

## EVALUATION & GRADING SYSTEM

The CMS Class of 2023 (Academic Year 2019-20) will receive a designation of Pass or Fail for all M1 and M2 courses, including sophomore electives. M3 clerkships and M4 intramural electives are graded on tiered systems.

Needs Remediation (NR) is not a grade, but a notation that a grade cannot be determined because the student has been unable to complete or pass part of the course requirements. A notation of (NR) will be replaced by a grade if a student makes up the required material and/or passes the necessary examination(s) as approved by the department, within one academic year, but otherwise will be changed to an (F) after the academic year or at the time of graduation.

Incomplete (I) is not a grade, but a notation that a grade cannot be determined because the student has been unable to complete part of the course due to extenuating circumstances. Extenuating circumstances must be documented and reviewed by the course/clerkship director and/or the department chair. This notation is not to be used to denote unsatisfactory performance. A notation of (I) will be replaced by a grade if a student makes up the missing material and/or takes the necessary examination(s) as approved by the department, within one calendar year, but otherwise will be changed to an (F) after one year or at the time of graduation.

Numeric grades will be maintained by the Office of the Registrar, which will weigh the grades earned by students by course credits. Transcripts will report P/F for all first-year and second-year courses and a tiered system for all third-year clerkships and fourth-year intramural electives. No GPA will be reported on the transcript. Students with a weighted cumulative score of 89.5% or higher, accumulated from their first two years of course work, will be recognized as having achieved "MD with Distinction in Basic Sciences."