

CLASS MEETING PATTERNS CONSIDERATIONS

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How we got here

- Conversion from quarters to semesters
 - President Destler committed to preserving the same number of weeks of instruction *and* class time
 - Three 10-week quarters were converted into two 15-week semesters
 - 15-week terms, 10-week summer and 3-week intersession were designed to uphold our commitment to preserve contact time
- 14-week semesters & 12-week summer
 - Designed to keep our commitment to preserve class time
 - This explains the 55 (MWF) and 80-minute (TR) periods

General guidelines

RIT is committed to meet Federal Government requirements

- 1 SCH = 50 min contact time, over 15 weeks = 750 min per semester
- A 3-SCH course requires 2,250 contact minutes

Switch to 50-min classes

- Will require 150-min final exam during finals week for 3 SCH courses; higher for certain 4 SCH courses, lower for < 3 SCH courses

55-min vs 50-min patterns

Goal: 2,250 min of instruction Per 3 CH course	14-W Current (55 min)*		14-W (50 min)*	
	MWF	TR	MWF	TR
Time block minutes	55	80	50	75
Pass minutes	10	10	10	15
Minutes per 3CH course	2,310	2,240	2,100	2,100
Difference from expected (before final exam)	60	-10	-150	-150
Final exam duration	120	120	150	150
Total contact minutes	2,430	2,360	2,250	2,250
Number of daytime class blocks / day	8	6	8	6
Start classes at	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM
Last period in this pattern	3:35 – 4:30 PM	3:30- 4:50 PM	3:00 - 3:50 PM	3:30 – 4:45 PM

*Final exam duration for non-3 SCH courses is adjusted accordingly

Benchmarking

Hours of instruction excluding finals	Weeks	Class minutes		Total minutes	
		MWF	TR	MWF	TR
RIT 55-min patterns	14	55	80	2310	2240
RIT 50-min patterns	14	50	75	2100	2100
Albany	14	55	80	2310	2240
Binghamton	14	60	85	2520	2380
Brockport	14	50	75	2100	2100
Buffalo	14	50	80	2100	2240
Canisius	14	50	75	2100	2100
Clarkson	14	50	75	2100	2100
Geneseo	14	50	75	2100	2100
MCC	14	50	80	2100	2240
St. John Fisher	14	55	80	2310	2240
Stony Brook	14	53	80	2226	2240
Syracuse	14	55	80	2310	2240

Final exam blocks

120-minute exams (current)	150-minute exams (proposed)*
8:00 am – 10:00 am	8:00 am – 10:30 am
10:15 am – 12:15 pm	10:45 am – 1:15 pm
12:30 pm – 2:30 pm	1:30 pm – 4:00 pm
2:45 pm – 4:45 pm	4:15 pm – 6:45 pm
Evening exams begin at 5:00 pm	Evening exams start at 7:00 pm
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm	7:00 – 9:30 pm
7:15 pm – 9:15 pm	There would not be a second evening exam block
Calculus exams are 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm on the first day of exams	

***Scheduling final exams for 4 SCH courses will be challenging**

Challenges

- Final exam enforcement
 - To ensure that we meet Federal and Middle States Accreditation requirements
- Certain 4 SCH courses will require 3-hour exams
- Evening exams
 - Have been offered on the scheduled class time during finals week
 - We would need to change that

Timeline

- October 1 (Highly desirable)
 - Colleges need to have guidance to produce Fall 2018 schedule
- November 1 (Second best)
- November 15
 - Fall 2018 schedule is visible to students at the time that Spring term registration begins
 - Decision after November 1 would require retroactive changes to class schedule

Pros and cons of switching

Pros	Cons
On-the-hour class starts for MWF	Required and longer final exam periods
More regular schedule makes it easier to schedule labs and studios	Lose flexibility on final exam implementation
	One-time tweaking with Fall and Spring 2018-19 schedules (partial roll-over)