

Work Hours

The minimum number of hours of classes in a week is 30 hours. The classes are scheduled from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. Classes after 3:00 pm are rarely scheduled unless absolutely needed. Adequate time is given to the students for preparation leave before any exam (You can refer to the Examination Policy for preparation hours)

Policies for Work Load

Basic Sciences

To ensure enough preparation time for students, estimated total workload for each course block in the pre-clerkship curriculum should not exceed 60 hours per week.

1. Total workload hours include all scheduled in-class activities, required out-of-class activities, and an estimate of the time needed to achieve learning goals each week and on exams.
2. In-class scheduled activities include: lecture, large group, patient interviews, small group discussions, review sessions, labs, health systems improvement project time, preceptorships, work-place learning, and exams.
3. Out-of-class required activities include: assigned reading to prepare for in-class sessions, online lessons, other independent modules, and weekly Checkpoints.
4. The expected overall workload per week should aim to be reasonable, providing time to fully engage in a challenging curriculum and time of learning, while also recognizing personal health needs.
5. The overall workload per week, including all activities across all elements, should be calculable based on a tally of scheduled in-class activities, required out-of-class activities, and an estimate of the independent preparation/study time necessary to master the learning requirements each week.
6. All scheduled and required activities must take into account the fact that fatigue impairs learning, and time for self-directed learning and study is critical for learning.

Faculty leadership of each course have responsibility for monitoring workload and ensuring that across all course elements their workload is in alignment with the policy. (Subject to change)

Community Service Requirement

During their stay at XUSOM Aruba, students will be required to complete 32 hours of community service prior to the granting of the doctor of medicine (MD) degree.

Community service can be defined as anything that directly benefits the community of Aruba and has no direct benefit to the University. Examples: Visits to orphanages or retirement homes, health fairs, charity fund raisers.

Starting September 2015, any student entering XUSOM as a new or transfer student will be required to complete a total of 84 weeks of rotations while a registered XUSOM student.

Attendance Policies

Attendance at classes held on/off campus and all small group sessions are mandatory.

Students are encouraged to attend all of their classes. Attendance records are kept by the School and are released to licensing authorities or government bodies if requested. It is mandatory that an attendance level of at least 90% is maintained as some states may request this information prior to offering a license.

If the student's attendance falls below 90% they will not be allowed to sit for the final examination and will obtain the grade of "F" for that class. They will have to repeat that class again next semester with 95% class attendance.