

COMPRESSED CALENDAR

This website is intended to provide information to students and the entire college community regarding Southwestern Community College District's move from our current academic calendar consisting of 17.5 weeks each semester to 16 weeks each semester.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ):

1. When will the compressed calendar be implemented?

Answer:

The compressed calendar will be implemented in 2015-16, contingent upon negotiations and approval of SWC's compressed calendar application to the Chancellor's Office.

2. How will the semester look with a compressed calendar:

Answer:

Each full term class in the Fall and Spring semesters of our compressed calendar will be 16 weeks long, with 15 weeks of instruction and 1 week for final exams.

First and second session classes will be eight weeks long, with seven weeks of instruction and a final exam in the eighth week.

Currently each full term class in the Fall and Spring semesters is 18 weeks long , with 17 weeks of instruction and 1 week for final exams.

First and second session classes are eight weeks long with the final on the last day of the eighth week.

3. Why is there a block schedule?

Answer:

The block schedule was developed to allow for greater access to students by minimizing overlaps between classes. This was done by creating common pass times between blocks.

4. Why are the start and end times so 'odd' for classes in the block schedule?

Answer:

When compressing the schedule from 18 weeks to 16 weeks, the class times must be increased in order to assure the class meets for the required amount of hours for the units awarded. This factor as well as the incorporation of common pass times into the block schedule create 'odd' start and end times.

5. Is the pre-proto that was sent to the Deans and Chairs on Saturday, 9/20/14, the final schedule for Fall 2015?

Answer:

No, it is not. Deans and Chairs will have two opportunities to make changes to the Fall 2015 schedule:

- the pre-proto stage of schedule planning (no room changes)
- the proto stage of schedule planning (room changes will be considered)

6. Are there any SWC requirements that must be followed when scheduling for the compressed calendar?

Answer:

- All lecture sections must follow the established block scheduling, including college hour on Tuesday and Thursday.
- Regarding the schedule of laboratory classes:
 - Lab classes are not required to follow the block scheduling pattern, but every effort should be made to do so, e.g. by conforming to the same start or end time as an existing block
 - Lab classes may overlap with college hour, if necessary, but every effort should be made to avoid doing so.

7. When will the final Fall 2015 schedule be posted online?

Answer: April 2015

8. Whom should I contact if I have a concern about my schedule in the compressed calendar?

Answer: The Dean of your School or Center

9. Will there be a 'bump up' in FTES as a result of implementing the compressed calendar?

Answer:

If all other factors remain constant, e.g. enrollment, number of sections; it is expected that there will be a slight increase in FTES due to implementation of the compressed calendar. There are two opposing factors that will determine the size of the 'bump.' For each face-to-face class, the earned FTES will be slightly larger, but for each online/hybrid class, the FTES will decrease. The net size of the 'bump' depends upon the combined effect of these two factors. The calculations are shown below assuming the

same enrollment in each case:

- **Current Calendar: FTES for a full term 3 unit face-to-face or online/hybrid lecture class with 30 students:**

$$(3.0 \text{ hrs/week} \times 30 \text{ students} \times 17.5 \text{ weeks}) / (525 \text{ hrs/FTES}) = 3.0 \text{ FTES}$$

- **Compressed schedule: FTES for a full term 3 unit face-to-face lecture class meeting twice a week with 30 students:**

$$(3.4 \text{ hrs/week} \times 30 \text{ students} \times 16 \text{ weeks}) / (525 \text{ hrs/FTES}) = 3.1 \text{ FTES}$$

- **Compressed schedule: FTES for a full term 3 unit online/hybrid lecture class with 30 students:**

$$(3.0 \text{ hrs/week} \times 30 \text{ students} \times 16 \text{ weeks}) / (525 \text{ hrs/FTES}) = 2.7 \text{ FTES}$$



