

Email subject: Welcome to UMMS!

Greetings to our new Class of **2024!**

On behalf of our teaching faculty and educational administration team, we are writing to welcome you to UMass! We are thrilled that you have chosen to study with us. When you arrive in Worcester you will find that you are integral partners in your learning as students, providers of feedback, creators of both your own personal pathway and shaping the future of our school and medicine. We are looking forward to meeting you at the Transition to Medical School **Monday, August 3rd** virtually and soon after here on our Worcester campus.

This is a powerful time to be entering medicine. While all journeys are unique, yours provides new opportunities and challenges that we will explore and address together as a community of professionals. Our Office of Undergraduate Medical Education (OUME) team is excited to work with you as our newest members. This teamwork is important to your success within our curriculum, to the success of our healthcare system and to the health of our patients and community. Get involved with DRIVE, Curriculum Revolution, advocacy, research, service, student activities and all that UMass has to offer!

Your lives beyond campus also make you who you are, and we know that there are other people who are important members of your team. We understand and support these healthy connections with your lives outside of school and medicine. In order to help you plan things like family gatherings, regular medical or dental care, social activities, etc we have included information below regarding the basic weekly schedule. For more detailed information, the academic schedule for AY2020-21 is available at <https://umassmed.oasisscheduling.com/public/calendar/> and can also be accessed through the UMMS Intranet (location details have not yet been added.) This schedule is subject to ongoing revision as we continue to adapt to contemporary public health and safety guidelines, however we do not anticipate changes to exams, holidays and major events. Access requires a UMMS username and password, which you have used for other access already.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and please contact me or the OUME at any time throughout the coming years if you have questions, ideas or feedback. We are excited to meet you in August!

With a warm welcome,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melissa Fischer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Summary of a Typical Foundations of Medicine 1 (FOM1) Week

Note: Holidays, study days, exams and other events may alter this generic plan.

Monday	Classes 8:30-12:30 Afternoon available for personal study or optional events Longitudinal pathway programs and the MD/PhD program may schedule meetings this afternoon
Tuesday	Classes 10:00-5:15 (with hour lunch break)*
Wednesday	Morning available for personal study or optional events Classes 12:30-5:15
Thursday	Classes 10:00-5:15 (with hour lunch break)*
Friday	Classes 8:30-1:15 Afternoon available for personal study or optional events

* There will be additional quizzes and graded assignments to complete at home or in class.

** You will be required to schedule a number of Longitudinal Preceptor visits throughout the year. On weeks when this occurs, Tuesday and Thursday classes will generally begin at 12:30.