

Summary of Suggestions

- Take USMLE Step 1 in May-June (preferred) if ready, but before end of Period 2 (end of August) unless extenuating circumstances and with advisor's approval
 - Each student is different
 - Must **register** for USMLE Step 1 exam before being permitted to go on-line for scheduling
 - Must **take** USMLE Step 1 exam before beginning Year 3 courses/clerkships unless approval
 - Should not take a six-week required course while taking USMLE Step 1
 - Must pass Step 1 exam before exceeding 18 credits (need results)
 - Take a six-week required course(s) in the early summer (better selection)

- Must complete all Year 2 courses in a satisfactory manner before you can begin Year 3 clerkships

- Take as many required courses/clerkships as possible in Year 3
 - Complete 44 of 52 required credits by October 1 of Year 4

- Leave time for interviews, USMLE Step 2 CS and CK in Year 4
 - Step 2 after completion of major rotations but **BEFORE FEBRUARY 15** of Year 4
 - » Each student is different
 - Dean's letter to be completed by September 1
 - Early residency interviews (neurology, neurosurgery, ophthalmology, otolaryngology, urology) – late October, November