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W. Randy Smith, Ph.D.  
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Dear Randy,

The College of Medicine would like to request a change in the grading basis for the MED 3 and 4 years. The College of Medicine would like to request the discontinuation of Progress (P) grades for the MED 3 and 4 years and begin Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grading for individual semesters for this portion of the curriculum.

The proposal has been reviewed by the Associate Dean for Medical Education, the Med 3 and Med 4 Academic Program Directors, the Financial Services Specialist, and the College of Medicine Registrar. This change would provide better transparency in grading for our students, and it would reduce the administrative burden for the Office of the University Registrar. In summary, the College of Medicine fully endorses this requested change.

Sincerely,

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Chair, Department of Biomedical Education and Anatomy  
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## PROPOSAL FOR UPDATED MED 3/MED 4 GRADING BASIS:

### **1. Summary Information**

Proposed Start Date: Summer 2025

Academic Unit Administering the Program: College of Medicine

The College of Medicine requests the discontinuation of Progress grades for MED 3 and 4. Individual semesters would be graded on a Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory basis.

### **2. Background**

Currently, each year of medical school coursework is progress graded until the completion of the final semester of the academic year. A progress grade (P) is used to indicate the student has shown appropriate progress in the sequence of courses. A satisfactory grade (S) is recorded when the final term of the academic year is completed. Once a Satisfactory (S) is given in the final semester, the previous semester(s) of that year of coursework are rolled from (P) to (S) by the Office of the University Registrar (OUR) to indicate satisfactory completion. If a student begins a year in other than the standard semester, a manual change to the grade(s) must be requested and processed manually.

#### **Curricular Requirements:**

Required Courses: students must take a minimum of 10 semesters totaling 202 credits:

Year	Course	# of Semesters	Credits	Standard Sequence
Med 1	Medcoll 7762	2	42	(AU/SP)
Med 2	Medcoll 7763	2	40	(AU/SP)
<b>Med 3</b>	<b>Medcoll 8764</b>	3	60	(SU/AU/SP)
<b>Med 4</b>	<b>Medcoll 8864</b>	3	60	(SU/AU/SP)

### **3. Rationale**

#### Rationale & Purpose of the Grading Basis

The rationale of the extended final grade is used to demonstrate a full academic year as a continuous curricular unit, however, years three and four are broken into smaller academic components. Individual semesters of years three and four are not dependent on one another. Typically, students receiving an Unsatisfactory grade (U) would be required to repeat a single semester, not the entire academic year, only being required to repeat the entire year in rare instances. For a variety of reasons, years three and four may also begin in a semester other than summer, creating inconsistencies and errors on transcripts when Progress (P) grades are not automatically changed.

### **4. Proposal for Updated Grading Bases for Years Three and Four**

Satisfactory grading on a semester basis for the MED 3 and 4 years of the curriculum would allow for a more transparent and accurate grade representation in addition to eliminating the need for manual grade changes required by OUR. We propose that the grading basis for the MED 3 and 4 years be changed accordingly.