

6. Commencement will be held as follows: First Semester: first Sunday following the end of the first semester; Second Semester: next subsequent weekend after the end of the second semester; Summer Session: first Sunday following the end of the last summer module.
7. The faculties at the regional campuses shall be free to establish their own calendar dates.

B. *Final Examinations* (See also Part N, Scheduling of Instruction and Examinations, Section II.)

1. In regular semesters, the final examination period shall consist of six scheduled days comprising the sixteenth week of the semester. The two-hour class meetings during the six days of the final examination period will be scheduled at the discretion of the Educational Policy Committee on the advice of the coordinator of space management and academic scheduling as, at most, thirty two-hour periods (five periods per day, including evenings).

Upon request, a single course-wide examination will be scheduled for any course.

In the summer session, the final examination schedule shall be appropriately scaled to meet the demand. It shall be scheduled at the discretion of the Educational Policy Committee on the advice of the coordinator of space management and academic scheduling in, at most, twelve two-hour periods on the last three days of the session (four periods per day, excluding evenings).

2. Each class will be scheduled for a two-hour meeting during the final examination period. Excepted are those courses classified as individual study, clinic, student teaching, industrial experience (co-op), or research and those offered for zero credit. However, any such course will be included in the schedule upon the specific request of the appropriate schedule deputy. If no educational purpose will be served by any type of meeting during the sixteenth week because the educational objectives of the course have been achieved, a department may dismiss this class meeting during the sixteenth week.
3. Two weeks after the beginning of any regular semester and one week after the beginning of the summer session schedule deputies shall inform the Office of Space Management and Academic Scheduling of the courses requiring course-wide examinations. It will be the responsibility of the department head, or where appropriate the school head, to inform the Office of Space Management and Academic Scheduling which courses within the department or school will not need a meeting. A schedule implementing Section I-B will then be developed by the coordinator of space management and academic scheduling in consultation with the Educational Policy Committee. Guiding principles include:
 - a) Minimize the number of direct student examination conflicts.
 - b) Minimize the number of students who have more than two examinations on the same day.
 - c) Minimize the number of students who have consecutive (back-to-back) examinations.

No student shall be required to take more than two examinations on one day.

4. The Office of the Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs shall implement a procedure to inform faculty and students of the Academic Regulations governing "end of semester" exams and activities each semester to coincide with the release of the final examination class schedule.
5. Students scheduled for more than two examinations in one calendar day are entitled to reschedule any examinations in excess of two. Similarly, students faced with a direct exam conflict are entitled to reschedule either examination. It is the responsibility of the student make the necessary arrangements before the last week of regularly scheduled classes. Course instructors shall not penalize student who chooses to rescheduled an examination under these options.*
6. Regional campuses may modify these provisions to meet local differences through established procedures of the local faculty governing bodies or, lacking these, the regional campus chancellor or designee.
7. The final examination period is intended for the end-of-semester examination. No examination or quiz may be given during the week (three days in summer session) preceding the final examination period of the semester (examinations for laboratory , intensive, or minicourses excluded). It will be the responsibility of the department head or where appropriate the school head to ensure that none of the departmental or school faculty sue the week (three days in summer session) preceding the final examination period to administer an examination.
8. Comprehensive final examinations (examinations for laboratory, intensive, or minicourses excluded) are prohibited except during the regular final examination periods of the last week of the semester.

C. Summer Session Work

Regular work offered in the summer session shall be equivalent in method, content, and credit value to the work of the academic year, regular class and laboratory periods being increased proportionately. Four summer sessions may count as one year of residence.

SECTION II ACADEMIC PROGRAM

A. Unit of Credit

The semester hour shall be the unit of University academic credit which shall represent approximately three hours of work per week by an average student throughout a normal semester, or its equivalent in total work for short courses

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