

Pittsburg State University
Summer 2021 Work Schedules
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)
(Updated February 16, 2021)

Important Note about Summer 2021 FAQ. These FAQ are the same as previous years with changes for the 2021 dates. Any policies, procedures, or operating rules implemented during the COVID-19 pandemic take precedence over the information below.

Beginning Sunday, May 16, 2021 and ending Saturday, August 7, 2021, Pittsburg State University's official business hours are 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., Monday through Thursday and 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. on Friday. Employees' work schedules may change during this time to accommodate the summer business hours. The following will help employees and supervisors understand the expectations and make changes in work schedules during this time.

It is important to note that:

- Faculty work schedules are not affected by the summer business hours.*
- University buildings will continue to be cooled 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday.*
- University buildings will be locked at 4:30 P.M., Monday through Thursday, and at 12:00 P.M. on Friday, unless there is a special event.*
- Labs and other areas will be accessible during non-summer office hours as they are during the year.*
- Summer work schedules will not affect the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) classification of an employee. Exempt, bi-weekly paid employees will continue to be expected to perform the duties of their position, regardless of actual hours worked.*
- Examples of summer hour schedules included below are for information only. Each employee's summer hours schedule must be approved by the appropriate Dean or Director. See questions 8 and 9, below.*

1. What are the dates for summer work schedules?

Summer work schedules will start on May 16, 2021 and continue through August 7, 2021.

2. Are faculty affected by the summer 2020 work schedules?

Faculty work schedules are a condition of employment and are not affected by the summer 2021 work schedules.

3. What are PSU's official business hours beginning the week of May 16?

Beginning Sunday, May 16, 2021 and ending Saturday, August 7, 2021, Pittsburg State University's official business hours are 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., Monday through Thursday, and 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. on Friday.

During this time, University buildings will be locked at 4:30 P.M., Monday through Thursday, and at 12:00 P.M. on Friday.

4. The official business hours during the summer 2021 period total only 36 hours each week. Do I only have to work 36 hours each week starting May 16, 2021 through August 7, 2021?

USS and non-teaching Unclassified employees are still expected to work a schedule during summer 2021 that is equal to their “regular” work schedule during the remainder of the year. Starting the week of May 16, full-time USS and non-teaching Unclassified should work a schedule that provides for a 40-hour work week. Full-time USS and non-teaching Unclassified employees will need to work hours outside of the official business hours in order to meet their expected 40-hour work week. As during the remainder of the year, employees will need to use accumulated leave, as appropriate, to cover the difference between actual work hours and the expected total work schedule hours.

5. How do I know what my work schedule will be starting May 16?

Each supervisor should work with his/her employees to develop summer 2021 work schedules. The plan must then be submitted to the appropriate Dean or Director for approval. The approval process should be started as soon as possible so that employees have adequate time to prepare for changes to their regular work schedules.

During the summer period, each campus office is expected to be open to the public 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., Monday through Thursday, and 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. on Friday. Supervisors are expected to develop work schedules that ensure the office will remain open and services be provided during official business hours.

Full-time employees must have a work schedule that provides for 40 hours of work each week.

Some areas on campus will have more flexibility, while others may be more restricted on how the office is staffed. It is important that all employees in the department understand what is expected during this period of time.

There are several options for summer 2021 work schedules, but the supervisor needs to determine the best arrangements so that the office is open for business during official business hours.

6. What are some of the options for summer 2021 work schedules?

Full-time employees must have a work schedule that provides for 40 hours of work each week. Here are some options starting May 16, 2021 through August 7, 2021:

7:00 A.M. – 4:30 P.M., Monday – Thursday; 8:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M., Friday

7:30 A.M. – 5:00 P.M., Monday – Thursday; 8:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M., Friday

8:00 A.M. – 5:30 P.M., Monday – Thursday; 8:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M., Friday

If your department cannot accommodate a flexible schedule, staff in the department can work the “standard” schedule of 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday.

7. Can employees work four, 10-hour days per week?

Working a four, 10-hour per day work week would need to be approved by the appropriate Dean or Director. Options include:

6:00 A.M. – 4:30 P.M., Monday – Thursday

6:30 A.M. – 5:00 P.M., Monday - Thursday

7:00 A.M. – 5:30 P.M., Monday - Thursday

Again, during the summer period, each campus office is expected to be open to the public 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., Monday through Thursday, and 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. on Friday. Supervisors are expected to develop work schedules that ensure the office will remain open and services be provided during official business hours.

