

4/2/20 Webinar Q&A Session	
QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
Misc. Questions	
I am worried about the 100 person limit on the radiology elective. Do you expect this to cap quickly?	It is offered for multiple timeframes. We do not know if it will fill at this point.
Can you specify who has a tight timeline. As an MS2 that has not started any clinical rotations I am not sure what this means for us?	Students who have taken substantial time away (for example one or more quarters) from the regular curriculum schedule
Can the same elective be taken multiple times (i.e. the methods/practice of self-directed learning)?	Hello, I have answered this question from another student. Please see that response.
If i take radiology would I still be allowed to take an in-person radiology selective during 4th year?	Yes! But the content may be similar. However, this Radiology elective is non-clinical, and will show up as MEDSCI 585 C.
Does prioritization mean that there are limits to the number of people who can take these courses?	There are limits to some courses
Just to clarify, all of these course offerings (including pandemics) are considered "non-clinical" electives, not clinical electives?	Hello, these Spring 2020 courses are non-clinical electives, but have been approved to count towards your clinical elective graduation requirement.
Are we able to take multiple 2 week courses during the same time?	No, you are only able to take one course at a time, as they are all considered full-time.
If we are not enrolled in any credits during the Spring 2020 semester, will this show in our MSPE/Transcripts? Will this be negatively viewed by residencies?	If you are not enrolled, there is just a gap on your transcript - I don't have a visual to send you but essentially 'nothing' appears there. Residency programs might ask you what you did during this time, they might not. How you answer that question (if asked) will likely make more of an impact than whether or not you were actually enrolled. (By that I mean, what you say and how you say it will likely make more of an impression than whether or not you did a course)
can we take two classes at the same time?	This question has already been answered, please see other response!
So if we stop taking electives once capped, we will have a 1 month period somewhere prior to beginning clerkships on June 29th where we are not doing anything class related?	Yes. Note that there is a EHM week scheduled for 6/22/20-6/26/20 for both Patient Care and Explore & Focus phase students.
It looks like none of titles for these credits will show-up in our transcript, right? So if we want "Radiology" or anything else to show in our transcript, is it better to take it later, right?	Yes, if you want a specific Department on your transcripts you should take it later on as a clerkship.
What will the flexibility be for missing one day of a two week clerkship to take a Step exam?	Yes, students will be able to miss a day to take a Step exam (or OSCE if these occur during this time).
You mentioned that the MEDSCI 585C title is in our residency application, not the particular titles of our electives? Does that mean residencies won't see what particular type of courses we took? Will these courses (e.g., pathology, radiology, etc) include comments for the Dean's letter?	Correct - your transcript and MSPE will not show the names of the electives. It will show the course name of MEDSCI 585C. The MSPE only includes evaluation comments for courses that provide them. At this time, I do not believe that any of these courses will be providing evaluation comments.
Is there any way to audit courses?	No, you will not be able to audit these courses.
If we are currently enrolled in the Pandemics course, can we drop it for these new electives?	If you withdraw from MEDSCI 599C because you might want to take other options in MEDSCI 585C please note that you can do this until 4/5 without incurring fees. If you drop either course after 4/12 a withdraw will show up on your transcript (and we do not anticipate that we be able to have MEDSCI 585C course assignments available by this time). 4/19 is the deadline for making any changes in MyUW (including adds and drops). We discourage you from dropping MEDSCI 599C for this reason since you may not know your MEDSCI 585C schedule until after the deadline to make changes.
CBSR students received 8 credits toward Clinical Elective credits. Will those students also be allotted the additional 16 credits should they chose to enroll in that many?	Students receive 8 credits for CBSR that count toward clinical electives. If you took CBSR in 2019 you can apply up to 8 credits of electives toward graduation requirements. If you took CBSR in 2020 you should be enrolled in Transition and Consolidation during this quarter so should not enroll in these electives.
