



ISLAM MEDICAL COLLEGE

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**Islam Medical College
(Department of Medical Education)**

ELECTIVES POLICY

1. Electives or student-selected components in medical education provide medical students with the opportunity to tailor their learning experience to their interests, career aspirations, and learning style. These electives allow students to explore areas of medicine beyond the core curriculum. Gain exposure to different specialties, and develop clinical skills that are specific to their interests some of the key benefits of electives or student-selected components in medical education are
 - I. **Career exploration:** Electives allow medical students to explore different areas of medicine and gain exposure to different specialties, providing them with a broader understanding of the field and helping them make informed decisions about their career paths.
 - II. **Professional development:** Electives provide medical students with the opportunity to develop skills and knowledge that are specific to their interests and career aspirations, which can help them stand out when applying for residency programs or other professional opportunities.
 - III. **Personalized learning** Electives allow students to personalize their learning experience, choosing topics that are of interest to them and exploring them in greater depth.
 - IV. **Flexibility:** Electives offer a level of flexibility in medical education, allowing students to take a break from the traditional classroom setting and learn in a different environment, such as in a research lab, community health center, or hospital.
 - V. **Networking:** Electives allow students to work with and learn from a diverse group of medical professionals, including residents, fellows, attending physicians, and other healthcare providers, which can help them develop their professional network.
 - VI. **Improved patient care:** Electives allow students to gain practical experience in areas of medicine that they are passionate about, which can help them provide better care to patients in the future

Overall, electives or student-selected components in medical education play a vital role in providing medical students with a well-rounded education and helping them develop the skills, knowledge, and experience needed to succeed in their careers

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The elective policy at IMC outlines the eligibility criteria, duration, application process, selection process, elective options, attendance requirements, evaluation criteria, credit allocation and feedback collection for the program.

The policy states that all students enrolled in the medical college are eligible to voluntarily participate in electives, which are typically of four weeks duration. Students will be required to submit their elective preferences, and selection will be based on their academic performance and the availability of slots for the elective. Once selected, students will be allocated to the respective department or institute based on their preference and availability of slots.

The policy also mandates mandatory attendance during the elective period, with students required to maintain a logbook and Submit periodic reports. Students will be evaluated based on their performance during the elective period, the policy outlines that students will be provided with a list of elective options, which may include research electives, clinical electives, or other relevant electives or they can arrange for the electives themselves.

Students will be required to provide feedback on their elective experience, which will be used to improve the elective program in the future. Overall, the elective policy is designed to provide medical students with an opportunity to gain practical experience in areas of medicine they are passionate about, while ensuring that the program is well-organized, effective, and provides a valuable learning experience for the students.

Types of electives at Islam Medical College

- i. College-initiated electives***
- ii. Student Initiated electives***

- i. College-initiated electives are elective programs designed and offered by IMC to provide students with a diverse range of educational experiences and exposure to different areas of medicine. These electives cover various topics such as specialized clinical experiences, research opportunities, and community outreach programs. The aim is to enhance the learning experience of medical students and help them develop clinical, research, and leadership skills. College-initiated electives are an essential part of medical education and can help attract and retain high-quality students by offering a rich and varied educational experience.***

The college will strive to expand their elective options in several ways, such as collaborating with other institutions, adding new specializations, allowing student initiated electives, offering virtual electives, and encouraging faculty involvement

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ii. **Student-initiated electives** are elective programs initiated and designed by students themselves, allowing them to explore areas of medicine that may not be offered in the college's standard elective offerings. These electives may include research projects, clinical experiences, or community outreach programs, and the students are responsible for identifying the topic, arranging supervision, and coordinating logistics. Student-initiated electives provide students with a more personalized learning experience and allow them to gain practical experience and develop skills not covered in the college's standard curriculum.

2. **Eligibility:** All students enrolled in Islam Medical College are eligible to participate in electives

3. **Duration:** The duration of electives will be a minimum of four weeks and only during the Summer Break. Academic weeks cannot be opted for electives.

4. **Application Process:** Students will be required to submit their elective preferences (Self-Initiated or College Based provision) to the Student Affair department within the college, which will then be forwarded to Dir DME and Principal IMC

5. **Elective Options:** Students will be provided with a list of elective options, which may include, research electives, clinical electives, or other relevant electives OR they can arrange student initiated electives but it must be in the knowledge of the college and will require NOC. To expand the elective options the college will strive to sign MoU's with different hospitals & medical colleges to give them a rich and diverse clinical experience.

6. **Selection Process:** The selection of students for electives will be based on their academic performance and availability of slots for the electives provided by hospital.

7. **Allocation:** Once the students have been selected for an elective, they will be allocated to the respective department or institute based on their preference and availability of slots

8. **Attendance:** Attendance during the elective period is mandatory, and students are required to maintain a logbook and submit periodic reports as per the guidelines provided by the college.

9. **Evaluation:** Students will be evaluated based on their performance during the elective period and the evaluation will be conducted by the respective department or institute.

10. **Credits:** The credits earned during the elective period will be added to the student's academic record.

11. **Feedback:** Students will be required to provide feedback on their elective experience, which will be used to improve the elective program in the future.

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Guidelines for IMC Students to Apply for Self-Initiated Electives in other National or International Medical Institutions.

Student Affairs Department will scrutinize the application and verify the following:

- Attendance is more than 75% in the current academic year.
- Academic record is satisfactory.
- All college dues are cleared.
- Student Affairs Department will process the case to Department of Medical Education and after approval from competent authority (Principal), will issue a letter of recommendation for electives

IMC will not be responsible for providing or arranging travel, boarding/ lodging facilities and medical coverage student, to the elective Student will have to abide by the rules and regulations of the institution providing electives.

Student will have to submit his/her elective evaluation report to Student Affairs Department on completion of elective clinical attachment


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