

Senate Council  
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Request for Input on Language Intent (SR 5.2.4.7)

5.2.4.7 Final Examinations

**If a final examination is to be given, it will be administered during the examination period as scheduled by the Registrar for the semesters of the regular school year.**

These examination periods will utilize the last 5 days of each semester, and will be preceded by a study day or weekend on which no classes or examinations for weekday classes will be scheduled. Final examinations for weekend classes will be administered the weekend before this 5 day period and need not be preceded by a study day. [US: 4/9/01]

Final examinations, where appropriate, will be administered during the last class day of the summer session/term.

In cases of "Take Home" final examinations, students shall not be required to return the completed examination before the regularly scheduled examination period. [US: 4/28/86]

Final examinations may be given at times other than the regularly scheduled time in the following instances:

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Request from the Senate's Rules and Elections Committee:

1. **What does the language as currently written mean?** The Registrar schedules a two-hour "examination period" for each final exam. The question is whether the above Rule in its current language means that the instructor administering the exam *must avail the full two hours* to students to take the exam, or whether the instructor can schedule the amount of time available to take the exam to *be less than two hours* (e.g., 90 minutes), so long as that shorter time is within the two hour slot scheduled by the Registrar.
2. Given whatever the SC interprets the current Rule language to mean, does the SC want the Rule language to be changed? If so, to what?