

Elective Policy

Overview

Elective courses have been approved by the Curriculum Committee of the College of Pharmacy. The purpose of elective coursework is to allow pharmacy students to broaden their pharmacy knowledge in content areas that are not covered or those that are covered in less depth in required pharmacy courses. Descriptions of pharmacy elective courses are available on the College of Pharmacy website.

Policies Related to Elective Courses in the College of Pharmacy

- Total elective credit requirement: Students are required to complete at least 8 credit hours of elective courses during the Doctor of Pharmacy degree program.
- Students may only enroll in one elective course each semester, following completion of the Spring semester of the 1PD year.
 - Students who wish to complete electives outside of the traditional elective block in addition to another elective may request approval for course overload from the Assistant Dean for Student Affairs.
 - Students attending an International Health Outreach Trip (IHOT) in the Spring semester are permitted to complete an additional elective course in that semester.
- Students should earn at least 4 credit hours of elective courses by the start of the 3PD year and a must complete a total of 8 credit hours of electives by the start of the 4PD year.
- ***Students are not permitted to enroll in an elective course during APPE rotations.***
- Repeatable Research Elective: If a student takes multiple elective courses related to research, a maximum of 4 credit hours will be applied to the 8-hour requirement for the Pharm.D. degree. The research-related elective courses include PHA 5901, PHA 5902, PHA 5905, PHA 5906, PHA5907, and PHA 5930.
 - Students with career goals related to research can benefit from research-related coursework beyond what is accumulated towards the Pharm.D. degree. Such students are encouraged to complete more than 4 hours of research elective. This can be accomplished by summer coursework and approval by the Assistant Dean for Student Affairs for course overload in a semester.
- Repeatable International Pharmacy Elective: If a student takes multiple courses related to international pharmacy, a maximum of 4 credit hours will be applied to the 8-hour requirement for the Pharm.D. degree. The elective courses related to international pharmacy include: Short Study Abroad PHA 5103C, International Pharmacy Outreach (PHA 5706L), and Leadership for International Pharmacy Outreach (PHA 5945).
 - Each of the international pharmacy courses is repeatable.
 - Students may accumulate a maximum of 4 credit hours that count towards the 8-hour elective requirement for the Pharm.D. degree. These 4 credit hours may come from a combination of the international pharmacy courses or a repeat of a course.
 - Students may take more than 4 credit hours among these courses and/or a repeat of a course. However, only 4 credit hours will count towards the 8-hour elective requirement in the Pharm.D. program.

Procedures Related to Elective Courses in the College of Pharmacy

- Students will rank their top three preferences for electives. If an elective is not selected by the scheduled deadline, Student Affairs will assign an elective to the student. This assignment will not be adjusted.
- Once notified of the elective assignment, students will have 10 business days to request a change in their elective. After this time, no further requests to change electives will be permitted. If the student has an extenuating circumstance, they may contact the Assistant Dean for Student Affairs.
- Students who wish to complete electives outside of the traditional elective block schedule in addition to another elective should request course overload approval from the Assistant Dean for Student Affairs.