

Altered Semester Details

Assumptions:

- Honor current “start” and “stop” dates for full semester and 5-wk and 7-wk alternate schedules
- Maintain current exam schedule using remote technology
- Move the 2 day Fall Break to the Monday and Tuesday of Thanksgiving Week
- Eliminate “in-semester” holidays (Labor Day, Fall Break, Veterans Day) to become instructional days
- 12 month Faculty/Staff recover Labor Day Holiday and Veterans Day Holiday on Monday and Tuesday prior to Thanksgiving
- Students will not return to campus after Thanksgiving holidays
- Instruction and exams following Thanksgiving Holiday Week will be accomplished through remote technology

Day Count

	Current Schedule		Revised Schedule	
	Total	Before Thanksgiving	Before Thanksgiving	Total
M-W-F Classes	40	37	39	42
T-X Classes	27	25	26	28
2nd Seven Weeks Schedule October 12 – December 4				
M-W- F Classes	20	17	18	21
T-X Classes	14	12	12	14
Last Five Weeks Schedule November 2 – December 4				
M-W-F	12	9	9	12
T-X	9	7	6	8

- Last 5 Week part of term currently has 4 courses with 17 students enrolled.
 - All 4 courses are online WEB courses.
- Last 7 Week part of term has 48 courses with 255 students enrolled.
 - 11 courses are conventional courses. (71 students)
 - 37 are online WEB courses. (184 students)

Background:

Dr. Donohoe provided the Provost's Office the following information that is pertinent to shortening and/or altering Fall Schedule:

- THEC does not have policy around academic calendars but suggests we follow SACSCOC guidelines and our own policies
 - Dr. Cheri Clavier who reached out to SACSCOC, and Dr. Wheelan stated that we can change the calendar as long as we keep the integrity of the credit in check and comply with our own policies. Dr. Wheelan would like us to notify her if we modify our academic calendar. I believe that our definition of credit alleviates some of the pressure regarding instructional time as long as we are able show that students have met the learning outcomes.
 - The ETSU Academic Calendar policy notes that: Final examinations are scheduled at the conclusion of the instructional time and noted in the academic calendar.
 - TNeCampus grades would not be available until 12/9/2020 so we would have to delay end of term processing until that date. We normally would conduct end of term processing on 12/14/2020.
 - There will be some issues with the Last 5 week and Last 7 week parts of term, we may be able to slide their start dates up closer to the start of the term to fit them into the November 25 last day of class date. Doing so may result in some student's not being able to keep those courses due to their life schedules.
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Ms. Morgan provided the following:

Financial Aid Regulations/Implications to Shortening Fall 2020 Semester

On 11/5/2019, the US DOE announced a revised policy for standard term length. The revised policy states

- Terms of between 14 and 21 weeks in length may now be considered semesters or trimesters. As under the prior policy, academic progress for semesters or trimesters must be measured in semester/trimester credit hours with full-time enrollment defined as at least 12 semester/trimester credit hours per term.
- Under the revised policy, terms that are not substantially equal in length can now be considered standard terms, and the number of weeks in any given term may vary from year to year.

The following chart compares the prior policy with the revised policy:

Term	Prior Policy		Revised Policy	
	Minimum Weeks	Maximum Weeks	Minimum Weeks	Maximum Weeks
Semester/Trimester	15	17	14	21
Quarter	10	12	9	13

If ETSU chooses to shorten fall 2020 semester, outlined below are some key points that need to be taken into account to ensure ETSU remains a standard term institution.

- It is still not permissible for terms to overlap.
- A student's cost of attendance would be reduced for fall 2020 due to the reduction of weeks in the term.
- FAO would have to re-budget all students with a new budget based on the new term dates/number of weeks in the term
- If fall 2020 is shortened, the entire academic year must still meet the 30-week requirement.
 - Example: If fall 2020 is 14 weeks, spring 2021 must be a minimum of 16 weeks in order to meet the regulatory definition of an academic year
 - This means a possible change to length of spring 2021 term to meet requirements