



Specialty Advising: Ophthalmology

Overview: Ophthalmologists need to have a strong foundation in medicine and micro-surgery. Students pursuing a career in Ophthalmology should focus on electives and selectives that give the student a broad exposure to sterile technique, procedures, neurology, and medical diseases that have ophthalmic manifestations. Choosing electives/selectives that remedy any self-identified knowledge gaps is recommended. [OPDA Guide for Ophthalmology.](#)

Suggested Selectives/Sub-Internships:

- OPHT 4001- Clinical Ophthalmology (Ambulatory: 4 credits)
- OPHT 4003- Clinical Ophthalmology Research (4 credits)
- OPHT 4000- Special Topic (4 credits)

Suggested Electives:

- Any elective in the following departments:
 - ENT
 - Neurology (specifically head/neck)
 - Emergency Medicine
 - Radiology (specifically neuro-radiology)

Curriculum Elective Requirements for UME

Away Rotations:

They are common, but they are not required. It may be useful to seek an away rotation if you have an interest in a certain program or location. Please consider these as auditions. **It is best to complete the OPHT 4001 course prior to any away rotations.**

USMLE Step 2:

It is generally a good idea to have completed Step 2 prior to the interview season beginning. Interviews are typically held from October through December. Taking Step 2 early (before September 1st) will ensure your score is available when [SF Match](#) opens.

Ophthalmology Bound Counseling:

The Department of Ophthalmology offers individual career/application guidance to all students potentially interested in the specialty.

For further information visit:

[UT Health San Antonio- LSOM Department of Ophthalmology.](#)

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