So by taking 8 or 16 elective credits now, we will have 4 or 8 weeks of "free time	You would have not have to take as many clinical electives in the future if you so choose

If we take non-clinical credits now, can we take the same amount of clinical electives later on if we want to?	Yes
As MS2s, I think a lot of us are still confused about our timeline to graduation. If we do not need financial aid, why would it be beneficial to take clinical electives now? If your plan is to shorten our third year, I am still confused why we would need to do this since our fourth year would remain intact? Thank you!	If you have no financial aid considerations or plans to take time away from the curriculum in the future, then you should be able to stay on track to graduate. Some students traditionally take clinical electives during their 6-week Patient Care phase elective block, but not all. Taking electives now would allow for more flexibility in Explore & Focus phase if desired.
When will we find out the results of the survey?	The week of April 13th
Are the senior OSCEs still happening as scheduled?	A final decision has not been made at this time
If we are currently taking the pandemics course and do not intend to take any more courses this spring, do we need to do anything further in terms of registration?	No
Rising MS3s were previously advised to work on IM content during the time we have before clerkships restart (ie: start aquifer cases). Is that still true? Should we plan time for that?	That was based upon a plan to return to clerkships on 4/27 but this has obviously changed, so there is no need to schedule IM pre-clerkship work into your plans at this time.
If we take courses now, will we be prevented from taking additional clinical electives in explore and focus phase?	No!
There is an immense overlap between EHM topics and the pandemics course so far. Will they adjust EHM going forward to account for the redundancy?	Like all courses taught during April-June, 2020 the plans for the June EHM are being modified for online learning.
Do the 4 credit radiology courses overlap with the 8 credit radiology course? for example, will students in the 4 credit 4/27-5/8 be learning the first half of content of the 8 credit course 4/27-5/22? Or are they completely separate courses	Unknown at this time. We will try to have this information by the time that the preference survey is released
If we take multiple courses as part of 585C, are eValue comments a conglomerate of comments from all the various attendings, separated by course title?	These courses will not be in eValue, and it will vary by course if there will be course evaluations.
Could I take the 2 week radiology elective and then another 2 week in person radiology elective once rotations start again?	Yes, although the content may overlap a bit.
If we take nothing during this period, will we be able to graduate on time?	You would likely be able to stay at or near the same graduation schedule. Taking these electives would provide increased flexibility if needed.
can you add duplicate courses if there is high demand for a certain course	Most courses will be offered at duplicate times. We will try to balance the demand and capacity to accommodate as many students as possible.
Who can we speak to about graduation requirements so that we can make our mind up if we want to apply for these before the deadline?	Please see graduation requirement chart that accompanies this Q&A
Did we ever get the answers from last session's Q&A?	Our staff are still transcribing the three Q&A sessions from Monday. We're reviewing them around the clock to get them up on the intranet as soon as possible.
Do away rotations count as clinical elective credit. Asking for planning purposes.	Yes, away electives count towards clinical elective credit.
If we choose not take any of these courses, is it guaranteed that there will be clinical electives available for all future quarters? Basically, with the reduction in number of spots will there always be enough elective spots for everyone?	There are no guarantees when it comes to clinical availability since that depends upon the ability of our clinical sites to take students. However we have not ever had an issue with providing sufficient clinical electives in the past, so do not anticipate a problem once full clinical activity returns throughout the WWAMI region.
Why can't these online classes accommodate everyone who are interested in them?	Some of these course offerings require faculty facilitators, make use of online clinical discussions (such as pathology sign-out), or involve working with specific learners (such as the Clinician Educator elective) so are not scalable to any size attendance.
When will we know the specific course dates for these electives so we know when to space in the 1 month break?	By the time that the preference survey is released.
If we take 16 non-clinical elective credits this spring, do we still have the option of taking all 40 clinical elective credits during Explore and Focus (time-permitting)?	Yes

If we plan on studying for step 2, during say 5/8-6/5, will we be able to limit our course preferences to only the 4/27-5/8 and 6/8-6/19 windows?	Yes.
If this continues into summer will any required clinical rotations be online?	We do not know at this point.
