

4.8 Office Hours

Each full time, teaching faculty member is expected to keep eight (8) office hours per week during regular semesters and five (5) per week in the summer term. Office hours are times set aside for faculty members to communicate with students, advisees, and colleagues as well as complete administrative duties. For classes that meet once per week, it is highly recommended that one of the office hours be scheduled before or after that class on the campus where the class is held. At least one of these hours shall be scheduled each weekday ~~(Monday—Friday)~~ **that the faculty member has teaching responsibilities** unless University commitments off campus prohibit it. **ADDITIONAL OFFICE HOURS, TO TOTAL 8 HOURS EACH WEEK, MAY BE MET ONLINE OR BY OTHER APPROPRIATE MEANS OF COMMUNICATION.** Exceptions must be approved by ~~deans~~ **Department Chairs**. Part-time faculty, or full-time faculty with University obligations other than teaching, will keep a number of office hours proportional to their teaching load. **Faculty teaching online classes may maintain a proportional amount of their required office hours online. To qualify as an online office hour faculty must be immediately available (by email) to their students at a regularly scheduled time.** Faculty with reassigned time from teaching provided through a NSU Faculty Research Grant are full-time and, hence, will maintain hours indicated above, but may be authorized to maintain a more flexible weekly schedule. Once a faculty member has established an office hours schedule for a semester, he/she will send two copies (on cards provided by the Vice President for Academic Affairs) of the schedule to his/her dean who will forward one copy to the Vice President for Academic Affairs. Faculty who are assigned as resident status at Broken Arrow or at Muskogee campus will also send one copy of their office hour card to the respective campus academic affairs/administrative office.

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