



# The Medical College of Georgia Office of Academic Affairs

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prior to 2020

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Context:

## **Return to Curriculum Policy**

Beginning in August of 2020, MCG instituted a major curriculum revision significantly altering the course requirements and schedule required for graduation. During the transition phase between the legacy curriculum and the new 3+ curriculum, some students matriculated while the requirements of the legacy curriculum were in effect but because of an absence or delay will graduate with a class that matriculated while the requirements of the new curriculum were in effect. These absences/delays include leaves of absence for any reason, repetition of all or part of a year for academic difficulties, and leaves to complete the PhD portion of the MD/PhD program. This policy governs how the graduation requirements are applied to students who matriculated prior to 2020 that fall into this category. This policy does not apply to students who matriculated in 2020 and beyond, because the requirements of the 3+ curriculum were already in effect when they arrived.

1. Students whose absence begins after they have completed all scheduled clinical time for each clerkship except Emergency Medicine will continue to follow graduation requirements of the legacy curriculum regardless of the reason for the absence or when they return to the curriculum.
2. Students whose absence begins before completion of all scheduled time for each clerkship except Emergency Medicine will follow the graduation requirements of the 3+ curriculum regardless of the reason for the absence or when they return to the curriculum.

The above conditions may be modified by the Student Promotions Committee on a case by case basis if deemed appropriate for a particular student.