

## Dates, Flexible Schedules: Go-At-Your-Own-Pace “Asynchronous”.

1. **FLEXIBILITY.** You can schedule your own test dates (so long as you finish all by August 1, 2025)
2. The “Official” semester start date is either May 21 (full-term section) or June 10 (8-week section), 2025
  - But you can start earlier, much earlier, if you want
3. Semester Completion date: **August 1, 2025.**
  - a. You can finish early, and you can start early (or late), but **you MUST FINISH BY AUGUST 1**
  - b. MSUM academic calendar: <https://www.mnstate.edu/academiccalendars.aspx>
4. **YOU CAN START EARLY, AND/OR FINISH EARLY.** (But must finish by August 1 deadline.)
  - I will try to have all course materials ready/online by Valentine’s Day! ☺☺
  - Since lectures and learning materials are online, **you don’t need to wait for the official university semester start dates to actually start.** You could start sooner.
  - **\*\*IF\*\* you want to complete both Organic I and also Organic II this summer, starting early will help a lot!**
5. **“GO AT YOUR OWN PACE”/ASYNCHRONOUS.** **Self-schedule your tests.**
  - As long as you complete all of the tests by the end of the semester (August 1), test dates are otherwise unfixed/undefined. Some suggested planning schedules are shown on the following pages.
  - Online Homework assignments likewise have no fixed due dates, other than end-of-semester
  - For testing with me, whether on campus or via zoom, I will be super flexible. I will be normally be available for testing from 9am-2pm central time every Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday. Most Fridays I will be available. Most weekdays I will be available till 5:30, and many weekdays I will have capacity for evening testing as well. Many Saturdays I am available for morning, 9am CST testing, too. So, good chance that I will be available at some times that can fit your schedule. ☺☺
  - **You can adjust on the fly,** to some degree. For example, suppose you were planning to take Test 1 on a Friday, but you realized that if you could study more over the weekend and take it on Monday instead, you might be much better prepared and do much better. That would be OK. (Of course, it’s all too easy to keep “moving tests back” only to run out of time, so be disciplined...)
6. For each individual test, **plan to finish the regular lectures a week (or most of a week) prior to when you actually intend to test,** so you have time to practice. Practice makes perfect!
  - Organic has LOTS of information. Tests will require that you know how to USE the info.
  - So, **doing a lot of practice problems, practice sets, and practice tests is crucial for test preparation.**
7. **“IT’S EASY TO PROCRASTINATE AND FALL BEHIND. TRY TO SET UP AN AGGRESSIVE SCHEDULE FOR YOURSELF SO THAT YOU SCHEDULE TO GET DONE EARLY.** THAT WAY IF YOU DO HAVE SOME SETBACKS, YOU’LL HAVE SOME CUSHION TIME.
  - If you schedule to take the full number of weeks, that will leave you no cushion in case job or other classes or personal issues create a scheduling crisis and leave you unable to prepare adequately.
  - If you **schedule to finish early, that provides some “extra” weeks in case you need them.**
8. TESTS WILL NOT BE RETURNED. Given the flexible test-scheduling, I will not be able to send you copies of your graded tests. Sorry. ☹ But whether testing on campus with me, or testing via zoom, I can usually grade it for you right away, so you can see how you did and get feedback. The share-screen capacity on Zoom is great for this.
9. The following pages have some info to help with scheduling.