

The challenge of summer pace: Enough Time and Enough Commitment are Essential

1. This has nothing to do with being online; it has to do with the speed of a summer class being faster than a normal fall or spring class!
 - Especially if you're going to try to complete BOTH Organic I AND Organic II in the same summer!
2. A normal fall/spring semester has 16 weeks.
 - Average 10 hours per week => 160 hours of time invested total
 - Basically $\frac{1}{4}$ of a full-time student load.
3. Consider some summer-schedule variations:
 - a. 11 week period (mid-May to end-of-July or first-week-of-August):
 - $16/11 \times 10 \text{ hours} = 14.5 \text{ hours/week}$
 - Basically $\frac{1}{3}$ of a full-time student load.
 - b. 8-week period
 - 20 hours/week
 - Basically $\frac{1}{2}$ of a full-time student load
 - c. 5 weeks period (wanting to knock off BOTH O1 and O2): Organic I during early part of summer (May and early June), then Organic II during late June and July
 - $16/5 \times 10 \text{ hours} = 32 \text{ hours/week}$
 - Basically $\frac{3}{4}$ of a full-time student load
4. If you are trying to get through BOTH Organic I AND Organic II during the same summer, that's basically your primary, almost full-time job.
 - Time and commitment essential! 😊😊.
5. Practical: If you expect to excel, don't be expecting to do summer organic courses (online or live) while working a full-time job.
6. Practical: Don't plan to get through Organic I in 5 weeks while working 25 hours a week, playing softball two nights a week, spending a lot of time on dates or with friends, and missing two weekends for weddings or fishing! 😊😊😊
7. Practical: You can start early! **IF** you started Organic I earlier, (and you can), that would allow more time to get everything done, particularly if wanting to complete both courses.
8. Practical: **IF** you are wanting to complete both O1 and O2 in the same summer, but aren't sure, I have a couple of workarounds.
 - Could register for both, but withdraw from O2 by mid-June without \$\$ penalty if it becomes evident you'll not successfully complete both.
 - I also have a "change-of-grade" process for allowing you to finish late.
 - Sometimes a student withdraws from SUMMER O2, but then just re-enrolls for Fall O2. But still does O2 work during summer, just without the deadline looming. (listen to comments, I'll talk this through there...)