

Project: Changing to Add Deadline & Late-Start Classes

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Justification:

- On average, 86% of adds occur in the first eight calendar days of the semester.
- We chose to amend the policy to five instructional days as some UWM departments and other UW System schools are already utilizing this add deadline. In addition, pass rates are better in classes added before the 2nd week of instruction.
- This aligns us with the practices of other UW System Schools:
 - On average, most UW system schools are asking students to complete enrollment/add classes within 1 week of the start of the semester. Many allow students to add with permission for another week.
 - UW-Eau Claire = 5th day of instruction
 - UW-Green Bay = 5th day of instruction
 - UW-Lax = 5th day of instruction
 - UW-Madison = Initial enrollment by 9/9 (2nd day) or \$50 late fee; add by 9/16 (8th day)
 - UW-Oshkosh = 5th day of instruction
 - UW-Parkside = 5th day of instruction
 - UW-Plat = 5th day of instruction
 - UW-River Falls = 5th day of instruction
 - UW-SP = 8th day of instruction
 - UW-Stout = 10th day of instruction
 - UW-Superior = 5th day of instruction
 - UW-Whitewater = 6th day of instruction
- This does not prevent students from adding classes with permission after the add deadline by using the Registration Change Form via Registrar's Office.
- Changing the add deadline creates an opportunity to offer more classes that start later in the semester.
 - See dataset for classes commonly added after the add deadline.
 - ENG 102, PSYC 101, ECON 103, MATH 105 (high DFW rate), ECON 104, SOCIOL 101, DANCE 103, CLASSIC 170 (high DFW rate), AFRIC 100, ASTRON 103

Future Proposal:

- Use the dataset for classes commonly added after the add deadline to identify courses that could have a week 4 or week 8 start date.
 - Class Categories of Interest (Courses listed were often added late):
 - GER Art
 - DANCE 103, 220
 - MUSIC 102
 - ART 100
 - GER Humanities
 - CLASSIC 170
 - AFRIC 100

- COMMUN 103
 - LINGUIS 100
 - GER Social Science
 - PSYC 101
 - SOCIOL 101
 - ECON 103, 104
 - CRMJST 110
 - COMMUN 101, 105
 - GER Natural Science
 - ASTRON 103
 - CHEM 100
 - GEOSCI 100
 - History 152
 - Math
 - MATH 075 (already has a week 4 start)
 - MATH 105
 - MATH 211
 - MATH 231
 - English 100, 101, 102
 - ED PSYC 110 – Planning Your Major & Career
 - Change Major Friendly
 - EAP 100, 101
- Work with Registrar’s Office to identify consistent start dates in the semester
- Benefits of late/mid-semester start:
 - Accommodates non-traditional students
 - Accommodates international students who arrive so close to start of semester
 - Opportunity for asynchronous classes
 - Solution to any dropped classes and maintaining financial aid eligibility
 - Relieves bottleneck of August/January orientation and registration
 - *We suggest not opening mid/late semester start classes until 1 month before semester starts to funnel students into week 1 start classes.