If clerkships are supposed to start the week of 6/29 - will we have EHM week 6/22 still? Will it be online?	Yes it will be online
If we want to take more than one course, do we need to register for multiple 4-credit courses through my UW? I am getting an error message when trying to register for two 4 credit courses under the same SLN	Registration has been set up for MEDSCI 585C for variable credits from 1-16 so you should be able to register for the credits you need (4, 8, 12, or 16). If you are still having problems, please contact somcovid@uw.edu
If we register for a full course load now during spring quarter, will that affect our ability to take clinical electives during the explore and focus phase? Will I be unable to take elective rotations due to credit overload?	It will not effect your ability to take clinical electives
can we change to a longer radiology elective if we really like it and want more?	No, not for these MEDSCI 585 C courses. You won't be able to change what you are assigned.
Rising MS4 here with one required patient care phase clerkship left. Given the current situation, can I expect to be able to apply to residency and graduate on time (2021)? This will inform whether I sign up for these non-clinical electives	The modified patient care schedule is still being decided and unfortunately we do not have additional information at this time. The chart with the graduation credits and weeks is a reference which may help you determine your schedule.
If we are enrolled in Pandemics (so we can take 8 more credits to apply towards clinical electives: A) will there be a difference in our living expenses financial aid package if we only take 8 credits or do we need to be a full time credit load? B) Do non-clinical electives outside of these 16 that are being counted as clinical have any benefit towards graduation beyond course knowledge?	A) Please see the financial aid description in the video. B) No.
Will we be given any more information about what these classes will be about or like before we need to submit the survey? (For example, the Impact of the Basic Sciences on Medicine description is a bit vague)	Yes! We are working on getting more detailed information about the courses and hope to have this available when you are given your Catalyst surveys. Given our short timelines to get you registered/enrolled, we can't guarantee full descriptions for all courses. We will do our best!
Is the graduation audit report updated with the number of requirements we have remaining to complete given these changes?	Not yet - the IT teams are working on it.
Will we have to submit our preferred time schedule for our electives or will that be set for us? i.e. taking radiology then pain medicine	On the Catalyst survey you will provide timeframes you are available to take the course(s) and then you will rank your course preferences.
If we drop a course after 4/19, does that result in a withdrawal on our transcript?	After April 13 if you drop there is a withdrawal that will show on your transcript. See academic calendar.
Other than the amazing opportunities for learning, is one the one main benefits for taking any of these is that we have more time to take vacation (or additional electives) in explore and focus phase? Or if I'm off base, why should we take these courses?	Yes. Additional elective time.
Will this zoom session recording be shared later?	Yes
Can you make the new courses the same course number as pandemics to alleviate some of this confusion?	No, there are financial aid implications for this so we cannot use the same course number.
do additional subis and apcs count toward electives?	Yes, any APC or APC/Sub-I beyond the required would count towards clinical electives
If we take the dermatology elective, and plan on applying to dermatology for residency, can we still take the primary UW clinical dermatology rotation in fourth year?	Yes!
If we register for the new courses, can you guarantee that we will be placed in a course (even if it isn't our preference courses) to ensure that we do not have a tuition forfeiture?	Yes. Everyone that registers on MyUW for their chosen amount of credits will be given a schedule fulfilling those credits.
So just to confirm -- ALL of these course offered are considered non-clinical elective that counts towards graduation (including the methods and practice of self-directed learning... that can kind of be used to study for step II)?	Yes

Do we have a timeline of when we will get to talk to Scheduling in order to have a sense of what our 4th year will look like? This would inform decisions about electives now	Scheduling won't be able to answer your questions prior to this weekend's deadline. At this stage, we do not have availability from the various hospitals/clinics re: when and how many students they will be able to take back into the hospitals. We need this information before we can start making schedules, and they won't be able to provide that information to us before this Sunday.
Can we please get the survey before April 5th so we can drop if we don't get our time slot or preferred option?	Unfortunately it won't be possible for the survey to be out before the April 5th deadline. Even if it were, we still have to tally those survey results and then assign students to courses, which won't be possible in three days. There will be several hundred students taking these courses and it will take time to have students submit their surveys, and then assign each of them to courses based on their preference.
