

<b>Policy 3.1.11</b>
UAMS COM Undergraduate Medical Education
<b>Section</b>
Student Progression, Promotion, and Graduation
<b>Title</b>
<b>LIMIT ON YEARS IN MEDICAL SCHOOL</b>
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Understanding the rigors of the practice of medicine and acknowledging that the practice of medicine requires an individual to understand the material presented in medical school as an integrated whole, rather than in isolated blocks of information, the College of Medicine faculty feels that one of the requirements for the M.D. degree is the ability to assimilate the material and skills presented within a reasonable period of time.

For students in the Class of 2023 and before, a student, once enrolled as a freshman medical student, must graduate from the College of Medicine with the M.D. degree by the spring graduation ceremony concluding the seventh year following the initial enrollment. For students who matriculate in the College in August of 2020 and thereafter, a student must graduate from the College of Medicine with the M.D. degree by the spring graduation ceremony concluding the sixth year following initial enrollment. This “clock” is not stopped for any reason, including leaves of absence, failure to pass internal examination requirements (such as the OSCE exam), repeat years required by the Promotions Committee, or additional time required for USMLE testing. The only exception is that the clock will stop during the time a student officially in the M.D./Ph.D. program is out of the College of Medicine pursuing the Ph.D. portion of their degree. Simply taking a year or more off to do research will not stop the clock. A student who has not completed all degree requirements within the time frame noted above will be dismissed.

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