

FINAL EXAM GUIDE

Office of the Registrar // FALL 2026



ALL CAMPUSES—Tampa, St. Petersburg, Sarasota-Manatee

Saturday, December 5	Sunday, December 6	Monday, December 7	Tuesday, December 8	Wednesday, December 9	Thursday, December 10
Block Finals	Block Finals & Distance Learning	Standard Finals	Standard Finals	Standard Finals	Standard Finals

Instructions for Final Exams

Each fall and spring semester, the last full week of classes before final examinations is a designated Test Free Week. This policy establishes a one-week period of substantial and predictable study time for students. See [USF Policy 10-005](#).

Online Courses

- If your course meets online asynchronously (no set days and times): The instructor determines the timing of the final exam.
- If your course meets online synchronously (set days and times): Schedule the exam on Sunday during the Block Final Exam weekend.
- The final exam may be conducted either online or in a requested room on campus.

Courses Outside Approved Meeting Time Patterns

- Coordinate with the Academic Scheduling Team (contact info below) to determine your options for exam days and times during Standard Final Exam week.
- Notifying students of the scheduled exam time is the instructor's responsibility.

Exam Rooms and Duration

- Exams have a maximum time limit of two hours. Shorter durations are acceptable.
- Block final exams MUST be scheduled during the specified Block Finals periods on Saturday and Sunday.
- Block final exam rooms are assigned by the Academic Scheduling Team based on capacity and schedule.
- Standard final exams will be held in the same classroom that the course met in throughout the semester.

Time Blocks

- All exams must adhere to regular exam time blocks to prevent conflicts for students and rooms.
- When time-of-class examinations conflict, the course with the higher number takes priority.
- Instructors giving make-up exams must notify the Academic Scheduling Team with their preferred day.
 - Available options: Tuesday-Thursday in the last time block during standard final exams.
- Students with accommodations through Student Accessibility Services (SAS) may [review final exam guidelines here](#).

Point of Contact

If you have conflicts or questions, please contact the Academic Scheduling Team:

Call: 813-974-7969

Email: AskSpace@usf.edu

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STANDARD FINAL EXAM MATRIX

FALL 2026

Synchronous, in-person courses not covered in the exam schedule on Saturday or Sunday of Final Exam Week: Follow the standard final exam matrix below. Standard final exams meet in the same room as the course. This helps keep exam week conflict-free.

Exam Date	Exam Time	Multiple Day Meetings	Single Day Meetings
Monday, December 7	7:30-9:30 a.m.	MW 8-9:15 a.m.	
	10 a.m.-12 p.m.	MW 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	
	12:30-2:30 p.m.	MW 2-3:15 p.m.	
	3-5 p.m.	MW 5-6:15 p.m.	
	5:30-7:30 p.m.	MW 6:30-7:45 p.m.	M 5-7:45 p.m. M 6:30-9:15 p.m.
	8-10 p.m.		F 11 a.m.-1:45 p.m.
Tuesday, December 8	7:30-9:30 a.m.	TR 8-9:15 a.m.	
	10 a.m.-12 p.m.	TR 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	
	12:30-2:30 p.m.	TR 2-3:15 p.m.	
	3-5 p.m.	TR 5-6:15 p.m.	
	5:30-7:30 p.m.	TR 6:30-7:45 p.m.	T 5-7:45 p.m. T 6:30-9:15 p.m.
	8-10 p.m.	Make-up Exams	
Wednesday, December 9	7:30-9:30 a.m.	MW 9:30-10:45 a.m.	
	10 a.m.-12 p.m.	MW 12:30p—1:45 p.m.	
	12:30-2:30 p.m.	MW 3:30p—4:45 p.m.	
	3-5 p.m.		F 8-10:45 a.m.
	5:30-7:30 p.m.		W 5-7:45 p.m. W 6:30-9:15 p.m.
	8-10 p.m.	Make-up Exams	
Thursday, December 10	7:30-9:30 a.m.	TR 9:30-10:45 a.m.	
	10 a.m.-12 p.m.	TR 12:30-1:45 p.m.	
	12:30-2:30 p.m.	TR 3:30-4:45 p.m.	
	3-5 p.m.		F 2-4:45 p.m.
	5:30-7:30 p.m.		R 5-7:45 p.m. R 6:30-9:15 p.m.
	8-10 p.m.	Make-up Exams	

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