee (MEC) is responsible for the curriculum of the medical education program, along with program's administration and leadership. MEC develops and implements policies regarding the amount of time that medical students spend in required activities, including the total number of hours medical students are required to spend during a given week in the pre-clerkship phase of the curriculum.

B. The MEC will regularly review and designate the relative time allocations for each of the individual courses within each term.

VI. Forms and Attachments

Not Applicable

VII. Related Information

Medical Student Handbook
Block Director Handbook

VIII. Revision History

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