

3RD YEAR SCHEDULING LOTTERY

MONTGOMERY CAMPUS STUDENT INSTRUCTIONS

Clerkship lottery page on UABSOM website:

<https://www.uab.edu/medicine/home/current-students/scheduling/clerkship-lottery>

When does the clerkship lottery open and close?

Open: **Wednesday, January 22, 2025 (after class meeting)**
 Close: **Tuesday, February 11, 2025**
 Schedules Posted: **Thursday, February 20, 2025**

What are the requirements for third year?

- Core Clerkships (40 weeks)
 - Family Medicine (4 weeks)
 - Internal Medicine (8 weeks)
 - Neurology (4 weeks)
 - Obstetrics-Gynecology (8 weeks)
 - Pediatrics (8 weeks)
 - Psychiatry (4 weeks)
 - Surgery (8 weeks)
- Ambulatory Acting Internship (4 weeks)—opposite Family Medicine in Montgomery
- More information about the curriculum and requirements can be found at: [Graduation requirements](#)
- Clinical Calendars
 - [2024-2025-clinical-calendar.pdf \(uab.edu\)](#)
 - [2025-2026-clinical-calendar.pdf \(uab.edu\)](#)

How Does the lottery work?

- Each cohort of students in a track will take their clerkships in the same order.
- A cohort of students moves through the clerkship curriculum together.
- Students will submit preferences for their preferred order of clerkships
- Each student will get a complete schedule.

What are the lottery tracks?

[2025/2026clerkshiptracks.pdf](#)

	BLOCK 6	BLOCK 1	BLOCK 2		BLOCK 3		BLOCK 4	BLOCK 5	
TRACK 1	Medicine	Surgery	Family Medicine/ Elective*	Special Topics	Obstetrics & Gynecology	Winter Break	Pediatrics	Psychiatry/ Neurology	Special Topics
TRACK 2	Psychiatry/ Neurology	Medicine	Surgery		Family Medicine/ Elective*		Obstetrics & Gynecology	Pediatrics	
TRACK 3	Pediatrics	Psychiatry/ Neurology	Medicine		Surgery		Family Medicine/ Elective*	Obstetrics & Gynecology	
TRACK 4	Obstetrics & Gynecology	Pediatrics	Psychiatry/ Neurology		Medicine		Surgery	Family Medicine/ Elective*	
TRACK 5	Family Medicine/ Elective*	Obstetrics & Gynecology	Pediatrics		Psychiatry/ Neurology		Medicine	Surgery	
TRACK 6	Surgery	Family Medicine/ Elective*	Obstetrics & Gynecology		Pediatrics		Psychiatry/ Neurology	Medicine	

*Students in Huntsville and Montgomery typically take an ambulatory AI in place of elective. This practice reduces time on regional campus in M54 year.

How do I enter my lottery choices?

Visit: <https://apps.medicine.uab.edu/students/scheduling/>

1. Login in with your Blazer ID.

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Scheduling Interface

Login

Blazer ID

Password

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2. Choose “Clerkships”.

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Choose an Open Lottery from the List Below

Lottery Type	Lottery Open Date	Lottery Close Date
Ambulatory AI	01/03/2023 12:00 PM	02/07/2023 8:00 AM
Clerkships	01/03/2023 12:00 PM	02/07/2023 8:00 AM

3. Use the up/down rank tracks in the order of preference.

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Scheduling Requirements for Clerkships

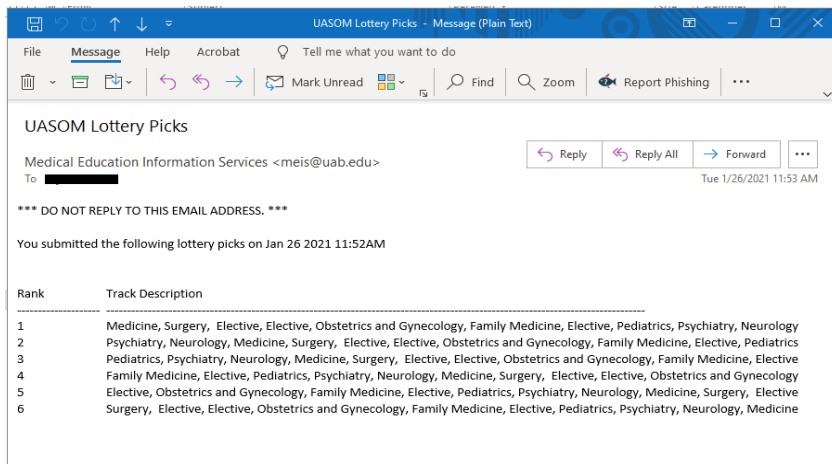
Please rank each track in order of preference.

