

# D11.0 FINAL EXAMINATION POLICIES

If the method of student evaluation includes a formal final examination, this exam must be scheduled during exam week as specified in the university calendar. Instructors should make clear in their syllabi whether they are giving a final exam, or if they are planning an appropriate educational activity for the exam week. Instructors will notify their college scheduling officer to include their course in the final examination schedule. The Registrar's Office will provide the final examination schedule no later than the first day of each term, and make it available to the entire RIT community. Instructors may not change the official date and time of the exam. In extraordinary circumstances, instructors may request their department head for a change in time. The department head will work with the college scheduling officer in an attempt to change the time of the exam. The decision of the department head shall be final.

In case of conflict where the student has two finals scheduled at the same time, service course examinations will take precedence over home department examinations. If both examinations are service course examinations, the class with the larger enrollment will have precedence.

Students have the right (if they wish) not to take three or more final exams in one day. In a case where the student does have three or more finals scheduled on the same day, service course examinations will take precedence over home department course examinations. If two or more of the examinations are in the home department, the department head will resolve the issue. If two or more examinations are service course examinations, the class with the larger enrollment will have precedence over the others.

In all cases by the last day of the 10th week of classes during fall or spring term or in the case of summer term or other sessions less than 16 weeks by the last day of 2/3 of the session, the student should submit a written request for rescheduling to the head of the home department, with a copy to the instructor being asked to provide the rescheduled examination. By the last day of the 12th week of classes the department head will, after consultation with the parties involved, notify the student of the date of the rescheduled examination. The decision of the department head shall be considered to be final.

If the instructor chooses not to give a formal final examination, it is the expectation that the instructor will treat the exam week as a full component of the academic term. During this exam week, appropriate educational activities should be scheduled, including the opportunity for students to benefit from the instructor's professional counsel.

**Responsible Office:**

Office of the Provost/Academic Senate

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