

Policy 4.1.8 UAMS COM Undergraduate Medical Education
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Preclinical students (freshmen and sophomores) - Classes are not scheduled on official UAMS holidays and the Friday after Thanksgiving. In addition, preclinical students receive a fall, spring, and winter break.

Junior Students - All juniors receive winter break and spring break, as well as Thanksgiving Day and the Friday and weekend after Thanksgiving. In addition, junior students will receive off all state holidays. Other holidays are at the discretion of the supervisor of the clerkship, or may be delegated to the responsible Resident on the service. The student is expected to assume in many respects, the role of a physician, and in so doing, to recognize the needs of patients for attention and the need of the service for coverage, regardless of weekends and holidays.

Senior Students - All seniors receive winter break. They are also off on NRMP Match Day (usually the third Friday in March). If they do not obtain a position in the NRMP Match, they also receive the four days off before Match Day, so called "scramble (SOAP) days", until they have obtained a residency position. In addition, M4 students enrolled in M3 clerkships or the required Geriatrics clerkship will receive off all state holidays. Other holidays are at the discretion of the supervisor of the elective or selective or may be delegated to the responsible Resident on the service. The student is expected to assume in many respects, the role of a physician, and in so doing, to recognize the needs of patients for attention and the need of the service for coverage, regardless of weekends and holidays.



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