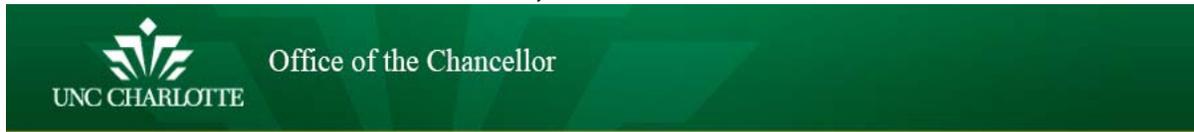




Fall 2018 class scheduling change

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The University will return to a MWF schedule.



UNC Charlotte Faculty, Staff and Students:

UNC Charlotte has been fortunate to experience rapid growth over the past decade – both in enrollment and in construction projects. While this brings many great opportunities for our University, it can also lead to frustration in navigating campus.

In fall 2015, I appointed a task force, led by Professor Richard Buttimer, to examine campus congestion, including student and vehicle mobility, campus life, and classroom use throughout the week. After extensive study, the task force submitted **34 recommendations for consideration** – ranging from changes in our physical infrastructure and parking systems to alternative transportation enhancements.

Among the recommendations that have been accepted is one to change class scheduling. Beginning in fall 2018, the University will return to a structure that includes 50-minute classes on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8 a.m. to 2:15 p.m., with a 15-minute break between each class period. Faculty members who wish to continue teaching 75-minute classes on any two of those days may do so from 2:30 p.m. onward.

The current schedule of most classes meeting twice a week for 75 minutes was instituted 10 years ago to accommodate the time it took for students and faculty to travel, primarily on foot, to far-flung classes on our expanding campus. With changes in how classes are scheduled and our recently enhanced Niner Transit service, this concern has been greatly reduced.

Additionally, it is important at a state level that we offer a robust number of classes for our students, while using available classroom resources more efficiently. This is challenging to do without making full use of all five days of the week. If you are on campus on Fridays, you have witnessed the marked difference in population. In fact, in fall 2016, our classroom utilization was approximately **50 percent lower on Friday** than other days of the week. This change will help significantly in resolving this issue.

Students, we also hope that offering a full schedule of classes on Friday will enhance the campus experience, engaging you for the entire week and into the weekend with programming.

Senior Associate Provost Jay Raja is working closely with associate deans, department heads, and staff from the Registrar's Office to establish the fall 2018 class schedule. That work takes

into consideration faculty concerns and recommendations forwarded to Provost Lorden by Faculty Council President Richard Leeman in mid-October. The first draft of the proposed schedule is due from departments before winter break to allow time for analysis of classroom availability and utilization and to address any special situations that may arise. Faculty will be hearing more from their college and department leadership as they work on scheduling.

More information on the schedule change is available on the [Academic Affairs website](#), and you can expect to receive additional communication as we get closer to class registration in March.

Cordially,



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Chancellor

