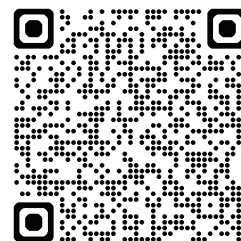




What are 8-Week Classes?

- 8-week classes fit a whole course into just half of a regular 16-week semester
- You study the same material and earn the same credits as in a semester-long class
- They are fast, intense—and completed in half the time!
- They may be offered online, hybrid, or on campus
- 8-week classes are marked in the online schedule
- You can also filter especially for them

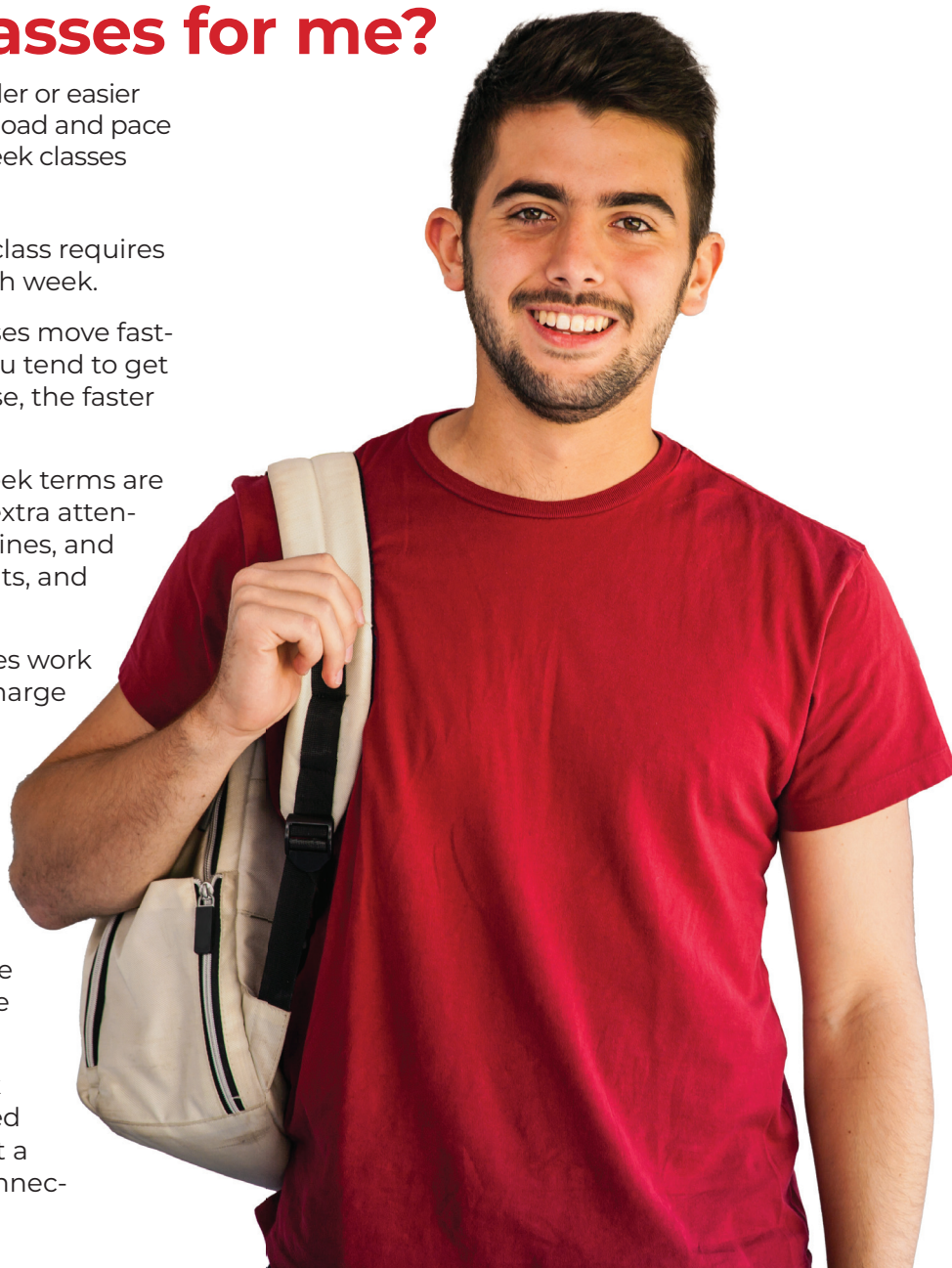


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Are 8-Week Classes for me?

The content of 8-week classes isn't harder or easier than semester-long ones, but the workload and pace are different, and they are intense! 8-week classes might be for you if...

- You have the time. Each 8-week class requires at least 12-18 dedicated hours each week.
- You like a challenge. 8-week classes move faster, keeping you on your toes. If you tend to get bored over a semester-long course, the faster pace may suit you!
- You're well-organized. Since 8-week terms are more intense, you'll need to pay extra attention to detail, stay on top of deadlines, and keep up with reading, assignments, and messages from your instructor.
- You're a self-starter. 8-week classes work best for students who can take charge of their schedules and learning, keep themselves on track, and reach out when they have questions or need support.
- You're willing to work. Learning requires effort, and 8-week classes aren't a shortcut! Be prepared to show up mentally: do the reading, take notes, and complete your assignments with integrity.
- You have the tools. If your 8-week class is hybrid or online, you'll need access to a full computer (not just a phone) and a reliable Internet connection.



8-Week Class Survival Guide

You've registered for an 8-week class (or two): congratulations! Now what?

● Schedule your time

- ▶ For a 3-credit class, plan on 6 hours of in-class time each week (in person or online, depending on the course modality*), plus another 6-12 for reading, review, and homework. That's 12-18 hours each week per 8-week class!
- ▶ Make a schedule with specific blocks of time to focus on each 8-week class—and stick to it.

● Use the course materials to plan

- ▶ Study the syllabus to make sure you understand what's expected and the schedule
- ▶ Access any required textbooks, workbooks, and/or homework systems as soon as possible. Let your instructor know if you have trouble or questions.
- ▶ Put important deadlines in your calendar and set notifications and reminders for yourself, especially for larger assignments

● Prioritize your learning

- ▶ Think about how you learn best and apply that to the fast pace of 8-week courses. Taking notes, reviewing flashcards, quizzing yourself on your knowledge, explaining concepts in your own words, and applying the content to new situations are all solid learning strategies. They're also way more effective than just reading/re-reading the textbook or notes!
- ▶ Both in class and during your study time, eliminate distractions so that you can focus. Turn your phone entirely off or leave it in another room. If you're on a computer, pause notifications and limit your Internet access

● Stay connected

- ▶ Make sure you receive (and read!) notifications from your instructor—especially emails and Inbox messages and Announcements in Canvas (check daily)
- ▶ Read comments you receive on graded work and apply that feedback

- ▶ Reach out to your instructor with questions or if anything is unclear

● Help is available

- ▶ **Scan this code** to learn more about IVC student resources including tutoring, the Library, and mental health counseling.



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* Modality is whether a class is taught face-to-face (in a physical classroom); online (all course activity is online); real time online (live over Zoom); or hybrid (a mix of in-person and online meetings)

