

Georgetown Experimental Medical Studies (GEMS) Program
Georgetown University School of Medicine
Georgetown University, Washington DC 20007

ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE CRITERIA FOR 2016 - 2017 ACCEPTED GEMS STUDENTS

GEMS CURRICULUM: Students in the 2016-2017 GEMS Program are required to complete the following first year medical school modules: (1) Cardio Pulmonary, Gastrointestinal and Renal which are medical school courses. GEMS students complete these modules side-by-side with first year medical students, take the same exams and are graded in the same manner as medical students. (2) GEMS students also complete a graduate biochemistry course, a graduate Clinical Pathology Course and several required electives. (3) In addition to courses completed for academic credit, all GEMS students are required to attend and be actively involved in assigned peer study groups, and supplemental instruction designated as Facilitated Learning Sessions (FS).

GRADING IN GEMS: Georgetown University School of Medicine assigns grades of Pass or Fail to students enrolled in the School of Medicine first year course modules. A grade of Low Pass (LP) designates the lowest 10% of numerical grades in the Pass range. GEMS students' numerical grades are compared to those of medical students, and GEMS students are assigned letter grades (i.e. P, LP, or F) according to where they fall on the medical school score distribution. GEMS students are expected to achieve numerical grades that are at or above the course mean for first year medical students. This system is more rigorous than the grading system employed by most graduate programs. The following table presents grades and possible actions/outcomes that may result for students in the GEMS Program. At its discretion, the GEMS Academic Advisory Committee may take alternative actions that it deems appropriate in particular circumstances.

Final Course Letter Grade	Final Course Numeric Grade	GEMS CRITERIA	EXPECTED ACTION
Honors or High Pass (If Applicable for Graduate Courses) and Pass	Greater than or equal to 80%	Acceptable	Student may continue in program
Pass	Greater Than 74%, but less than 80%	Marginal	Student will receive a letter of academic concern; may continue in program; consideration for school of medicine less likely.
Pass or Low Pass	Less Than 74%	Unacceptable	Student will be dismissed from program
Fail	Cut Off percentage as determined by course director	Unacceptable	Student will be dismissed from program
Satisfactory	Cut Off percentage as determined by course director	Acceptable	Student may continue in the program
Unsatisfactory	Cut Off percentage as determined by course director	Unacceptable	Student will be dismissed

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Applications for admission to Georgetown University School of Medicine will be considered by the School of Medicine Committee on Admissions. The success of GEMS Applicants is contingent upon:

- Application to Georgetown University School of Medicine, and
- Completion of the GEMS Program, and
- Favorable recommendation of the GEMS Academic Advisory Committee as determined by adherence to Standards of Professionalism and Academic Performance, and
- Favorable interview for admissions, and
- Decision of the Medical School Committee on Admissions

Although the majority of former GEMS who have met the required criteria have been offered acceptance to Georgetown University School of Medicine, GEMS students are **not guaranteed** the opportunity to interview or an acceptance. GEMS students are also not required to apply to Georgetown or to matriculate at Georgetown if accepted.

PROGRAM FACTS:

COSTS: GEMS students are responsible for tuition and fees which are \$ 26,039.00 for the 2016-2017 academic year.

DATES: The program begins at 8:00 am on Monday, July 11, 2016 and ends on Friday, May 26, 2017. First semester ends December 16, 2016. Second semester will begin on Monday January 2, 2017 and conclude Friday May 26, 2017.

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