



Should Osteopathic Medical Students Take the USMLE Step 1? What Every Student Should Know

D.O. Students and USMLE Step 1

A growing number of osteopathic medical students are opting to register for the United States Medical Licensure Exam (USMLE), the allopathic equivalent to the COMLEX. This document takes a look at the National Statistics from NBME as well as data collected from MSUCOM.

USMLE Step 1 First-Time Test-Takers from US/Canadian Schools	2016		2017	
	Students Tested	Percent Passing	Students Tested	Percent Passing
MD Degree	20,122	96%	20,353	96%
DO Degree	3,398	94%	3,786	95%

*information can be found at <http://www.usmle.org/performance-data/>

Class of 2019 Exam Taken 5/26-8/14/2017	All	1st Quintile	2nd Quintile	3rd Quintile	4th Quintile	5th Quintile
Took USMLE N	168*	11	28	37	39	52
USMLE Failures N (%)	3 (1.8%)	1 (9.1%)	1 (3.6%)	1 (2.7%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
AVG USMLE S1 Score	224	215	214	216	226	237
AVG COMLEX L1 Score	604	510	546	567	611	677
AVG Ugrad SCIGPA	3.61	3.28	3.58	3.57	3.62	3.73
CORREL USMLE-COMSAE1ST	0.69					
CORREL USMLE-COMLEX	0.78					
CORREL USMLE-SCIGPA	0.24					

**14 took USMLE outside of 5/26-8/14/2017 window, not included in calculations.

*1 took USMLE but does not have quintile rank, included in totals

Class of 2020 Exam Taken 5/29-8/13/2018	All	1st Quintile	2nd Quintile	3rd Quintile	4th Quintile	5th Quintile
Took USMLE N	174	10	28	34	49	53
USMLE Failures N (%)	4 (2.3%)	2 (20.0%)	1 (3.6%)	1 (2.9%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
AVG USMLE S1 Score	226	213	215	218	227	240
AVG COMLEX L1 Score	572	505	513	538	571	639
AVG Ugrad SCIGPA	3.63	3.47	3.51	3.58	3.59	3.78
CORREL USMLE-COMSAE1ST	0.72					
CORREL USMLE-COMLEX	0.79					
CORREL USMLE-SCIGPA	0.28					

**15 took USMLE outside of 5/29-8/13/2018 window, not included in calculations.