

## Grading Policy Gynecology and Obstetrics

**Honors:** An Honors may be awarded if a student demonstrated outstanding performance in his or her coursework by achievement beyond the expected level of training, or extraordinary effort beyond the requirements of the curriculum. This grade identifies those students who have been consistently outstanding in their scholarship and professionalism. In addition, the student must receive a minimum overall score of  $\geq 80$  (NBME shelf exam, standardized patient exam, presentation, plus clinical evaluations).

**High Pass:** A High Pass may be awarded if a student has demonstrated excellent performance. This grade is distinguished from Honors where the performance must show consistently outstanding achievement. In addition the student must receive a minimum overall score of at least  $\geq 60$ .

**Pass:** The faculty are aware of the intellectual achievement of the students in JHUSOM and have designed a rigorous and challenging curriculum. Students who fulfill these requirements at each level remain active candidates for the JHUSOM M.D. degree and are to be congratulated for this achievement. A student must receive a minimum overall score of at least  $\geq 40$  and an NBME Shelf Exam score  $> 5^{\text{th}}$  percentile.

**Fail:** This grade will be used for students who have not met the minimum performance requirements of the coursework/clerkship as defined by the course director. Minimum performance is defined as a combined overall score  $\geq 38$ . An NBME shelf exam score of less than the  $5^{\text{th}}$  percentile will require remediation. All remediation plans will be determined by the clerkship director.

<b>Overall score:</b>	NBME Shelf exam score	(25%) +
	Standardized Patient exam	(10%) +
	Short Topic Presentation	(5%) +
	Clinical Performance Evaluations	(60%)

**Note:** The clerkship director will review all the clinical evaluations and overall scores in context – prior to assigning a student’s final grade. As this is a clinical clerkship, clinical performance is most important.

Grades will not be released unless a student has fulfilled the Patient Tracker and Duty Hour Requirements.

Students are given the opportunity to choose and personally request their four core evaluators. Other faculty and residents may choose to evaluate an individual who they feel has exhibited noteworthy performance, or one whose performance exhibited significant areas for improvement.

If the student does not pass the NBME Shelf Exam ( $>5^{\text{th}}$  percentile), but does successfully pass the other required elements (SP exam, short topic presentation, and clinical performance evaluations), the student will have a non-permanent “U – Unsatisfactory” grade submitted to the registrar. The student will then be required to successfully remediate and retake the NBME shelf exam per the SOM policy.

Even if overall score is Pass, the student must obtain a minimum standardized patient score  $\geq 2$  SD below the mean to demonstrate minimum competence in clerkship specific clinical skills. If the student’s SP exam score does not meet this threshold, the student must review the videotape with the clerkship director and repeat the SP exam on the next scheduled exam date.