

SPRING and FALL* PARTS OF TERM or WHEN DOES MY CLASS START

South Louisiana Community College has a variety of “parts of term.” This means that our courses don’t all start and end at the same time. SLCC traditionally offers:

- 15-week courses
- 12-week courses
- 1st- 8-week courses
- 2nd 8-week courses

In some specialized programs, SLCC also offers 17 week and 4-week course starts.

How do I know what “part of term” my course will start?

The Date Range on the course lets you know the start and end date of the course.

NR	20080	ENGL 1020 L21	QA	3.000	Composition & Critical Thought	T	09:45 pm 06:00 pm-08:45 pm	25	6	19	0	0	0	0	0	Matthew Christopher Tarver (P)	01/08-05/03
C	20083	ENGL 1020 L23	QA	3.000	Composition & Critical Thought	MW	11:00 am-01:30 pm	25	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	Oana Michaela Chivoiu (P)	03/07-05/03
C	20864	ENGL 1020 L24	QA	3.000	Composition & Critical Thought	R	09:30 am-10:45 am	25	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	Mark LaRue (P)	01/08-05/03
C	20868	ENGL 1020 L25	QA	3.000	Composition & Critical Thought	MWF	08:00 am-09:05 am	25	26	-1	0	0	0	0	0	Katherine Cole Marsh (P)	01/29-05/03

Example one is a traditional 15-week course and starts on January 8th and finishes May 3rd.

Example 2 starts March 7 and ends 8 weeks later on May 3rd. This is an example of a 2nd 8-week course.

Example 4 starts January 29th and ends May 3rd. This course begins three weeks after the official start of the semester and runs for 12 weeks. This is an example of our 12-week courses.

What is the difference between a 15-week, 12-week and 8-week course?

The biggest difference between 15-week, 12-week, and 8-week course starts are the amount of time a week that you spend in the class. Since 12-week classes start a few weeks into the semester, they have slightly more time each class period than a 15-week start. An 8-week start doubles the amount of time each week and as such moves at a much faster pace than a 15-week course. For example, a 3 credit, ENGL 1020 course is required to meet for a minimum of 2,250 hours a semester (**see below**). Those minutes (2,250) are then divided by the number of weeks the course is offered (15, 12 or 8) and then divided by the number of days it is offered. So, your 8-week ENGL 1020 course will meet for the equivalent of 5 hours a week for 8 weeks, while the 15-week course would meet for the equivalent of 2.5 hours a week and the 12-week course would meet for a little over the equivalent of 3 hours a week.

Keep in mind that depending on the type of course you pick (hybrid, online, or face-to-face) will depend upon how much of that class time each week is in person and how much is online. For example, you may have an 8-week 3 credit hybrid course that meets each week for 2.5 hours face-to-face and the equivalent of 2.5 hours online.

Note: Summer term follows a different schedule. Refer to the Academic Calendar at <https://www.solacc.edu/about-us/academic-calendar> for more information on Summer Parts of Term.