The clerkship is tailored to the student’s particular interests and goals. The student may choose to concentrate on the surgical pathology service where he/she gains first-hand experience in the gross and microscopic interpretation of surgical biopsies and resections. The significance of pathologic diagnosis in patient management and the importance of clinician–pathologist collaboration are emphasized. Alternatively, the student may choose to concentrate on autopsy pathology and develop the clinico-pathologic correlative skills that form the basis of that service. During the elective, students will attend divisional conferences and may present cases in these conferences.

PA 0402 - Pediatric Pathology
Credit(s): 2-12 Credits
Light and electron microscopy will be used to study common and uncommon diseases in children. Students will assist in the gross and microscopic examination of surgical specimens and post-mortem examinations. Special study of congenital heart disease, muscle, pulmonary, or renal pathology can also be accomplished during the course if desired.

PA 0404 - Cytopathology Clerkship
Credit(s): 2-12 Credits
The clerkship is designed to introduce the student to the anatomic pathology subspecialty of Cytopathology. Cytopathology involves the examination of cellular elements collected by various means. The student will learn about specimen collection, processing, and microscopic diagnosis. Fine needle aspiration biopsy (FNAB) is the direct procurement of cells from a mass by needle aspiration. The student will be able to assist the pathologist in procuring percutaneous FNAB (i.e., breast, thyroid, etc.) and participate in on-site evaluation of deep-seated radiologically guided aspirates. As time permits, students may participate in other patient care activities in the division of Anatomic Pathology.

PA 0406 - Forensic Pathology
Credit(s): 2-12 Credits
Students are assigned to the St. Louis City Medical Examiner's Office where they have the opportunity to observe medicolegal examination of victims of sudden unexpected death or violence, and accompany staff to court to observe legal proceedings. Students are able to attend the Medicolegal Death Investigation Course (week-long didactic course) if the rotation overlays the scheduled course sessions (course offered 3 times per/year).

PA 0407 - Introduction to Clinical Pathology
Credit(s): 2-12 Credits
This course is designed to provide students with experiences in the practice of clinical pathology. The primary goal of this rotation is to provide the student with an inside look into how the clinical laboratories operate and function in order to facilitate patient care. Students will obtain direct laboratory experience while rotating through the various clinical pathology laboratories (chemistry, microbiology, hematology, blood bank, etc.).

PA 0408 - Hematopathology and Laboratory Hematology
Credit(s): 2-12 Credits
Introduction diagnostic hematopathology, to include flow cytometry and bone marrow and lymph node morphologic evaluation. Review of peripheral blood smears and body fluid specimens as clinically indicated.

PA 0409 - Gastrointestinal / Hepatic Pathology
Credit(s): 2-12 Credits
Students will obtain hands-on experience in surgical pathology of gastrointestinal and liver diseases. Specimens include resections and biopsies of GI tract and liver. During the rotation, students will participate in microscopic examination of GI tract and liver specimens, participate in intraoperative consultations, assist residents in gross examination, and attend department clinical and didactic conferences. As time permits, students may participate in other patient care activities in the division of Anatomic Pathology.

PA 0410 - Human Histology
Credit(s): 1-4 Credits
Histology is a foundational skill for a pathologist. This course is designed for fourth year medical students needing a solid review of histology or who have not previously taken a course in the subject. This 2-week non-patient care elective utilizes an online histology lecture course (https://www.lecturio.com/medical-courses/histology.course) which is broken down into two main sections: Basic Tissue Types and Organ Systems. A $49.99 fee is required to access the website material for one month, students must cover this themselves.

PA 0411 - Blood Banking/Transfusion Medicine
Credit(s): 1-4 Credits

PA 0901 - Pathology Direct Patient Care
Credit(s): 1-12 Credits (Repeatable for credit)
This course may be used to register for a Pathology elective. The elective experience must fulfill the requirements for a reading elective. The location of the experience may be at a SLU SOM affiliate or at another health care institution.

PA 0902 - Pathology Non-Direct Patient Care
Credit(s): 1-12 Credits (Repeatable for credit)
PA 0903 - Pathology Research
Credit(s): 1-12 Credits (Repeatable for credit)
This course may be used to register for a Pathology elective. The elective experience must fulfill the requirements for a reading elective. The location of the experience may be at a SLU SOM affiliate or at another health care institution.