

GRADING EXPECTATIONS FOR MEDICAL STUDENT RESEARCH ROTATIONS

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HONORS

1. I expect you to meet the “outstanding” level of performance on all dimensions described in the document “Expectations handout,” which is available under the Downloads section of the LOCOS web page.
2. Be well-prepared for all meetings.
3. *Find ALL the relevant literature and read it without me having me lead you by the nose. “There is no shame in going to the library.”*
4. If you give an oral presentation, make it first-rate. Slides must be perfect and the presentation must be rehearsed.
5. Written materials must be great. Have friends proofread your writing and edit it before giving it to me to read as a “draft.”
6. A 9-to-6 mentality is not consistent with Honors-level performance. Research is not a vacation. Doctoral students in engineering often put in 80-hour weeks doing research. My engineering graduate students do it; so can you. I do not apply a lower standard of work effort to medical students than I do to engineering graduate students. I understand you may not have the quantitative background as an engineering student, but you have the same 24 hours in a day. Your effort should be the same as an outstanding workaholic graduate student in order to get an Honors grade. *Please note that I will examine your lab notebook to determine whether your statement of effort is consistent with your work product; the lab notebook is the ultimate documentation of your work output.*
7. You interact well with everyone during your rotation.

HIGH PASS

1. I expect you to be “outstanding” on at least three of the dimensions of my expectations sheet.
2. You put in 40 hours per week of serious work. *Please note that I will examine your lab notebook to determine whether your statement of effort is consistent with your work product; the lab notebook is the ultimate documentation of your work output.*
3. You interact well with everyone during your rotation.

PASS

1. You do not meet any “outstanding” level of performance on my expectations sheet, but you do not cause any problems with other students or staff in my research group (LOCOS) or Department of Orthopaedic Surgery (including the Orthopaedic Research Laboratories).
2. You show up for all meetings.
3. You put in at least 20 hours of work per week. *Please note that I will examine your lab notebook to determine whether your statement of effort is consistent with your work product; the lab notebook is the ultimate documentation of your work output.*
4. You interact well with everyone during your rotation.

FAIL

1. You cause serious problems getting along with other students or staff in my research group (LOCOS) or Department of Orthopaedic Surgery (including the Orthopaedic Research Laboratories).
2. You fail to meet the requirements for “Pass.”