Your Track Ranks

Rank	Track
↑↓ 1	Psychiatry, Neurology, Medicine, Surgery, Family Medicine, Elective, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Pediatrics
↑↓ 2	Obstetrics and Gynecology, Pediatrics, Psychiatry, Neurology, Medicine, Surgery, Family Medicine, Elective
↑↓ 3	Family Medicine, Elective, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Pediatrics, Psychiatry, Neurology, Medicine, Surgery
↑↓ 4	Surgery, Family Medicine, Elective, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Pediatrics, Psychiatry, Neurology, Medicine
↑↓ 5	Pediatrics, Psychiatry, Neurology, Medicine, Surgery, Family Medicine, Elective, Obstetrics and Gynecology
↑↓ 6	Medicine, Surgery, Family Medicine, Elective, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Pediatrics, Psychiatry, Neurology

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4. When finished rearranging the tracks, click “Done”. This saves the changes and sends an email to the student confirming their ranking. Students may re-rank tracks as often as they like while the lottery is open.



When do I get my results?

- **Thursday, February 20, 2025 by 5:00 pm**

What if I want to change my schedule?

- Drop/add for clerkships begins **Thursday, February 27, 2025**
- Review the video instructions on how to request a change using OSCR.
- Include a rationale for the change.
- Requests will be reviewed in the order received. When possible, changes will be made.
- If a change is not possible now, we may be able to make changes later in the year.

What about scheduling my Ambulatory AI or elective block?

- Students in **Montgomery** usually take an Ambulatory AI in place of an elective in 3rd year (opposite family medicine clerkship).
- Below is a list of Ambulatory AIs offered on the **Montgomery campus**. Click on the link to read the course descriptions. Be sure to check the course prerequisites.
 - [30-303 RURAL MEDICINE ACTING INTERNSHIP](#)
 - [30-221 FAMILY MEDICINE ACTING INTERNSHIP](#)
 - [30-306 MAXWELL AFB AMBULATORY ACTING INTERNSHIP](#)
 - [28-509 AMBULATORY INTERNAL MEDICINE - MONTGOMERY](#)

How do I schedule my Ambulatory AI?

- The AI/elective lottery opens on **March 4, 2025**. Return to the scheduling lottery page and choose Ambulatory AI.

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Ambulatory AI	01/03/2023 12:00 PM	02/07/2023 8:00 AM
Clerkships	01/03/2023 12:00 PM	02/07/2023 8:00 AM

- When you've finished arranging your choices, click Done and save your selections.
- You will receive an email confirming your ranking.
- You may re-rank courses as often as you like while the lottery is open.
- The AI/elective lottery closes on **March 18, 2025**.
- Ambulatory AIs/electives will be posted to schedules on **March 20, 2025**.
- Drop/add requests for your Ambulatory AI or an elective can be made using OSCR beginning on **Tuesday, April 1, 2025**.

Things to keep in mind about the lottery and the 3rd year

- The order of clerkships does NOT
 - Influence your ability to get into a specialty or program.
 - Predict grades
- You do not have to complete your lottery choices if you do not wish to.
- Under compelling circumstances, it is possible to make changes to your schedule later in the year. This requires approval from Britney and availability in the course. We cannot overbook.
- You must sit for Step 1 before beginning clerkships
- Pushing Ambulatory AI for elective
 - This is not guaranteed- you have to have a valid reason!
 - ***You will have more options if you have Medicine/Surgery earlier in the year***
 - Always remember if you push for an elective/AI there are prerequisites, and you will need to take housing/travel into consideration.
 - Will need to consider course availability (have 4th years to consider as well). Look at CAVE.
 - Overall- we recommend completing this requirement in the third year. You'll have one less AI to complete in 4th year!
 - If you choose to take a course on another campus during that time, consider the 8-week branch campus coursework requirement for 4th year.
- Wednesday, April 30th and Thursday, May 1st 2025- Clerkship orientation. Mandatory!

Other helpful resources:

[Video: Clerkship Lottery Overview](#)

[Video: Entering Your Lottery Preferences](#)

[Video: How to use OSCR \(online schedule change request system\)](#)