

Question:

We are starting discussions on dropping our intersession in lieu of a longer summer session, including two 6 week sessions or a 12 week--effectively a trimester model. Does anyone already use such a model? I'd like to provide some feedback to the campus on how it has worked at other institutions.

Barstow

Barstow has two summer sessions: one beginning in early June that runs 8 weeks; the other starts two weeks later and runs 6 weeks. These were instituted several years before I arrived and there are no issues. Of course, the majority of these offerings are online. Our first session starts a week before the local HS's get out, so the second session is there option. We are very strict on concurrent enrollment so we don't get a whole lot of HS enrollment.

Cabrillo

At Cabrillo, we eliminated our four week intersession two years ago. For one thing, there did not seem to be a lot of student success benefit in four week classes.

However, our main goal was to increase the length of summer sessions so we could offer more science and math classes. We have 4, 6, and 8 week summer sessions. 12 weeks would be difficult because we like to wait until our high school students are available.

The success has been outstanding. Our summer FTES has increased. The summer science and math classes fill immediately.

EL Camino College

Don't do it. ECC did and we are reverting back to intersession. 1st 6 week has not worked as planned pulling from CSU's.

North Orange CC

Our School of Continuing Education employs a trimester model, which I believe has been effective. I've copied our Interim Provost, Ms. Valentina Purtell in this response. She will be able to provide you with much more information if you so desire.

They actually are scheduled for all three trimesters during the year not exceed 300 hrs per term. The full load for noncredit full-time instructors is 25 hrs per week. Faculty can then choose to work during summer session but this will be outside their contract.

Santa Rosa

We don't at SRJC but back before the budget cuts we developed a model for two five weeks and one 10 week overlay. I've added my Dean, Abe, who developed it and we'd love to see the responses you get, please!

RCC

No, I don't, but it seems easy enough to manage. Here is the one thing we noticed. We had some retention issues because students figured they could enroll and drop from the first session and still get into the late session. Best of luck, might be interesting to see how it is received.