

Division of Occupational Therapy Electives Policy

The electives that are required for graduation were built into the curriculum as a way for students to explore an area related to occupational therapy and gain skills in a particular area of interest.

Students will take two electives during the occupational therapy program. The first elective is during spring semester of the second year. The second elective is during fall semester of the third year.

By the beginning of spring semester of the first year students should meet with the Director of Graduate Studies to discuss preferences for an emphasis of study. The selection of an emphasis of study will affect choice of electives and may affect fieldwork placements and graduate project plans.

Before the end of spring semester of the first year each student should select an emphasis of study and should confirm this selection with the Director of Graduate Studies. Students are advised to make this decision as soon as possible as this decision could impact fieldwork placements. Modifications can be made in emphasis selection until the end of fall semester of the second year.

Electives should:

- be linked to relevant future practice and a chosen emphasis of study.
- not conflict with scheduled OC TH classes.
- be at the 5000 level or above.
- be at least 3 semester credit hours each (some exceptions available).
- not include beginning language classes including American Sign Language

A student may use a course taken prior to entering the MOT program if the course is 5000 level or above and was not part of the student's major coursework for another degree. This will need to be approved by the Director of Graduate Studies and the student will need to supply a course description and syllabus for review.

Before registering for electives a *Division of Occupational Therapy Electives Course Plan Request for Approval* needs to be submitted to the Director of Graduate Studies for review. The form may be found at www.health.utah.edu/ot, Current Students, Academic Information, Elective Information.

Any change in the elective plan needs to be reviewed and approved by the Director of Graduate Studies. Failure to do so may impact graduation. The approved elective plan must match what is listed on your degree report.

Special Workshops (OC TH 6980), Clinical Problems in Occupational Therapy (OC TH 6970), Special Topics-Service Learning (OC TH 6930) or Independent Study (OC TH 6950) may also be used as electives if they follow the above stated criteria.