When might the graduation audit report be updated, so that we can take that into account when deciding whether to take courses this quarter? Thank you!	It will not be ready for a little while yet - the IT team is still working on it.
To clarify - if we have remaining patient care phase clerkships, they will be shortened?	We do not know this at this time, but will let the students know as soon as a plan is in place (hopefully next week!)
Totally unrelated, do we have any more information about NBME Shelf exam date?	nothing from NBME yet! Still waiting!
If clerkships are supposed to start the week of 6/29 - will we have EHM week 6/22 still? Will it be online?	Yes EHM in June 2020 will be online
Once our schedules are determined, can we trade with peers?	No, you will not be able to trade your courses
can the clinician educator be combined with others?	The four week option can but not simultaneously (cannot take two electives at the same time).
Sorry, did Dr. Whipple just say that we won't be able to specify the timeframe when we want to take electives? I thought we would be able to?	On the Catalyst survey you will provide timeframes you are available to take the course(s) and then you will rank your course preferences.
So we cannot concurrently be taking 2 classes - like Radiology and pain med/ pathology at same time?	Correct
Will we be able to indicate on the catalyst survey that we would like to take the self-directed learning course twice with different emphases?	Yes
Do any of the nonclinical electives we took during MS1 count toward the nonclinical electives graduation requirement?	No
Will we be able to start adjusting our clinical E&F schedule for July and beyond before needing to make decisions about these non-clinical electives? (Before April 19th?)	Unlikely. We need to receive information from the hospitals/clinics re: availability (when can they take students back and how many, etc) before we can start scheduling students. At this stage, they are not able to provide us with that information
Will we get more information about each course before we have to decide? I realize it might not be possible, but it would be helpful to see specific content, assignments, and other requirements. Could canvas pages be made available ahead of time?	We are hoping to provide more detailed information about the courses when we provide you with a Catalyst survey, but unfortunately, given the tight timeframes we're working in we may not be able to have this for all course offerings.
Will we be able to switch courses or trade with people within MEDSCI 585 if we don't like our schedule? (not necessarily drop)	No.
If I feel I am in a decent place to NOT take any credits during this COVID19 supplemental period, will that have any effect on my transcripts or graduation standing with UWSOM? Or in other words, would you advise against this for any reason? If so, please explain. Thank you!	Please see graduation requirement chart that accompanies this Q&A
In the survey, will we be allowed to say when we are available for the credits we wish to take? Otherwise, would we incur fees for dropping credits if we were assigned to a course when we were not free?	You will be able to indicate the timeframes you are available, and will not be scheduled during a timeframe you did not list.
Is 1 quarter spring A and Spring B, or 1 quarter = spring A and 1 quarter = spring B?	Spring is one quarter - for the purposes of 6-week clerkships it is often referred to as Spring A and Spring B. Disregard this terminology for the purposes of MEDSCI 585C.
Will taking 16 online credits now be necessary to graduate? Will it still be possible to graduate on time if we only take the 8 credit pandemic course?	You should be able to stay on or near the same course to graduate. Taking credits now will give you more flexibility during Explore & Focus phase if needed.

If you chose the self directed learning course and wanted to do it twice, could you do the same topic as long as your learning objectives were different? What are the requirements when coming up with your learning objectives?	Probably - you would want to develop different (but potentially linked) areas of focus.
Do you have any estimate for how many students can take the dermatology elective or when we will know that information? (it says TBA)	We hope to have this information by the time of the preference survey
The credits aren't the point. We're trying to regain even a couple of weeks of specialty exploration that we've lost now that we have an incredibly tight window between when our clinicals resume and our applications for residency go out. Knowing that, how can you give an equal playing field between the rising 4th and 3rd years for slots in these specialty courses?	None of these non-clinical electives would take the place of a clinical clerkship and should not be viewed as such.
