

## FAQ

### **1. Do I need to buy any textbooks or other supplies before I start?**

- a. You are more than welcome to buy textbooks. But, since they will be available to you in e-book format through the library once you start school, it is not recommended that you buy textbooks until you get to the block and decide you need them in hard copy. If you are 100%, definitely a book learner, check out the [Textbook Information](#) document! The one textbook that is strongly recommended to buy before starting school is Netter's "Atlas of Human Anatomy." In terms of other supplies like stethoscopes, otoscopes, etc., nothing is required and you will be given the supplies you need when you them, so no need to buy anything!

### **2. What's the deal with Health Insurance?**

- a. All medical students are required to have health insurance during their enrollment at Temple University School of Medicine. The University provides multiple levels of coverage through Independence Blue Cross. Coverage is from September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2019. Open enrollment will begin in September. If you have coverage through an outside source, you need to complete a health insurance waiver form which is available online during the Open Enrollment period. Information about health insurance coverage also will be provided during orientation. You will not be able to enroll or waive until August. We will keep you informed about what you need to do. For more information: <http://www.temple.edu/hr/students/healthinsurance/medical.htm>.

### **3. If I already have a certificate of child abuse clearance from a previous job, can I just bring that in? Or should I complete the child abuse clearance process again?**

- a. Unless your clearance was completed within 2 months or so of orientation it is highly suggested that you complete it again. Students are required to be screened prior to matriculation as well as prior to starting 3rd year. It makes things easier for everyone to be on the same timeline throughout their time here at LKSOM.

### **4. You orientation coordinators are awesome, but once I start school is there any way to contact other upper year students with questions?**

- a. Yes! Once you are assigned to a college, you will be able to contact the upper year OWLs (Our Wellness Liaisons) in your college with any questions or concerns you have. You should be meeting your college's OWLs during orientation, but they are open to questions via email any time. You will receive their contact information during orientation. (Obviously this is in addition to any upper years you meet, many other people are more than open to helping out first years!)

### **5. What is the exam schedule like?**

- a. Exam frequency depends on the current block and how the block director (professor who is in charge of organizing the block/class) would like to set up the block. Your schedule might be slightly different than ours, but we'd like to think it'd be similar. In Block 1 (Gross Anatomy) and Block 2 (Biochemistry/Genetics/Cell Biology), we had an exam around every 2.5/3 weeks. In later blocks, we had more frequent assessments, such as small tests and quizzes that were more frequent (weekly), but were worth a smaller percentage of your grade. Most blocks have a comprehensive final.

## **6. What kind of computer/tablet/etc. do I need for class?**

- a. The most important thing to keep in mind is preference, which will differ depending on who you ask. The format for the first year curriculum includes both lecture and lab, which are taught via Powerpoint. Some students find it helpful to write directly on the powerpoint presentation, which eliminates the need to print out each presentation and is typically very helpful for labs that require identification of specific images. However, other students prefer typing notes. Everything considered, there is no hard and fast rule when it comes to deciding on a computer that works for you as long as it best fits your study habits.

Here is Temple's official Shopper's Guide for reference:

<https://computerservices.temple.edu/shoppers-guide>

## **7. What is a typical day like?**

- a. You'll learn more about how to use LCMS/OwlDocs soon as well as Canvas for course materials, but for now here's a screenshot of what a typical week looks like. The pink outlines are lectures, the non outlined boxes are workshops (basically cases with questions and different groups present), and the green/blue outlines are labs. In the afternoon, there are normally Doctoring class lectures on Mondays from 1-3pm, and then small group sessions based on Doctoring College throughout the week. (This schedule is an example of Babcock college, but different colleges are assigned a time slot during the week from either 1-3pm or 3-5pm Mon-Thurs.) The interprofessional event on Friday afternoon happens about once a semester, but it also represents the time saved for elective courses if you so choose.

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### Biological Systems IV SOM 2...

Day

Week

Month

Show Weekends

New Date:

Friday, May 6, 2016



	Mon 5/2	Tue 5/3	Wed 5/4	Thr 5/5	Fri 5/6
8am	Imm: Antibody Response Conf MERB 317 M. Monestier	Imm: Antigen Processing and F MERB 105 M. Monestier	Integument: Structure and Func MERB 105 J. Litvin Daniels	Integument: 'Super-Thursday, C MERB 319 J. Litvin Daniels	Imm: T-Cell Development MERB 105 A. Tsygankov
9am		Imm: Antigen Processing and F MERB 105 M. Monestier			Imm: T-Cell Activation & Immur MERB 105 M. Monestier
10am	Imm: Structure and Function of MERB 317 L. Goldfinger	Imm: T-Cell Receptor for Antige MERB 105 A. Tsygankov	Integument: Structure and Func MERB 217 J. Litvin Daniels		Imm: T-Cell Activation & Immur MERB 105 M. Monestier
11am		Quiz 1 MERB 105 A. Tsygankov			Imm: T-Cell Activation & Immur MERB 105 M. Monestier
12pm					
1pm	Neonatal exam MERB 105 D. Salerno	SP: OSCE Preparation Baboo Sim Center- MERB 350 A. Goldberg			Inter-Professional Event MERB 217 A-D L. Kaplan
2pm	OSCE Prep MERB 105 L. Kaplan				
3pm					
4pm					