

Compressed Calendar Task Force: Student Survey

Thank you for taking time to complete this survey, which will take 5 to 10 minutes of your time.

SRJC currently has an 18-week semester. We are considering "compressing the calendar" **which means shortening the length of semesters to 16 or 17 weeks without affecting overall instructional time in the classroom.** The following are the likely changes that would happen under a compressed calendar schedule.

- *A 1 hour, 20 minute class would meet 1 hour, 25 or 30 minutes
- *Passing times between classes would likely be increased to 15 minutes
- *Summer session could be a longer, more flexible program
- *Winter break could be lengthened to include a selection of short courses

Q1 What is your educational goal at SRJC (check all that apply)?

<i>Career/technical certificate</i>	27.7%
<i>Transfer</i>	50.8%
<i>Associate's Degree</i>	36.9%
<i>Job training</i>	9.2%
<i>Personal interest/ self improvement</i>	20.2%
<i>Improve basic skills, prepare for GED</i>	4.5%
<i>Not sure/undecided</i>	5.2%

Q2 Which would you prefer if we converted to a 16 or 17 week semester?

<i>Lengthen the summer break, offer more/longer classes during summer session</i>	30.9%
<i>Lengthen the winter break, offer short/intensive classes during winter session</i>	11.3%
<i>Start each semester a week later and end a week earlier, lengthening time to both winter and summer breaks</i>	38.7%
<i>No opinion/not sure</i>	12.8%

Q3 Which of the following classes are you willing to take at SRJC to meet your educational goals (check all that apply)?

<i>One day a week (Monday through Saturday)</i>	29.8%
<i>Two days a week (M, W and/or T, Th)</i>	67.8%
<i>Three days a week (M, W, F)</i>	29.8%
<i>More than three days a week (Monday through Saturday)</i>	23.0%
<i>Weekend College (Sat and/or Sun)</i>	15.7%
<i>Daytime classes</i>	50.8%
<i>Evening classes</i>	50.3%
<i>Online</i>	34.0%

Q4 We are considering changing the way we offer final exams at SRJC. Currently, the final schedule does not match the class schedule, creating difficulties for some students with work and family obligations. Most finals are scheduled in 2 hour, 45 minute blocks at different times from class meetings. Which is your preference?

<i>Current Finals Schedule (no changes)</i>	21.5%
<i>Take finals on last 1 or 2 days of class without changing class time or duration.</i>	62.3%
<i>No opinion/not sure</i>	12.6%

Q5 We are considering changing the way we offer spring break at SRJC. Instead of offering spring break, some colleges move the holidays to another time of year to accommodate winter or summer programs. Which is your preference?

Spring break at midpoint in spring semester (no changes).....53.1%
Move spring break holidays to create a longer winter break.....11.5%
Move spring break holidays to create a longer summer break.....13.1%
No opinion/not sure.....16.0%

Q6 If offered, would you take intensively-scheduled classes (less than 5 weeks) during winter break to fast-track your education?

Yes.....36.9%
No.....18.8%
Maybe.....33.5%
No opinion/not sure.....5.0%

Q9 Additional comments: Let us know your concerns and/or the potential benefits of compressing the calendar at SRJC.

22.0%

Q7 Which schedule would you prefer for summer classes?

5 week classes.....18.3%
6 to 8 week classes (current schedule).....20.9%
6, 8, or 10 week classes (maximum flexibility).....31.7%
No opinion/not sure.....21.2%

Q8 Are you in favor of a compressed calendar at SRJC?

Yes (either 16 or 17 weeks).....62.6%
No (leave semester length the same at 18 weeks).....16.0%
No opinion/not sure.....15.4%