What would extra electives over 16 credits count for? Or just don't take more than 16 credits?	Currently, 16 credits of non-clinical electives taken in Spring 2020 (either as MEDSCI 599 or MEDSCI 585) will count towards clinical graduation elective requirement. Additional credits over 16 at this point will not count towards any other SOM graduation requirements. They will count towards financial aid, and will show up on your official UW transcript.
For those of us rising MS4s who are taking a year off between third and fourth year, do we have the graduation requirements of the MS3 class or the MS4 class?	You have the graduation requirements of the phase where you re-enter.
Can we schedule Step 2 during EHM week in late June?	No
The concern about Step is not a one day event concern, it is a concern that we do not know when our tests will be.	You will be able to take a day away from any elective to take a Step exam (as well as the day before if you are traveling for Step 2 CS).
Are you considering not having the OSCEs for rising MS4s this year or should we anticipate them happening regardless of when they would take place in the year?	The plans for senior OSCEs are currently being discussed
For students who are considering expanding, will these courses this spring still count for our clinical elective credits down the road?	Yes
If I want to take pandemics now (but have yet to sign up), do I sign up for MEDSCI 585C and whatever the pandemics course is? Apologies if you already answered this in a way- still a bit confused.	Yes
Will there be a trade period for 3rd year core clerkships though?	This is unknown at this point, but unlikely.
Who can I email to make sure that I am meeting graduation requirements without these courses? I'm really hesitant to not sign up without going over it with someone first	Please see graduation requirement chart that accompanies this Q&A
Can we schedule Step 2 during EHM week in late June?	No
So when we register for methods and practice of self-directed learning, we can sign up for multiple 2 week blocks? I don't want to sign up for 8 credits of the MEDSCI585C if I don't know I will be able to sign up for two of these 2 week courses. What should I do?	Preference self-directed learning 2 week blocks as your #1 and #2 options. Since there is no limit for this course, you would be assigned to it twice.
Credit-related questions	
Will any of these courses count towards the underserved pathway?	No
How many of the non-clinical elective credits can be used toward graduation requirements?	16 non-clinical elective credits (only MEDSCI 585C and MEDSCI 599 taken in Winter/Spring 2020) will count towards clinical elective graduation requirements. This means if you are currently registered in MEDSCI 599 for 8 credits you can take up to 8 credits of MEDSCI 585C that will count towards your graduation requirement. You are welcome to take more in this scenario, but any credits above 16 for both of these courses will not count towards your graduation requirement.
The registration code is capped at 16 credits. How do we sign up for more than that?	You are only able to register for a max of 16 credits, since this is an 8 week timeframe, and you can only receive a max of 16 credits for this amount of time. 1 week = 2 credits for a full time course, which all of these are.

How will our shortened clinical schedule change the number of credits we need for graduation and how do these courses relate to this?	The total graduation credits for required courses will be adjusted accordingly
Would it be possible to register for one 4-credit course during a 2-week period, a second 4-credit course during a different 2-week period, and an 8-credit course during a different 4-week period? Essentially, these courses would not overlap in weeks.	Yes
After we take 16 of these clinical credits, what is the benefit of taking more, or is there? And would we be charged if we take more?	Educational value
I'm wondering if you're currently planning on giving us the same number of clinical elective credits for our "real" clerkships as in a normal year, even if we will be operating on a shortened clinical rotation schedule?	The number of clinical electives will be adjusted to fit the number of weeks for the clerkship, but the overall graduation requirements will also be adjusted to accommodate these changes.
Can the full-time credits = 12 per spring quarter so we can get full-time status? It's 12 for the university	Yes, 12 credits is full-time status for the university
Is there a requirement for non-clinical electives towards graduation?	There isn't typically a graduation requirement for non-clinical electives, but with COVID we are changing graduation requirements so during Winter 2020 and Spring 2020 these approved non-clinical electives will count towards the clinical graduation requirement
I am already registered for Pandemics (Spring A). Should I change the credit number to 16, or is this a different course?	That is a different course. That's MEDSCI 599D. These electives starting 4/27 are MEDSCI 585C.
