Surgery Clerkship Grading Policy

The final course grade will include all of the following factors:

- **Clinical Evaluation – 40% of final grade**
  - Each month long rotation is assigned a possible 100 points. Faculty and residents provide a comprehensive report with comments and a consensus point total. The two percentage scores will be averaged to assign a final clinical percentage.
  - Failure on the clinical service constitutes failure for the clerkship.

- **NBME Surgery Shelf Exam – 40% of final grade**
  - A content outline for the test is available at [www.nbme.org](http://www.nbme.org). Students are expected to review the course medical knowledge objectives and utilize the required text, clinical ward experiences, problem solving sessions, formal lectures, and WISE-MD modules as study tools. A percentage score out of 100 will be assigned.
  - Failure of the online examination results in grade of "U." The student must meet with the Director of Undergraduate Education of the Department of Surgery within one week of notice of a grade of "Unsatisfactory" for the CORE clerkship. The Student Affairs Office will be notified immediately on "Unsatisfactory" grade. Providing performance on the clinical service was satisfactory, a repeat written examination will be offered within a reasonable time period, in accordance with medical school policy. Prior to this examination, tutorial sessions and other necessary counseling may be required at the discretion of the Department of Surgery or the Student Affairs Office. Failure on the repeat written examination is a "Failure" grade for the entire clerkship and can only be remediated by additional clinical ward work and subsequent successful examination performance.

- **OSCE examination – 15% of final grade**
  - All students will participate in a standardized patient exam, which will take place during the last month of the rotation. The student will receive feedback from the standardized patient and their score. There will be an option to retake the exam if necessary.

- **H&P/Monograph/Presentation Assignment – 5% of final grade**
  - The assignment will be graded by a faculty member and assigned a final grade out of 30.

**Final Grade** will be calculated using the following equation: 

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\text{Final numeric grade} = (0.40) \times \text{clincial} + (0.40) \times \text{Shelf exam} + (0.15) \times \text{OSCE} + (0.05) \times \text{Assignment}
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The final grade is at the discretion of the clerkship and assistant clerkship directors and points may be added or subtracted based on the overall assessment of the student’s performance.

The score will be curved and grades assigned as follows:

- H – greater than or equal to one standard deviation above the mean
- HP – 0.5 SD below mean to one standard deviation above mean
- P – more than 0.5 SD below mean

The minimum passing standard for the overall course grade is greater than or equal to 64.1%.