

Proposed NCSSM Calendar 2020-21

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15 WEEKS

17 DAYS

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Semester 1						
	S	M	T	W	T	F
Aug	2	3	4	5		8
Aug	9					15
Aug	16					22
Aug	23					29
	30					5
Sep	6					12
Sep	13					19
Sep	20					26
	27					3
Oct	4					10
Oct	11					17
Oct	18					24
	25					31
Nov	1					7
Nov	8					14
Nov	15					21
Nov	22					28
	29					5
Dec	6					12
Dec	13					19
Dec	20					26
	27					

Jan Term						
Jan	3					9
Jan	10					16
Jan	17					23
Jan	24					30

c	Class
e	Exam
s	Special (i.e. JT)
w	Teacher Workday
i	Comm Inservice
h	Holiday

Semester 2						
	S	M	T	W	T	F
Jan	24	25	26	27	28	29
Jan	31					6
	7					13
Feb	14					20
Feb	21					27
Feb	28					6
	7					13
Mar	14					20
Mar	21					27
Mar	28					3
	4					10
Apr	11					17
Apr	18					24
Apr	25					1
	2					8
May	9					15
May	16					22
May	23					29
May	30					5
	6	7	8	9	10	11
Jun	13	14	15	16	17	18

Calendar Details:

- Faculty 10 month contract days: August 6th, 2020– June 5th, 2021

SEMESTER 1 ≈ 15 WEEKS		
72	c	Class
4	e	Exam
0	s	Special (i.e. JT)
24	w	Teacher Workday R/O
0	i	Comm Inservice
8	h	Holiday

J TERM ≈ 4 WEEKS		
0	c	Class
0	e	Exam
17	s	Special (i.e. JT)
2	w	Teacher Workday R/O
1	i	Comm Inservice
1	h	Holiday

SEMESTER 2 ≈ 15 WEEKS		
71	c	Class
4	e	Exam
0	s	Special (i.e. JT)
12	w	Teacher Workday R/O
0	i	Comm Inservice
2	h	Holiday

Proposed NCSSM Timetable 2020-21

Proposed NCSSM School Timetable									
MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
TIME		TIME		TIME		TIME		TIME	
8:30 to 9:20	A1	8:30 to 9:20	D2	8:30 to 9:20	A3	8:30 to 9:20	C4	8:30 to 9:20	B5
9:25 to 10:15	B1	9:25 to 10:15	B2	9:25 to 10:15	D3	9:25 to 10:15	A4	9:25 to 10:15	C5
10:20 to 11:10	C1	10:20 to 11:10	A2	10:20 to 11:10	C3	10:20 to 11:10	B4	10:20 to 11:10	D5
11:15 to 12:05	D1	11:10 to 11:50	A2 LAB	11:10 to 11:50	C3 LAB	11:10 to 11:50	B4 LAB	11:10 to 11:50	D5 LAB
12:05 to 12:55	LUNCH	11:50 to 12:40	LUNCH	11:50 to 12:40	LUNCH	11:50 to 12:40	LUNCH	11:50 to 12:40	LUNCH
12:55 to 1:45	E1	12:40 to 1:20	E2 LAB	12:40 to 1:20	G3 LAB	12:40 to 1:20	F4 LAB	12:40 to 1:20	G5 LAB
1:50 to 2:40	F1	1:20 to 2:10	E2	1:20 to 2:10	G3	1:20 to 2:10	F4	1:20 to 2:10	G5
2:45 to 3:35	G1	2:10 to 4:00	Flexible Use Time	2:15 to 3:05	F3	2:10 to 4:00	Flexible Use Time	2:15 to 3:05	F5
3:35 to 4:25	Flexible Use Time			3:10 to 4:00	E3			3:10 to 4:00	E5
MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		Evening	
6:15pm to 7:55pm	H1	6:15pm to 7:55pm	H2	6:15pm to 7:55pm	H3	6:15pm to 7:55pm	H4		
8:05pm to 9:45pm	I1	8:05pm to 9:45pm	I2	8:05pm to 9:45pm	I3	8:05pm to 9:45pm	I4		