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LEGEND	
FALL 2015	
August 24 – December 12	
Pre-semester Opening Day	August 21
Finals Week	December 5-11
SPRING 2016	
January 25 – May 21	
Pre-semester Opening Day	January 22
Finals Week	May 14 - 20
SUMMER 2016	
June 6 – August 6	
Nine-week Session	June 6–August 6
Eight-week Session	☼ June 13–August 6
Commencement	🎓 May 20, 2016
Flex Day (Required)	
No Classes	
State Mandated Holiday	
District Holiday	
Classified Staff Development Day	✕ June 1, 2016
No Evening Classes Starting 4:30 pm. or later	🕒 November 25, 2015

NUMBER OF INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS							
	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa	Total
Fall 2015	15	16	16	15	14	14	90
Spring 2016	15	16	16	15	15	14	91
TOTAL							181
FLEX DAYS							
Fall 2015	2						
Spring 2016	2						
TOTAL	4						
TOTAL INSTRUCTIONAL AND FLEX DAYS:							
							185

Weekend Class Days	Sa	Su
Fall 2015	14	14
Spring 2016	14	15

HOLIDAYS	State Mandated	Declared by SWCCD
Labor Day	September 7 (M)	
Veterans Day	November 11 (W)	
Thanksgiving Day	November 26 (Th)	November 27 (F)
Winter Break		Dec. 19 (Sa) – Jan. 3 (Su)
Christmas Eve		December 24 (Th)
Christmas Day	December 25 (F)	
New Year's Eve		December 31 (Th)
New Year's Day	January 1 (F)	
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	January 18 (M)	
Lincoln Day	February 12 (F)	
Washington Day	February 15 (M)	
Spring Break		March 21(M) – March 27 (Su)
Friday of Spring Break		March 25 (F)
César Chavez Day		March 31 (Th)
Memorial Day	May 30 (M)	
Independence Day	July 4 (M)	



Southwestern Community College District DRAFT #3 of 2015-2016 Traditional Calendar

Fall 2015 Semester	Spring 2016 Semester	Summer 2016 Semester
AUGUST 2015	JUNE 2016	JUNE 2016
SEPTEMBER 2015	JULY 2016	JULY 2016
OCTOBER 2015	AUGUST 2016	AUGUST 2016
NOVEMBER 2015	SEPTEMBER 2016	SEPTEMBER 2016
DECEMBER 2015	OCTOBER 2016	OCTOBER 2016

LEGEND	
FALL 2015	
August 17–December 18	
Pre-semester Opening Day	August 14
Finals Week	December 12–18
Pre-semester Opening Day	
January 18	
Finals Week	May 21–27
SUMMER 2016	
June 6–August 4	
Nine-week Session	June 6–August 4
Seven-week Session	June 20–August 4
Commencement May 27, 2016	
Flex Days	Required
Flex Days	Independent
No Classes	
State Mandated Holidays	
District Holiday	
Classified Staff Development Day	
November 25	No Evening Classes starting 4:30 p.m. or later.

NUMBER OF INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS						
	M	T	W	Th	F	Total
Fall 2015	16	18	18	17	17*	86
Spring 2016	16	18	18	17	17	86
Instructional Year Total						172*
FLEX DAYS						
Fall 2015						2
Spring 2016						2
Flex Days Total						4
TOTAL INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS and FLEX DAYS:						176*
	Sa	Su				Total
Fall 2015	16	14				30
Spring 2016	16	16				32
Total						62

Holidays	State Mandated	Declared by SWC District
Labor Day	September 7 (M)	
Veterans Day	November 9 (M)	
Thanksgiving	November 26 (Th)	November 27 (F)
Christmas Eve		December 24 (Th)
Christmas	December 25 (F)	
New Year's Eve		December 31 (Th)
New Year's Day	January 1 (F)	
Winter Break		Dec 19–Jan 1
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	January 18 (M)	
Lincoln Day	February 12 (F)	
Washington Day	February 15 (M)	
Spring Break		March 21–27
Good Friday	March 25 (F)	
Cesar Chavez Day		March 31 (Th)
Memorial Day	May 30 (M)	
Independence Day	July 4 (M)	

* Potential District Holiday; number of meeting days will decrease by one

3/28/16 Start of 2nd Eight-week Session