If the pandemic pushes the June 29th clerkship start date farther out, and the school allows for additional non-clinical elective credits to fulfill the clinical elective graduation requirement, would this be retroactively applied to those of us who potentially take the full 16 credits within MEDSCI 599C?	The school typically does not allow retroactive fulfillment of requirements, so the scenario described is unlikely.
Do you have a recommendation on how many credits we should take to graduate on time? 12? 16?	Please see the chart.
So by taking 8 or 16 credits now in Spring, do we have 4 or 8 weeks, respectively, of "free time" to either take time off or take another clinical elective during 4th year?	Yes, you would have additional flexibility during Explore & Focus phase
Does 4 weeks equate to 8 credits?	Yes. For a full-time course, 1 week = 2 credits
If we take extra credits over the 16, do they help with other graduation requirements?	No.
Does the 16 credit limit apply to MSTP students as well?	Yes
For people already in Pandemics do we just adjust our number of credits (to be 16)?	No, Pandemics is a separate course number (MEDSCI 599 D). These courses are under the MEDSCI 585 C course number.
I think I may not be understanding the dates. How is it even possible to take more than 16 credits? I only see 8 weeks of pandemics, then another 8 weeks beginning 4/27	You can take a maximum of 16 credits during this 8-week timeframe (1 week = 2 credits for full-time courses)
I'm not clear!! So, if we take electives now, we won't be making progress towards graduation?	The MED SCI 599 courses that are currently happening, and any of the MEDSCI 585C courses you will take count as non-clinical elective credits that will count towards your clinical elective graduation requirements up to 16 credits.
So if the number of credits required for completion of 3rd year will be decreased, we will be using the 16 credits towards 4th year courses?	Yes
Between Springs A and Spring B, is it 16 total credits, or 24 total credits?	You can take up to 24 total credits, of which 16 credits are applicable towards clinical electives
Do non-clinical electives we took during MS1-2 years count towards the 12 total non-clinical electives? (ergo, if we took a non-clinical elective during didactics, should we take <12 now?)	No. Please note a total of 16 non-clinical elective credits (of course offerings in Winter/Spring 2020 only) will count towards clinical elective graduation requirements
Course Content-related Questions	
Will the electives on more clinical topics (ex. Pain Medicine, Radiology) require a good foundation of clinical knowledge/be very difficult for an MS2 with no experience in clinical rotations? Or will it be manageable with our current knowledge base?	No

I see that some courses (like clinician educator) are offered for both 8 and 16 credits. Does this imply that there's a variation in how the course is offered or a variation in the enrollee's experience between the two? Or is the difference simply a difference in the amount of time a student has to complete projects for the course?	We hope to have more information available by the time of the preference survey
Are there any opportunities to be involved in research that we can do at home?	You can sign up for the Scholarship in Medicine course and use your research for the required class project
Can Step 2 studying count toward the "Methods & Practice of Self-Directed Learning" elective?	You should be able to incorporate this into your learning objectives
Does any of the four week electives have shelf exams at the end of the course?	No.
Could you please provide a little more detail about what the Methods and Practice of Self-Directed Learning will look like? Could we use this time to create a study plan for clerkship-specific material (i.e. surgery) and use those 2 week blocks to study / prepare for that clerkship? Follow-up question, could we do that elective multiple times in a row (up to 4 times for Spring B)?	Yes, that would be a very appropriate learning area. You can take it more than once.
I believe in a previous webinar you said all of these non clinical elective offerings are expected only to occur during this April - June. Do you know if any of these - specifically clinical educator course - has any chance of being offered in the future since no course like that has existed prior to this? Sounds very relevant to residency.	At this time, it is not planned that these courses will be offered again in the future.
What is the weekly time commitment for these courses?	These are considered full-time clerkships, you can expect a minimum of about 20 hours/week.
Can you expand on the self-directed course for credit? (if we can't get into a course we listed in the preference)	We are hoping to provide more detail when the Catalyst survey is released.
There was talk about some research counting for credits. When we register for the class and guess our number of credits, should we include the potential research classes or just those related to the courses you've mentioned.	The Scholarship in Medicine includes a project which can be research.
