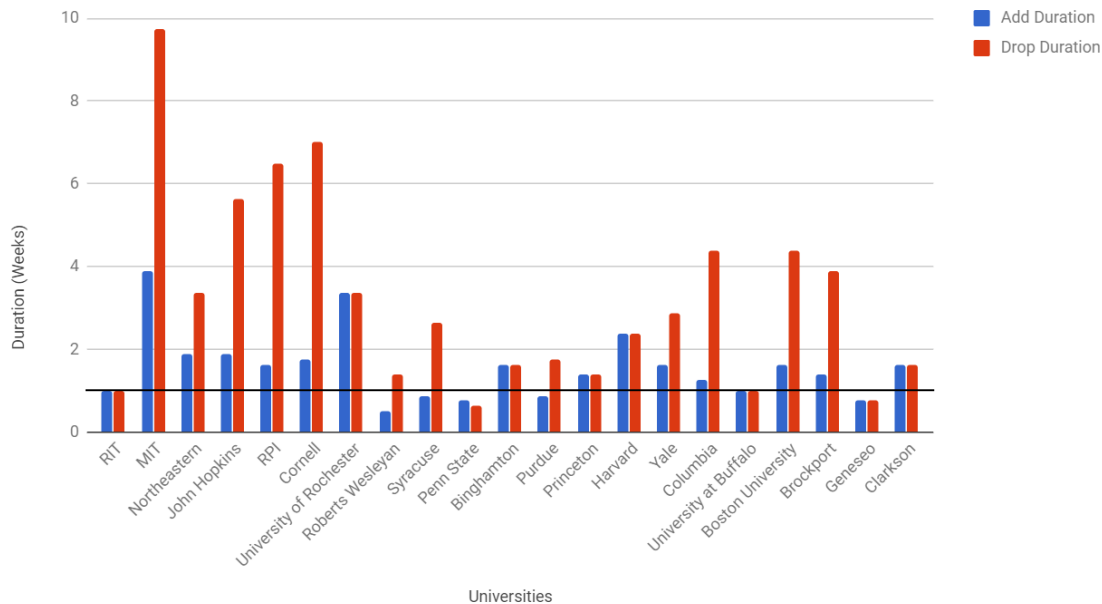




Expanding RIT's Add/Drop Period

University Comparison

Add and Drop Durations among Universities



Compare

		Add	Drop	Differences:
RIT	Classes began: 8/27	9/4	9/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8 Days• Add: 12.25 Days Below Average• Drop: 34 Days Below Average
MIT	Classes began: 9/5	10/05	11/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 30/77 Days
RPI	Classes began: 8/30	9/14	10/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 15/55 Days
U of R	Classes began: 8/29	9/26	9/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 28 Days

In Summary

- RIT's drop period is 18.45 days less than the average university.
- RIT offers a longer period of time between our drop date and withdrawal date than the average university.
 - Increasing the duration of the drop period would reduce this difference and bring us in line with other similar universities.
- There are other registration options that can be considered:
 - P/F designation, Late Drop with fee, etc.

Justification

Section 9: Provide space for students to pursue a wide range of learning opportunities.

By giving students more room they will be more comfortable with trying out classes and will gain confidence to stay in certain classes

Student Mental Health and Well-being

Longer drop periods allow students to better gauge the expectations of a course to better balance their semester workload

Further Justification

Scholarships

Students on scholarships will not be able to make use of RIT's withdrawal policy if they fall below full-time student status

Early Semester Academic Advising Changes

Student needs may change between semesters and a longer add/drop period will alleviate stress of advisors and students in registering for appropriate courses

Our Proposal

- Extend the add/drop period by 7 calendar days making the total period 15 days.
- Keep the add and drop period together so that students may swap classes as opposed to solely dropping them.

