

During discussion of classroom usage it was alleged that building funds would probably be held back for FIU unless classrooms were used more efficiently, and that switching to the 3-day MWF schedule was the way to do this. In fact 2-day schedules on the MW, WF, and MF format use classrooms much more efficiently, as the following table shows. They fit in more classes and allow for 15-minute breaks between classes (50% longer than the 10-minute breaks in the present MWF schedule). Two meetings per week are much better suited for instruction in many courses and disciplines, and are ecologically more sound because they reduce commuting costs and fuel use. As if this were not enough, a MW-WF-MF format lends itself easily to 3-credit, 4-credit, and other courses in a natural way.

The model adopted by the university fits in 20 classes between 6:40 a.m. and 4:45 p.m., each meeting for 50 minutes 3 times per week on MWF. The model outlined in the table below arranges 21 classes in the same time period, each meeting for 75 minutes twice a week. The classes have generic names like MTH 1, REL 3, etc.; so for example the course ENG 1 meets in classroom A on Mondays and Wednesdays.

	M room A	M room B	W room A	W room B	F room A	F room B
6.40-7.55	ENG 1	MTH 1	ENG 1	DAN 1	DAN 1	MTH 1
8-9.15	CHM 1	PHY 1	CHM 1	REL 1	REL 1	PHY 1
9.30-10.45	DAN 2	CS 3	DAN 2	MTH 3	MTH 3	CS 3
11-12.15	ENG 2	REL 2	ENG 2	PHY 2	PHY 2	REL 2
12.30-1.45	DAN 3	CS 1	DAN 3	CHM 2	CHM 2	CS 1
2-3.15	CHM 3	CS 2	CHM 3	ENG 3	ENG 3	CS 2
3.30-4.45	REL 3	MTH 2	REL 3	PHY 3	PHY 3	MTH 2