8. Are all employees in a department required to work the same schedule?

No. Employees in a department may have different work schedules as long the schedules are approved by the appropriate Dean or Director.

9. Who approves the summer work schedule?

Summer work schedules must be approved by the appropriate Dean or Director.

10. Memorial Day falls on Monday, May 24, 2021. How many hours of holiday credit will employees receive for the Memorial Day Holiday? How does this affect summer work schedules?

Kansas regulations provide that full-time employees will receive the amount of hours of holiday credit based off their work schedule for that day.

Refer the GUS Cloud Job Aids page for reporting a holiday on your time card:

<https://www.pittstate.edu/hr/policies/gus-cloud-job-aids.html>

11. The official State of Kansas Holiday for Independence Day holiday falls on Monday, July 5, 2021. How will summer hours affect this holiday?

Kansas regulations provide that full-time employees will receive the amount of hours of holiday credit based off their work schedule for that day.

Refer the GUS Cloud Job Aids page for reporting a holiday on your time card:

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12. Campus offices will be open for official business from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Monday – Thursday and from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. on Friday. If I am full-time and work outside of the official business hours in order to meet the 40-hour work week expectation, do I still answer the phone and respond to emails when working outside of official business hours?

Yes. Your job duties will remain the same when you are working outside of official business hours, and you are expected to perform functions (e.g. answer the phone, respond to emails, etc.) during this time.

Please note that university buildings will be locked at 4:30 P.M., Monday through Thursday, and at 12:00 P.M. on Friday unless there is a special event.

13. Can an office close during official business hours?

Campus offices are expected to remain open to the public from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., Monday through Thursday, and 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. on Friday. Some offices may find it necessary to close over the 30-minute unpaid lunch period, but generally, offices are expected to be open the remainder of the workday.

14. Can I work through the 30-minute unpaid lunch period to count toward my hours worked?

While it is not prohibited, it should be a standard practice to include a 30-minute unpaid lunch break each day in the summer 2021 work schedule.

15. What kind of leave do I report if I have a vacation day planned or have to go to the doctor?

Vacation leave, sick leave, compensatory time taken, and holiday comp time taken will be reported in the same manner as they are during the remainder of the year. Leave should be reported in accordance with the current Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) rules and the 40-hour work schedule.

Sick leave should only be used for appropriate absences and should never be used to “make-up” time if the employee is out of other types of leave. Here is more information on the sick leave policy:

<https://www.pittstate.edu/hr/benefits/sick-leave.html>

Refer the GUS Cloud Job Aids page for reporting leave on your time card:

<https://www.pittstate.edu/hr/policies/gus-cloud-job-aids.html>

As noted in Question #4 above, you should think in terms of reporting the total hours to meet the 40-hour obligation. Once again, time should be reported in a fair and responsible manner.

16. How much leave does a non-exempt, hourly paid employee report during the summer months?

Employees will report appropriate leave during the summer months as they do during the remainder of the year.

Non-exempt, hourly paid employees report leave, as well as time worked, in .25 hour increments.

17. How much leave does an exempt, bi-weekly paid employee report during the summer months?

The Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) states that exempt employees report leave taken in half or full-day increments.

Exempt employees should report an appropriate amount of leave to reflect the amount of time away from work, assuming that each full-time employee's work schedule is 40 hours.

Refer the GUS Cloud Job Aids page for reporting leave on your time card:

<https://www.pittstate.edu/hr/policies/gus-cloud-job-aids.html>

18. If I am a non-exempt, hourly paid employee and work more than 40 hours in a work week during the summer, will I get overtime or compensatory time? How do I report overtime if I have worked more than 40 hours in a work week?

The same FLSA rules apply for compensation for all hours worked over 40 in a work week. An employee may be eligible for Compensation Time Earned or Overtime Pay if the threshold is met.

See this link for more information:

<https://www.pittstate.edu/hr/benefits/overtime-pay-and-compensatory-time.html>

Note that the week of the Memorial Day holiday and Independence Day holiday may present unique issues for non-exempt, hourly paid USS employees. See Questions #10 and #11, above.

19. What effect do summer 2021 work schedules have on my student employees' schedules?

Student employee hours would fall under the same guidelines for your department. You should develop student employee schedules that work for them and also provide support for your department.

20. Can student employees work more than 40 hours per week during the summer?

No. Non-exempt, hourly-paid students should not work more the 40 hours per week in ALL PSU positions during the summer.

21. Can a student employee work hours outside of official business hours?

There should be a business need to schedule student employees to work outside of the official business hours.