

How Full-Term Summer Teaching is Different

1. There are 9 weeks instead of 10. (26 lectures)
2. Class sessions are 60 minutes instead of 50 minutes.
3. There is no final's week! The final is given the last day of class.
4. The number of students in a class is significantly smaller.
5. The math study center is only open from 11am to 5pm (Monday-Thursday)
6. The campus CLUE tutoring is NOT open.
7. The pace is slightly faster than a normal class (more material is covered in a week), so you have to slightly adjust homework due dates and you have to warn students that missing class is more significant than during the typical year.

How Short-Term A or B Summer Teaching is Different (We are offering a couple of sections of Math 307 and Math 308 in Short-Term A or B, this only applies to a couple of you)

1. There are 4.5 weeks. (13 lectures)
2. Class sessions are 130 minutes.
3. You typically can only give one midterm and one final.
4. There is no final's week! The final is given the last day of class.
5. The number of students in a class is significantly smaller.
6. The math study center is only open from 11am to 5pm (Monday-Thursday)
7. The campus CLUE tutoring is NOT open.
8. The pace is significantly faster!! You cover more than double the material in a given week. (Twice as much homework is due each week).
I suggest more frequent homework due dates (perhaps every other lecture)
9. You typically can have only one significant midterm and one final.
Students need to be strongly warned that missing a class will significantly hurt their grade (because they miss two hours of material)
10. It is also important for instructors to not fall too far behind the calendar. It is harder to catch up on the short time frame.
11. Some thought should go into breaking up the long lectures (perhaps in the middle of the class you can have everyone work on a problem or two before you switch to another topic). Or you could even just have a 3-minute stand up and stretch break. It is hard for students to listen continuously for 130 minutes of you talking, so you need to try to break it up in some way.