Extending the Add-Drop Deadline

Comparing RIT and other Universities

RIT Policy

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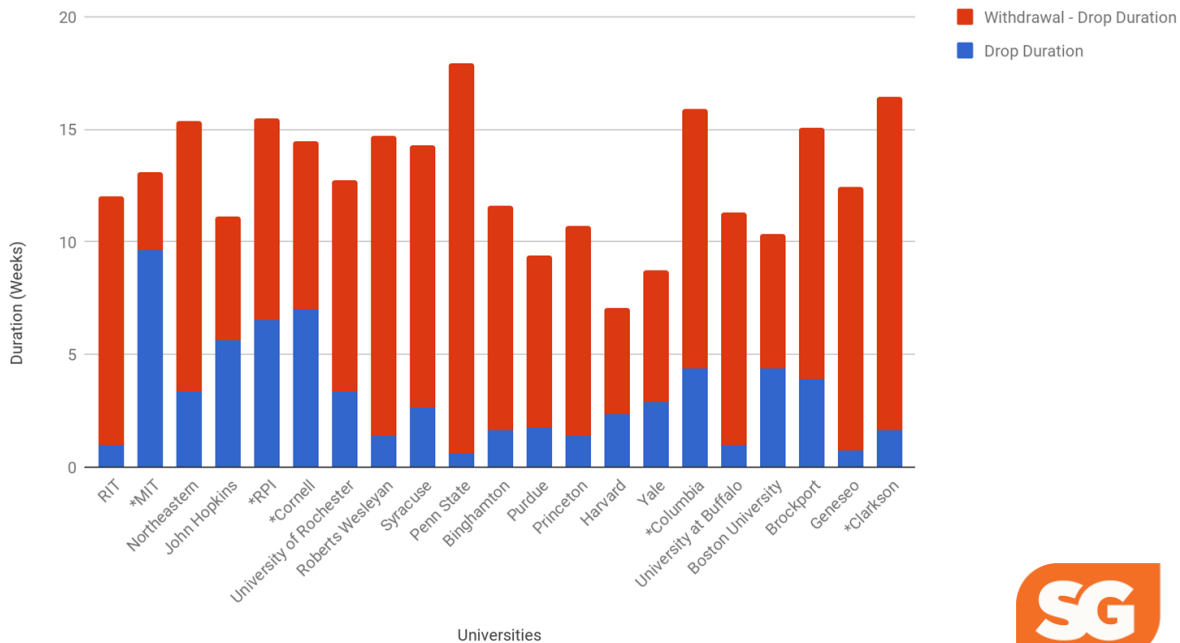
In general, the add drop period is defined to be the first seven class days. This excludes Sundays and any holiday of each term. Extenuating circumstances allows these dates to be changed through Add/Drop/Audit form.

The Study

- Surveyed 20 comparable universities with similar schedules
- Researched the add, drop, and withdrawal dates from all universities
 - Compared these durations to understand the differences in duration between RIT's schedule and the average university.

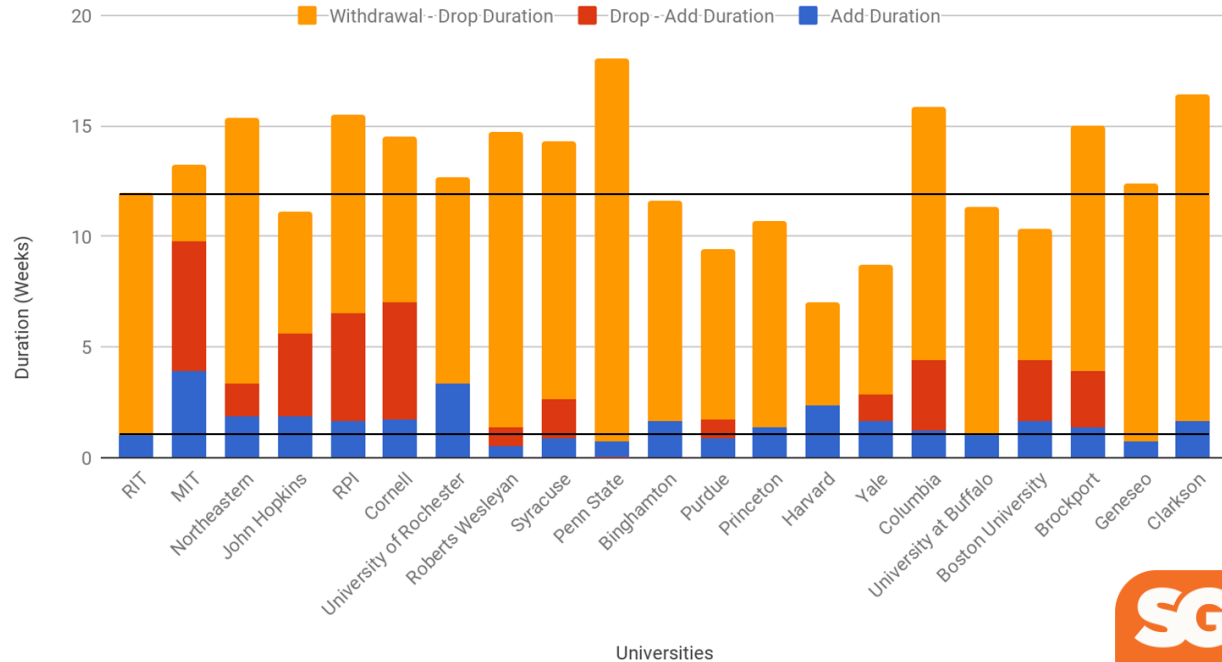
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Additional University Comparison