Can I take two weeks of the methods/practice of self-directed learning class, and *then* take an additional two weeks of that same class with a different focus?	Yes
If we don't have a current research project but are interested in finding one, is it a good idea to take the Research elective?	Yes! the course should help you in this regard
What kinds of projects would we be able to do if we are not already involved in research? Are we supposed to contact potential PI's?	The focus of the course will be the principles of developing, carrying out, and disseminating scholarship (including research). The class project could consist of an ongoing research activity or the development of a plan. Students will develop their own projects, so feel free to reach out to prospective PIs. Just make sure that there is enough flexibility to engage in the other course requirements.
Would the scholarship course be good if you are doing research with someone as a 3rd or 4th author?	Yes
If we take scholarship of medicine, will we be connected to research if we aren't doing research now?	You would be responsible for making those connections, or could work on a project idea of your own.
For the self-directed learning course, are we allowed to do something like a coding bootcamp?	It would need to be related to Medicine in some way
Just to clarify, according to the documents that were sent out radiology is between 2 and 4 weeks, 4 and 8 credits. I think someone said 8 weeks but it doesn't look like 8 weeks is an option	There is not an 8 week option for Radiology - only 2 weeks or 4 weeks
could the self directed learning elective be good for research as well? and use their research topic?	I would suggest the Scholarship in Medicine instead
Is "self-directed learning" the same as "Methods & practice of self directed learning"? I am interested in the deep dive self-study into hematology.	Yes
Can you also include credit details about the MS1 teaching course when you send out the summary? Thank you so much!	Yes
Priority for Scheduling Questions	

Will there be priority class placement (as there are class size caps) for rising MS4s?	At this time we are planning to assign by random lottery if the demand exceed capacity
To be clear, there is no benefit to filling out the survey as early as possible? Everyone will be given the same/random preference?	Correct - just don't miss the deadline!
Will there be preference given to students who are studying for step exams and need to take them later??	You will only be scheduled for times that you indicate you are available
If I'm studying for step 2 in May, will that be taken into consideration in the survey for my preferences for courses in June?	You will only be scheduled for times that you indicate you are available
I'm so sorry if this was made clear earlier but I just want to confirm - I thought we were going to be surveyed for preferred courses, but what Dr. Whipple said earlier sounds like we are going to assigned to courses randomly?	We will be sending a survey to learn about your preferences. If the demand for a particular course exceeds the capacity, then the students assigned to that chance will be random.
will there be prefrnce given to students studying for step due to the constant changing with Prometric	You will only be scheduled for times that you indicate you are available. If your availability needs to change due to a change in your Step date, contact us and we will re-assign you to another course (although there's no guarantee it would be the same one).
If you took 16 credits of the online courses now, but later on you want to take a clinical elective would preference go to the students who hasn't taken any of the online courses during this time?	No.
Schedule Change & Late Fee Questions	
If I register for credits and later decide to either decrease the number of credits we regisered for, or drop the course all together can I do that? What are the add/drop deadlines? I am only interested in taking MEDSCI 585 if I get the course I want.	You are welcome to drop/make course changes through the 4/19 MyUW deadline for registration, but will be subject to fees if you do this past the 4/5 registration deadline and a withdrawal will be noted on your transcript past the 4/12 deadline. We do not anticipate that course assignments will be available before the 4/12 deadline.
Are we able to switch which courses we join at any time prior to their start?	No.
If we end up changing our mind about a course, or end up enrolled in a course that we aren't interested in, what is the last date that we could drop a course to get a tuition refund and not receive a "fail" on our transcript.	https://www.washington.edu/students/reg/1920cal.html
Can we add/drop MEDSCI 599C or change the number of credits we want to take after the April 19th deadline? I know there is a fee for making changes but it would be nice to have the flexibility to make changes in late April/May once we know the results of the survey and opening date of Prometric testing centers	4/19 is the UW deadline to make any changes to your courses via MyUW, so the short answer to your question is no. If you withdraw from MEDSCI 599C because you might want to take other options in MEDSCI 585C please note that you can do this until 4/5 without incurring fees. If you drop either course after 4/12 a withdraw will show up on your transcript (and we do not anticipate that we be able to have MEDSCI 585C course assignments available by this time). As noted above, 4/19 is the deadline for making any changes in MyUW (including adds and drops). We discourage you from dropping MEDSCI 599C for this reason since you may not know your MEDSCI 585C schedule until after the deadline to make changes.
