REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF THE COURSE

On the basis of examination results, the student will be awarded grades of Honors (4), High Pass (3), Pass (2), Low Pass (1), or Fail (0). In addition every student must satisfactorily perform in PathTalk sessions and Case Based Study sessions. These performances will be reflected in the final written evaluation of each student, which will be submitted to the Registrar and to the Dean’s Office.

1. EXAMINATIONS

To pass the course a student must obtain a mean grade of sixty-five percent (65%) in the three examinations. Two of these examinations are based on questions selected by the Department; the third (final) examination is a Pathology section of Step I, USMLE. The results of this examination will be reported to you both in the standard way and as a percentage grade. Each of the three examinations will carry equal weight. The final course grade awarded will be determined by the faculty and will depend on the mean examination percentage grade:

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<th>Mean Examination Percentage Grade</th>
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<td>83-100</td>
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A student who receives a grade of FAIL can correct this grade to LOW PASS by passing a make-up examination, which will be composed and graded by the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine. On this examination a student must achieve a score of at least sixty-five percent (65%).

2. PERFORMANCE IN PATHTALK SESSIONS

Each student must attend and meaningfully contribute to the PathTalk sessions. Each student will be required to:
- present an analysis of a recent article, review, or case report published in a major medical journal (Journal Club);
- participate in group discussions;
- evaluate morphological findings.

Student’s contributions will be evaluated by individual instructors.

3. PERFORMANCE IN CASE BASED STUDY SESSIONS

Each student must attend the Case Based Study sessions. Students will be evaluated by the individual instructors on their ability:
- to analyze problems;
- to provide answers and interpretations to questions related to assigned cases;
- to participate in group discussions.

4. ABSENCES/PERFORMANCE IN SMALL GROUPS
An unsatisfactory performance, as determined by your small group instructors, and/or more than a total of two (2) absences from each of your small group sessions will require remedial activity on an individual basis.

5. EVALUATIONS

The combined evaluations of PathTalk and CBS sessions will become the basis of the final written evaluation of each student by the Department.

At the end of the course, students will be evaluated on their performance, focusing on:

**Case Based Studies**
- general knowledge of material
- general interaction and participation in discussions
- performance as a moderator
- ability to analyze cases/answer assigned questions

**PathTalk**
- general knowledge of material
- general interaction and participation in discussions
- interpretative skills in histopathology
- Journal Club presentation

Students will also be evaluated in both groups on the non-cognitive attributes, such as:
- commitment and general attitude
- conscientiousness
- collaboration with peers
- leadership qualities
- respect for other opinions
- self-criticism
- ethical behavior
- honesty and integrity

The evaluation will be in the form of a short paragraph, to be included in student’s transcript. Each student will have the opportunity to review the evaluation before it is submitted.