



December 2, 2025

The new course schedule, which will utilize all five days and incorporate two common hours on Tuesday and Thursday, will take effect in the Fall 2026 semester. We will have MWF 50 minute-classes, TR and MW 75-minute classes, and WF 75-minute classes.

Both Westside and Midtown will be standardized and follow the same class start times. There will be a few exceptions, but these are well-defined and are currently managed between the department chair and the Associate Registrar.

Days	Start	End
MWF	8:20 AM	9:10 AM
	9:20 AM	10:10 AM
	10:20 AM	11:10 AM
	11:30 AM	12:20 PM
	12:30 PM	1:20 PM
	1:30 PM	2:20 PM
	2:30 PM	3:20 PM
	3:30 PM	4:20 PM

MW or TR	8:00 AM	9:15 AM
	9:30 AM	10:45 AM
	11:00 AM	12:15 PM
Common Hour Tues/Thurs	12:20 PM	1:20 PM
	1:30 PM	2:45 PM
	3:00 PM	4:15 PM

WF	8:00 AM	9:15 AM
	1:30 PM	2:45 PM
	4:00 PM	5:15 PM

Evening Schedule:

M or T or W or R	5:30 PM	8:00 PM
	8:05 PM	10:35 PM

Course Distribution

Departments are responsible for the equal distribution of courses across all day and evening time blocks. Equal distribution will help to free up classroom space during the prime-time hours and help with scheduling conflicts for students.

The schedule blocks are based on a standard 3 credit course. Courses that are 1, 2 or 4 credits or other schedule types will meet shorter or longer as necessary to meet credit/contact hours requirements. Some classes that have a built-in lab may also meet for a longer period of time. These classes must start on a standard time block.

Rules (built into CourseLeaf)

10% of classes: 8am – 9:30am

No more than 50% of classes in the primetime hours 9:30am – 2:30pm. This is to reduce peak hour congestion.

Hybrid courses meeting on campus should avoid the peak hours for classroom usage and student scheduling conflicts.

Common Hour – will be reserved on Tuesday and Thursday from 12:20pm – 1:20pm.

I believe that both the new schedule and the common hour will address many issues related to equity and course access, student progress and timely graduation, opportunities for campus-wide events, mindfulness activities, and more. I would like to thank the various colleagues and offices involved in reviewing the impact of this change, the SGA for initially raising awareness of this need and for being actively involved in developing a solution, and the University Senate for passing a resolution requesting a change in the class schedule to utilize all 5 days.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stephen Hegedus". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Stephen" and last name "Hegedus" clearly legible.

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