

FINAL EXAMINATIONS

A student shall not be required to take more than two examinations within one 24-hour period during the published final examination period. More than two examinations within 24 hours are referred to as clustered examinations. A student is considered to have an inappropriate clustering of final examinations when more than two examinations fall within 24 hours (for example, examinations at 8:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 6 p.m. on the same day, or examinations at 6 p.m. on one day, and at 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on the following day); the student is not considered to have an inappropriate clustering of examinations if the third examination in sequence begins at the same time on the subsequent day as the first examination (for example, 6 p.m. on one day, and 2:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. on the following day). Students who have three or more clustered examinations may request of one professor that the examination be rescheduled according to the following procedure:

- If a final examination was rescheduled and thereby created a “cluster,” the instructor of the rescheduled examination will provide a special administration for the adversely affected student.
- If one or more of the clustered examinations is a “common examination” with an established conflict resolution time, the student will request to resolve the conflict by taking one of the common examinations in the conflict resolution time. If two or three of the examinations are “common examinations” the student may request which “common examination” is to be rescheduled.
- If one of the clustered examinations is not a common examination or the result of rescheduling, the student will request to reschedule the examination(s) scheduled as the middle examination(s). Except in extraordinary circumstances, the instructor is expected to cooperate. If the student is unable to arrange for one of the examinations to be rescheduled, the student is to request assistance from the Graduate Program Director. The student’s dean (or designee) in consultation with the dean(s) (or designee(s)) of the courses involved will designate the examination to be rescheduled. Once a student has taken an examination, he or she cannot request a re-examination on the basis of this policy.