

New M.S. & Ed.S. Course Schedule Information and Frequently Asked Questions

Effective with the Fall term, the BrainSMART courses at Nova Southeastern University will be offered on a new schedule, allowing students to complete their degrees within one year! We are pleased to offer students this additional flexibility in earning their advanced degrees.

When will the schedule change? With the Fall term, beginning in early September.

How many terms are offered each year? There are three terms (Fall, Winter, & Summer) with two sessions in each term: Fall I and Fall II, Winter I and Winter II, Summer I and Summer II.

Is there a break between terms? Generally, there is a short break between each of the three terms and no classes in August.

Why is the schedule changing? To allow students to complete their degrees in less than one year.

Are students required to complete their degrees in less than one year? No, students may still choose to take courses at their own pace and have six years to complete the program. Refer to the FSEHS Catalog for specific requirements.

When does each term start? The 2009-2010 calendar is not yet published, but generally, the Fall term starts in early September, the Winter term starts in early January, and the Summer term starts in May. Each term has two sessions. Students will receive information about registration prior to the start of each term and can register for both sessions of the term at that time.

Must students register for both parts of the term? No. Students may choose to register for one or two sessions in a term, but must register for both sessions if they plan to complete the program in one year.

Registration for Session 1 & 2 classes takes place prior to Session 1 in each term. **IMPORTANT:** Students who receive financial aid must be registered for a minimum of 6-credits each term to be considered a full-time graduate student and most register for both sessions prior to the start of Session 1. In addition, students should always independently verify financial aid requirements based on their specific program.

How long is each term? Each term is about 14 weeks and each of the two sessions within the term is seven weeks. Each class in the program is seven weeks.

What is the suggested program sequence for M.S. students?

Block	Sample Term and Session if starting in Fall	Course
FALL TERM		
1	Fall I	EDU 610 and EDU 5000
2	Fall II	EDU 612
WINTER TERM		
3	Winter I	EDU 614
4	Winter II	EDU 617
SUMMER TERM		
5	Summer I	EDUB 699
6	Summer II	EDU 619

What is the suggested program sequence for Ed.S. students?

To complete the degree in one year, the sequence is:

Block	Sample Term and Session if starting in Fall	Course
FALL TERM		
1	Fall I	EDU 730 and EDU 5000
2	Fall II	EDU 731
WINTER TERM		
3	Winter I	EDU 732
4	Winter II	EDUB 714 and EDUB 719
SUMMER TERM		
5	Summer I	EDUB 702 and EDUB 708
6	Summer II	EDUB 729 and EDUB 799

To complete the degree in 14 months, the sequence is:

Block	Sample Term and Session if starting in Fall	Course
FALL TERM		
1	Fall I	EDU 730 and EDU 5000
2	Fall II	EDU 731
WINTER TERM		
3	Winter I	EDU 732
4	Winter II	EDUB 714 and EDUB 719*
SUMMER TERM		
5	Summer I	EDUB 702
6	Summer II	EDUB 708
FALL TERM		
7	Fall I	EDUB 729
8	Fall II	EDUB 799

* For one session, you will need to take two courses, but you may select the session. The above is just one option.

What changes for students who are already in the program? For Ed.S. students who have already started the program, you simply have additional sessions in which to schedule your courses and the ability to complete your degree sooner. Additional details about sequencing are provided to students based on where they are in the program. Look for a letter as well as information posted in your courses.

For M.S. students who are in Blocks 2-4 (EDU 612/13, 614/15 or 616/17) as of the current Spring term, you will take courses using the original sequence. Specific information will be provided to you with registration for each term. M.S. students in Block 1 (EDU 610/11) as of the Spring term will take courses using the new sequence. The most significant change to the M.S. program relates to EDU/EDUB 699 and again, additional information will be provided to students who have already started the program. New students will follow the new sequence. Students who have stopped out of the program and are returning should contact Mary Collington at nsu@brainsmart.com for specific options.

For both programs, courses are being revised to cover the material in seven weeks.