

About your Shelf scores:

Congratulations

We hoped for great things from this class, and we weren't disappointed. The class average on the Shelf was 520.2 which is the 60<sup>th</sup> percentile for all students. That means our average student this semester beat out 60% of US students answering these same questions. And they think they're so smart!!

The national average was 500, or a 72 in the 3-point scale. The lowest theoretical passing score was about a 350 (3 digit scale) or a 60 (2 digit scale). We put a 16-pt adjustment on the raw scores which brought a 59 up to a 75. All scores therefore were adjusted by 16 points to give you your Shelf score as it applies to your grade.

What does this mean to you?

If you got a raw 60 (before the 16-pt adjustment), you just passed the Shelf and could theoretically expect to get a minimal passing grade on the Physio questions on the USMLE.

If you got a 65 raw score you did pretty well. Likely around 200 on the USMLE.

If you got 70 raw score, you were close to the US national average. Likely around 215 on the USMLE.

If you got 75 raw score you did very well. Maybe 225-230 on the USMLE

IF you got 80 raw score you did fantastically well. Maybe 235-245 on the USMLE.

Anything above that (and several people did get higher scores) is just icing on the cake. We have had students score above 260 on the USMLE!

It's been a lot of fun working with you this semester. All the best!

Dr. Stewart