Drop and Withdrawal Durations among Universities



The Numbers

Durations of Add and Drop Periods for RIT and other Universities

University	Add Duration		Drop Duration		Drop - Add Duration		Withdrawal Duration		Withdrawal - Drop Duration	
	Days	Weeks	Days	Weeks	Days	Weeks	Days	Weeks	Days	Weeks
RIT	8.00	1.00	8.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	74.00	12.33	66.00	11.00
AVERAGE	12.75	1.59	26.45	3.31	10.28	1.71	84.10	14.02	57.65	9.61

Disparities

Calculated Differences between RIT and the Average University

	Add Duration	Drop Duration	Drop - Add Duration	Withdrawal Duration	Withdrawal - Drop Duration
Disparity (days)	-4.75	-18.45	-10.28	-10.10	8.35

What other Universities Offer:

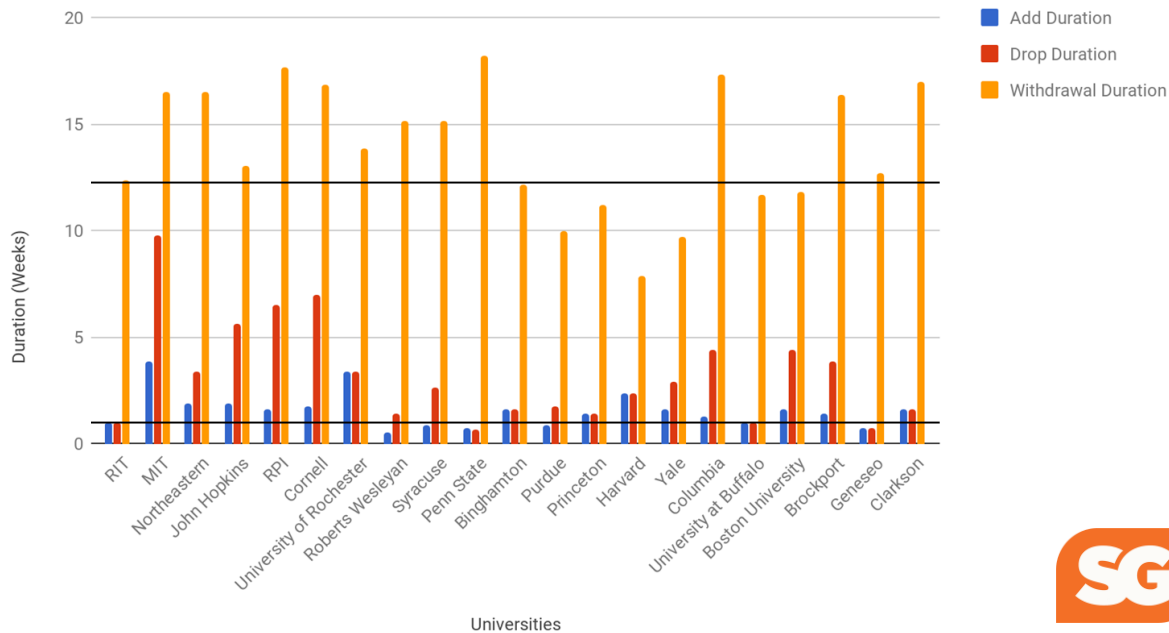
- Several universities offer P/F registration at drop date.
- Late drops are permitted.
 - Fee included (e.g. Harvard University, Penn-State University)
 - Recorded on transcript (e.g. Boston University, Penn-State University)
- Multiple withdrawal dates.
 - Recorded grades do depend on the timing of the withdrawal (e.g. Clarkson University)

Further Investigation

- SG Academics & Co-ops is currently investigating an independent charge regarding the pass fail policies of other universities
 - Charge: [Pass/Fail Grades Charge Initiation](#)

University Comparison

Add, Drop, and Withdrawal Durations among Universities



Collected Data

- University Data and policies are included in the Google Sheets linked below.
- [University Add/Drop Dates](#)