

Wright State University

Semester Academic Calendar

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Standard Credit Hour Base

Under the semester academic calendar, the standard course credit hour will be based on three semester credit hours. While the majority of course offerings will be three credit hours, all course offerings will not be constrained to three credit hours. Justifications can be made for fewer or more credit hours per course so as to accommodate different academic program needs, curricular innovations, and instructional methods.

Standard Instructional Hour Base

Under the semester academic calendar, the standard class time instructional base will be 750 minutes per credit hour per semester: 1 Credit Hour Class=750 Scheduled Class Meeting Minutes per Semester. Laboratories are twice that amount: 1 Credit Hour Laboratory=1500 Scheduled Laboratory Meeting Minutes per Semester. Over the span of a semester, the total class meeting minutes vary according to a courses' total credit hours and how it is scheduled.

Standard Course Scheduling Timeblocks

Under the semester academic calendar and its standard course scheduling as determined by the University and the AAUP-WSU as follows (excerpt from Agreement Concerning a Semester Calendar, July 7, 2009):

The University and the AAUP-WSU agree that the semester academic calendar will consist of two semesters of fifteen weeks, each with fourteen weeks of instruction and one week of final examinations. When developing the calendar for a specific academic year the parties will make a good faith effort to include 70 instructional days in each semester. Standard course scheduling during these semesters will provide for 55 minute Monday-Wednesday-Friday classes and 80 minute Tuesday-Thursday classes.

standard course scheduling timeblocks are designed to

- meet the university's academic program needs
- meet the diversity of university student needs
- permit the scheduling of classes of varying credit hours, with 3-credit hour courses being the norm
- make the most efficient use of existing and planned classrooms, general and dedicated
- permit a reasonable distribution of classes throughout the day and week
- permit a flexible evening schedule that meets program and student needs
- permit a reasonable amount of time for students and faculty to travel between classes
- retain enough flexibility to accommodate special program needs and curricular innovations and instructional methods.

Effective with the semester calendar implementation, the standard timeblock model for class scheduling will change from its quarter academic calendar base as follows:

WSU Standard Quarter Calendar Course Scheduling Timeblocks Effective Fall 2003		
Monday Wednesday Friday	Tuesday Thursday	Evenings
8:30 – 9:20/9:35	8:30 – 9:45/10:10	Two Evenings per Week
9:45 -10:35/10:50	10:25 -11:40/12:05	4:10 –5:25/5:50
11:00 -11:50/12:05	12:20 -1:35/2:00	6:05 – 7:20/7:45
12:15 - 1:05/1:20	2:15 - 3:30/3:55	8:00 – 9:15/9:40
1:30 - 2:20/2:35		One Evening per Week
2:45 - 3:35/3:50		4:10 – 6:50
		7:10 – 9:50

WSU Standard Semester Calendar Course Scheduling Timeblocks Effective Fall 2012		
Monday Wednesday Friday	Tuesday Thursday	Evenings
7:25 – 8:20	8:30 - 9:50	Two Evenings per Week
8:30 - 9:25	10:00 - 11:20	4:10 - 5:30
9:35 -10:30	11:30 - 12:50	5:40 - 7:00
10:40 -11:35	1:00 - 2:20	7:10 – 8:30
11:45 - 12:40	2:30 – 3:50	8:40 – 10:00
12:50 - 1:45		
1:55 - 2:50		One Evening per Week
3:00 - 3:55		4:10 – 6:50
		5:40 – 8:20
		7:10 – 9:50

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