Should I register for more credits than what I want in case I need/want to drop a course because I got none of courses I wanted based on my catylst survey and cannot add any other electives in the future?	Changing credits requires dropping the MEDSCI 585C course and re-adding it for a different number of credits. You would then be re-assigned to courses that are still available, so you may end up with lower preferenced courses.
Is there a way we can get the fees waved in light of this situation changing? I feel like fees make sense when things were set in stone months ago. However, that was not the case and we still don't have all of the information	No. Fees are set by the UW for the entire university.
Will any of these courses have required fees, texts, outside resources, or other additional expenses?	Not that we are aware of at this time
How much are the fees?	https://www.washington.edu/students/reg/1920cal.html
How can UW substantiate charging drop fees to students when they are requiring the students to add the credits before UW is informing students of what courses they will be taking.	See tuition forfeiture https://finance.uw.edu/sfs/tuition/forfeiture-refund

Financial Aid Questions	
Diane, can we still keep our financial aid for this quarter if we just enroll in the 8 credit pandemics course and nothing else?	Yes, we will need to adjust the tuition in your budget but you will get full living expenses for the quarter. If you received money backed off of tuition now or earlier you will need to repay that amount.
do you need 10 credits to get full financial aid or 13 credits? I've seen differing information.	This quarter only we will allow you to have full living expenses at 8 credits. Tuition for 10 credits is different than 13 credits.
If we take more than the 16 credits that go toward graduation, do we still pay the same tuition?	Yes, 13 credits or more is the same tuition.,
Quick question for financial aid, I know tuition \$\$ is different if we are part time (<12 credits) vs full time (>13 credits) . Is the amount of financial aid given for living expenses the same for part time vs full time? Thanks	Due to the circumstances of not being able to take your clerkships financial aid will allow you to get full living expenses at 8 credits for this quarter only. As of summer 2020 if you are only registered for 8 credits you will only receive 1/2 living expenses in that quarter.
For Diane Noecker or anyone else: Does an 8 credit load still count as "full-time"?	No, it is considered part time but we are making an exception for this quarter and allowing you to receive full living expenses. But the information sent to your loan servicers will show that you are part-time. You are still considered a student at part-time status so will not go into repayment status on federal loans.
If we do not take pandemics but register for medsci 585, and already received a financial aid deposit, will we need to return it and then have it re-deposited in April, or do we keep it?	No you can keep it. If for any reason you drop all of the credits in the medsci 585 you will need to repay all the aid .
If you sign up for 24 credits does tuition go up?	No. You pay the same for any credits over 13
if we need financial aid (meaning 8 credits now and 8 in spring B) will we be guaranteed those credits if the lottery doesn't select us?	you are guaranteed to be enrolled in an elective for whatever amount of credits your registered for under MEDSCI 585 C, even if you aren't able to get into your first priority (assuming this is what you mean by lottery).
If courses are going to be assigned by lottery, does it mean tuition cost will be reduced?	No, tuition costs remain the same. All of these are considered full time courses, subject to the same tuition fees.
1. Will tuition be billed the same (e.g. billed per a credit until a plateau)? 2. Is the lower threshold for living expenses still at 8 credits?	1)Yes; and 2) Yes.
If someone were to finish 16 credits by 5/22 would the remaining time off affect financial aid?	Financial aid is based on the credits taken within the quarter
Diane, has there been any talk about reducing the tuition (~\$1k/credit) for all these online courses?	Tuition is by credit and set by the main university and board of regents. We have not heard any updates from them yet re: changes in tuition costs (which is not to say that they aren't discussing it - we are just not privy to their conversations).