

# **IUPUI Time Modules – Fall and Spring Terms**

## **Effective Fall 2006 – Proposed**

### **Introduction**

The Fall 2005 classroom assignment predicament brought into focus many of the campus issues surrounding class scheduling: low classroom utilization during non-peak periods (especially at 8 a.m. Monday through Thursday and all day on Fridays), larger numbers of classes being scheduled during peak periods than we have classrooms in which to teach them, too many classes being scheduled using nonstandard meeting times, etc.

While these issues may appear to be mere scheduling issues, there is increasing concern that students are having more difficulty building their schedules because many of their desired classes are being offered at the same times or have nonstandard meeting times which conflict with classes scheduled at standard times.

A review of current scheduling practices begun in February 2005 has resulted in the proposed changes to the IUPUI Time Modules (see attached Time Modules listing) to become effective during the Fall 2006 term.

The attached time modules have later start times than the current time modules:

- Daytime classes start at 9 a.m.
- Evening classes start at 6 p.m.

Later class start times were made possible by eliminating the midday break.

### **Benefits**

1. The primary benefit from having later daytime class start times is that the campus will have six useable daytime class periods rather than the current five periods (the existing 8 a.m. class period is not useable since so few classes can be offered at that hour of the morning).
2. Scheduling classes across useable six daytime class periods rather than five allows students to more easily build time-conflict-free class schedules and allows more effective utilization of general inventory classrooms.
3. The later start for the traditional daytime classes opens up a time slot for “early bird” classes at 7:30 a.m. This period is expected to be attractive to working students whose work shifts end at 7 a.m. or begin at 9 a.m.
4. The later start times for daytime and evening classes should relieve some of the traffic congestion on campus during the morning and evening rush hours.

### **Commitment**

Beyond the proposed changes to the class time modules, it is essential that academic units make a commitment to work in concert with the campus to address our scheduling issues. The first step in that effort is to follow basic scheduling guidelines:

- Adhere to approved time modules
- Distribute daytime course offerings across all class periods including the Friday-only 160 minute daytime periods
- Establish realistic class enrollment capacities used for classroom assignment