

Fall 2021 Schedule Building Strategy

Because public health conditions for Fall 2021 are uncertain, maximum flexibility is needed in the planning process.

- **Setting the Fall 2021 schedule is a 2-step process.**
 - Building the schedule (now)
 - Tuning the schedule to meet the expected public health conditions in Fall 2021 (May/June)
- **Key Principles:**
 - There is no good way to move online courses face-to-face once the schedule is open for registration.
 - We can scale back a mainly face-to-face schedule to meet any needed social distancing mitigations by moving some courses online.
 - We have flexibility only in one direction and we will irrevocably lock in our maximum face-to-face now

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- **Aim for a more normal schedule with a mainly face-to-face program.**
 - Do what you would do in the absence of social distancing mitigations.
- **Rationale:**
 - We can always dial back from face-to-face, but not add it.
 - If things improved markedly, we would be at a huge disadvantage if we were locked into a mainly online schedule.
- **Other considerations:**
 - Return to normal gap between classes because we learned that densities are so low with strong social-distancing mitigations and there is no crowding.

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- **Important considerations:**
 - This is the first pass at planning for the Fall and instructors are not locked into going face-to-face if it is in the schedule.
 - The campus has been sensitive to faculty/instructor concerns and they should assume that campus will continue valuing their concerns in final decision-making for the fall.
 - You will likely need to encourage colleagues to put forward a more normal schedule.