

Standard Meeting Patterns

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In order to minimize class conflicts for students and maximize classroom utilization, classes must use standard times, listed below, unless approved by the Provost’s Office.

STANDARD MEETING PATTERNS - FALL/SPRING			
50 Minutes, 3 Days/Week			
MWF	8:00-8:50		
MWF	8:30-9:20		
MWF	9:30-10:20		
MWF	11:00-11:50		
MWF	12:30-1:20		
MWF	2:00-2:50		
75 Minutes, 2 Days/Week			
MW/TR	8:00-9:15	MW/TR	3:30-4:45
MW/TR	9:30-10:45	MW/TR	5:30-6:45
MW/TR	11:00-12:15	MW/TR	6:55-8:10
MW/TR	12:30-1:45	MW/TR	8:20-9:35
MW/TR	2:00-3:15		
2 Hours 30 Minutes, 1 Day/Week			
M/T/W/R/F	2:00-4:30	F	8:00-10:30
M/T/W/R/F	5:30-8:10	F	9:30-12:00
M/T/W/R/F	6:55-9:35	F	11:00-1:30
		F	12:30-3:00

Non-Standard Meeting Patterns

- Departments must have approval of the Provost’s Office in order to schedule a class at a non-standard time.
- Any variation on the evening schedule requires approval of the Provost’s Office and will be based on advanced computer room availability.
- Specialized programs may require alternate meeting patterns to be approved by the Provost’s Office.
- A class which meets longer than the standard meeting time must not cross more than two 75-minute standard class times. Example:
Allowable: Monday 8:00-10:45 crosses Monday/Wednesday 8:00-9:15 and 9:30-10:45.
Not Allowed: Monday 9:00-11:45 crosses Monday/Wednesday 8:00-9:15, 9:30-10:45, and 11:00-12:15.
- A class scheduled one day per week must be paired with another class of similar size on the opposite day of the week, unless it’s after 5:00 P.M. This allows full utilization of the classrooms. Example: Monday 2:00-4:30 should be paired with Wednesday 2:00-4:30.

- Classes will be allowed to meet four or five days per week if pedagogically necessary.
- Five credit hour courses require 250 minutes of instructional time per week with an additional 10-15 minute break built-in if they meet for 2.5 hours or more. Five credit hour courses must use the standard start times and may not cross more than two 75-minute standard class times.
- Five credit hour courses meeting two or three evenings per week must begin on or after 5:30 p.m. and five credit hours courses meeting one day per week must begin on or after 2:00 p.m.

Level Scheduling Guidelines

Primetime Scheduling

- “Primetime” is defined as Monday through Thursday from 10:00am to 2:00 pm.
- No more than 50% of each departments sections can be scheduled during Primetime.
- If the department schedules 10 or fewer sections for the semester, they must have no more than 65% of their sections during Primetime.

Balanced Scheduling

- At least 50% of each department’s sections at the 1000 or 2000 level must be scheduled on a MWF meeting pattern.
- For cross-listed or combined sections, the department “owning” the course (i.e. the department in which the Primary instructor belongs) counts it toward their percentages.
- “ARR” meeting patterns are only allowed on courses that are independent in nature, and have no need for a general purpose classroom.

Classroom Assignments

- Classes using standard meeting patterns will be given priority over those using non-standard meeting patterns.
- Classes are assigned to rooms based on seating capacity and maximum enrollment.
- Room requests based on health reasons will be given priority.
- Room requests based on pedagogical reasons will be considered, but cannot be guaranteed.