Proposed NCSSM Graduation Requirements 2020-21

Subject area	Required number of Total NCSSM Credits	Notes
Core-Focused Requirements		
Science	5	1 biology elective, 1 physics and 1 chemistry semester core course, and two semester courses in or cross-listed with chemistry and physics. Students may choose an introductory or advanced elective in physics or chemistry or any other course listed in any department that is interdisciplinary with physics or chemistry.
Math	3	Students must complete through Precalculus with an additional math core. Students who place in calculus have additional elective choice for these requirements.
Engineering and Computer Science	1	
World Languages	0-4	Students must meet UNC minimum admissions requirements (2 years in the same language in home high school or NCSSM) and meet a specific competency level deemed appropriate by the Chancellor. Required semesters will vary based on placement and previous coursework. WL requirement is exempted for students who have taken 2 years and placed at the appropriate competency level or have taken 2 years (shows on transcript) of a language that we do not offer. Further details around placement and competency to be determined.
English/History	2 (double credit)	These credits are earned in the required AS403 or AS405.
Senior English	1	

Interdisciplinary Humanities Elective or English	1	An approved interdisciplinary core humanities elective or a Senior English core course or would fulfill this requirement.
STEM and STEM Interdisciplinary	1	Any core STEM discipline course (science, math, or engineering/computer science) or approved core STEM interdisciplinary course would fulfill this requirement.
Core Electives	Varies	The number of earned core elective credits depends on individual student placement and exemption qualifications.
Total Core/Elective Course Possibilities (Including J-term)	24	Students must be enrolled for 4 semesters and earn a final grade of C-/S or higher in all core and core elective classes in which they are enrolled and other required educational activities.
Non-Core Course Requirements		
Physical Activity/Wellness	1	One semester credit required in junior year.
Residential Education (College Readiness/Life Skills)	2 Junior courses & 1 Senior elective	Juniors must take Cornerstone and NCSSM to College. Cornerstone will span 12 weeks and NCSSM to College with Marketing You 15 weeks. Seniors choose 1 elective that spans 8 weeks.
NCSSM Experience Requirements		
Campus work service	1	One per semester
Service learning	1	
January-Term Learning Experience	4	

Advising Note: Requirements may be more or less in some categories depending on prior coursework and placement.

Proposed NCSSM Pass/No Pass Course Option

For certain courses, a qualified student may elect to register under the pass/no pass option. Under such registration, the only final grades available to the student are P (pass) or NP (no pass). To receive a grade of P, the student must be doing work comparable to a C- or better. If a course is taken under the pass/no pass option, the grade of P or NP will be permanently recorded. If the course is passed, the units of credit will be applied toward graduation. Pass/no pass grades are not included in the GPA.

The following regulations apply to the Pass/No Pass Course Option Policy:

- NCSSM may elect to take courses under the pass/no pass option only if they are in good academic standing.
- Each department decides which of its courses will be available under the pass/no pass option. The instructor will be notified of any students enrolled in the class under the pass/no pass option.
- Courses taken under the pass/no pass option must be electives only and may not be used to fulfill graduation requirements or other specified curriculum requirements. Pass/No pass courses are monitored by the department deans and the registrar.
- Students must select the Pass/No Pass option prior to the deadline set by the registrar in the beginning of the term.
- Students registering for a course under the pass/no pass option must meet the prerequisites or otherwise satisfy the instructor of their ability to take the course.
- Students may register under the pass/no pass option for not more than 2 courses during their enrollment at NCSSM and no more than one in each year. Any exceptions to this policy must be approved by academic administration.

Proposed NCSSM Credit Hour Definition and Workload Limits

- As per standard federal/national definition of “credit hour”, quantify academic time by number of guided and independent hours of a course. Make this number transparent to students and advisors.
- Assume that for an average course 1 hour in-class = 1 hour out-of class in calculations. Special circumstances exist for certain approved courses to carry more credit hours due to a ratio (American Studies).
- Set the maximum credit-load for students for core courses at between 35-45 hours with options for overloads and an average target of 40 credit hours/week of academic time for core courses.
- Maintain system of awarding graduation requirements for courses and competencies and not total number of credits

Guided and independent time: In general, the amount of independent time weekly is the same as the amount of guided time (i.e. a 1:1 ratio). In the case on American studies, independent time is equal to guided time plus 3 additional hours (i.e. # guided hours: # guided hours + 3).

Credit hours: A course that requires 1 hour of work per week (guided and/or independent) would earn a student one credit over a 15-week semester. Credit hours will help to limit student workloads since core credit hours per week will be capped.

Student semester workload: 5 core courses per semester + 2 J-term learning experiences

Students would be expected to take 5 core courses in each semester with the option of overloading based on academic workload. In each J-term, students can take courses that fulfill graduation requirements. In order to fulfil grad requirements during J-term, a student will be expected to complete a certain number of credit hours, to be specified. Equivalences may need to be calculated for J-term experiences, such as immersive language programs, that cannot be calculated in credit hours.