

685W Advanced Clinical Plastic Surgery

1. Course Director, Coordinator and General Administrative Information

FACULTY AND STAFF

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Director: Cathy Tang, MD	200 S. Manchester, Ste. 650, Orange, CA 92868	714-456-5253	cathyjt@hs.uci.edu
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DESCRIPTION

During the Advanced Clinical Plastic Surgery elective students will evaluate and treat patients with traumatic and other acquired deformities, head and neck tumors, skin tumors, and hand problems. Planning of excisional and reconstructive surgery and postoperative care are included. When possible, students will be given operative experience based on their knowledge base ability to evaluate and care for patients and on their technical facility.

PREREQUISITES: Surgery Clerkship Extramural students must be in their final year of undergraduate medical education.

RESTRICTIONS: Clerkship students need department approval before enrolling.

COURSE DIRECTOR

Dr. Tang has worked in higher education since 2019. Dr. Tang is a board-eligible assistant clinical professor. Dr. Tang earned her bachelor's degree in neurobiology at the University of Washington where she graduated Summa Cum Laude. She attended Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine where she simultaneously obtained her medical degree and a master's degree in applied anatomy. She went on to finish a full general surgery residency at the University of California- San Francisco, before continuing on to UCLA to pursue a second residency in plastic and reconstructive surgery. Following her residency, she completed the prestigious hand and upper extremity surgery fellowship at Johns Hopkins University

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Elena Carraby is the course coordinator for 685W course.

INFORMATION FOR THE FIRST DAY

Who to Report to First Day: Elena Quiroz-Carraby

Location to Report on First Day: Department of Plastic Surgery, UCI Medical Center, Manchester Pavilion, 200 S. Manchester Ave., Ste. 650, Orange, CA 92868

Time to Report on First Day: 8:15am

SITE: UCI Medical Center & Affiliated Hospitals

DURATION: 2-4 weeks

Scheduling Coordinator: UCI students please call (714) 456-8462 to make a scheduling appointment.
Extramural students enrolled at a U.S. LCME medical school must use VSAS to apply. To apply please refer to the [Visiting Students Learning Opportunities website](#).

Periods Available: Throughout the year. Clerkship students need department approval before enrolling.

NUMBER OF STUDENTS ALLOWED: 2-3 per rotation

WHAT STUDENTS SHOULD DO TO PREPARE FOR THE COURSE

Medical Students should read Essentials for Students, Plastic Surgery Education Foundation

COMMUNICATION WITH FACULTY

Questions about logistics should be directed to the Course Coordinator. Direct questions, comments, or concerns about the course can be directed to the Course Director. Contact information and office location are at the beginning of this document.

The Course Director is also available to meet in person. Please email ecarraby@hs.uci.edu to arrange an appointment. To ensure that your email will not be lost in the large volume of email received, please use the following convention for the subject line:

SUBJECT: COURSE NAME, your last name, your issue (e.g. XXX, Smith, Request for appointment)

2. Course Objectives and Program Objective Mapping

The following are the learning objectives for the 685W course. Students are expected to demonstrate proficiency in these areas in order to satisfactorily complete the course. In addition, the extent of a student's mastery of these objectives will help guide the course evaluation and grade.

Course Objective	Mapped UCI School of Medicine Program Objective	Sub Competency	Core Competency
Manage all aspects of a plastic surgery patient's care.	B-5. The ability to practice effective preventive medicine by identifying, addressing and advocating for strategies to maintain health and well-being, to identify and treat disease early where appropriate and to advise on lifestyle practices	Patient Management	Skillful
Demonstrate knowledge in the planning of basic reconstructive surgery.	A-3. Knowledge of basic clinical skills required to meet the skills objectives, including interviewing, physical diagnosis, communication and clinical reasoning processes	Basic Clinical Skills	Knowledgeable
Demonstrate skill in surgical procedures.	B-2. The ability to competently perform a complete and organ-system-specific examination including a mental health status examination	Physical Exam	Skillful
Demonstrate knowledge in the surgical treatment of traumatic and acquired deformities, head and	A-2. Knowledge of the pathogenesis of diseases, interventions for effective treatment, and mechanisms of	Disease Pathogenesis and Treatment	Knowledgeable

neck tumors, skin tumors and hand problems.	health maintenance to prevent disease		
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3. Course Resources

TEXTS AND READINGS: SUGGESTED

- x Grabb and Smith's Plastic Surgery, Fourth Edition, 1990; Smith, Aston and Little, Brown. Achauer, et al. x Plastic Surgery Indication, Operation and Outcome, Mosby, 2000 and Operative Plastic Surgery, Gregory Evans, M.D., McGraw Hill, 2000.

4. Major Exams, Assignments and Grading

MAJOR ASSIGNMENTS AND EXAMS

GRADING

Medical Students are graded using the following scale: Honors (H), Pass (P), Fail (F) and Incomplete (I). For further information, please review the [Grading Policy](#).

The student will receive a grade of Honors, Pass or Fail. The student's final grade will be submitted on the standard UCI elective form. The student will be evaluated by attending and residents in the areas of interest, participation, completion of work undertaken, and quality of understanding, knowledgebase, and professionalism. If the student fails the elective, a grade of "F" will be permanently recorded on his/her transcript. The student can repeat the course for a second grade; however, the "F" will not be removed from the transcript.

You have 30 days from the date of the grade to appeal any aspect of this grade. Please contact your Clerkship/course Director should you have any questions.

Requirements for "Pass": To receive a grade of Pass, students must demonstrate successful performance in all the following areas:

- Knowledge
- Patient Care
- Practice-Based Learning
- Interpersonal & Communication Skills
- Professionalism
- Systems-Based Practice

Requirements for "Honors": To receive a grade of Honors, students must demonstrate exceptional performance in all the following areas:

- Knowledge

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- Patient Care
- Practice-Based Learning
- Interpersonal & Communication Skills
- Professionalism
- Systems-Based Practice

Grounds for “Incomplete”: You will not be issued a grade until all elements of the course have been completed.

REMEDIATION

Remediation, if needed, will be designed by the Course Director to suit the issue at hand.

Grounds for “Fail”: You will receive a grade of "Fail" if the requirements for passing the course have not been met. Please refer to the [Grading Policy](#) for the impact of the "Fail" grade to the transcript.