Flexibility. You can schedule your own test dates (to some degree)

   a. Spring 2016 (MSUM): Jan 11-May 6 (for Organic I online or Organic II online)
   b. Summer 2016 (NDSU):
      • May 17-July 11 (Organic I online)
      • June 14-Aug 5 (Organic II online)
   c. Fall 2016 (MSUM): Aug 22-Dec 14 (for Organic I online or Organic II online)

2. Semester Completion dates for 2016.
   a. Spring 2016 (MSUM): May 6 (for Organic I online or Organic II online)
   b. Summer 2016 (NDSU):
      • July 11 (Organic I online)
      • Aug 5 (Organic II online)
   d. Fall 2016 (MSUM): Dec 14 (for Organic I online or Organic II online)

3. Academic Calendars. (For checking start/end dates for years after 2016)
   a. MSUM academic calendar, for Fall and Spring classes:
      https://www.mnstate.edu/academiccalendars.aspx
   b. NDSU academic calendar, for Summer classes:
      https://www.ndsu.edu/bisonconnection/dates/

4. YOU CAN START EARLY, AND/OR FINISH EARLY. (But you must end by the formal finish dates.)
   • I will try to have all course materials ready online at least a month early, usually many months early.
   • 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.

5. “GO AT YOUR OWN PACE”/ ASYNCHRONOUS.
   • As long as you complete all of the tests by the end of the semester, test dates are otherwise unfixed/undefined.
   • For distance students testing via proctor, you can pretty much set up testing times with your proctor for whatever time fits your mutual schedules, and fits your timeline for getting yourself ready.
   • For those testing on-campus, you can schedule to take any test on any Monday or any Thursday that fits your schedule and your readiness. I will offer regular Monday/Thursday testing opportunities.
   • You can adjust on the fly, to some degree. For example, suppose you were planning to take Test 1 on Monday, Feb 8; but you realized that if you could study for a couple more days and take it on Thursday, you could 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...)
   • I will provide a suggested schedule in the syllabus.