

Research Electives Senior Year Electives

Obtaining Research Credit

To obtain academic credit, the length of a research elective is generally limited to 8 weeks of full-time effort. If you are interested in a research elective, you should develop a brief, written research plan in consultation with a faculty mentor. Attach the plan, signed by the faculty mentor, to an "Extramural/Tailor-made Elective" form, signed by the department chair of the research department and your clinical assistant dean, and submit to the Office of the Registrar for review and approval by the Electives Subcommittee. Your plan must include:

- a.** Specific aims. State the aims and discuss concisely the goals you expect to accomplish during the elective.
- b.** Methods. Include the population to be investigated, controls, number of subjects, use of animals, study protocols, and techniques should be described, specific methods of statistical analysis, etc. Please note that any research involving human or animal subjects needs approval by the appropriate institutional committee prior to the start of the project.
- c.** Significance and justification of the research.
- d.** The faculty mentor's signature indicating approval of the plan.

Your faculty mentor will be sent a course evaluation form that must be completed and returned to the Office of the Registrar for credit to be awarded.