



## Info Science and Data Analytics, BS Program Format Update



Beginning Fall 2027, the SJSU Online Information Science and Data Analytics BS program will transition from 16-week terms to 8-week terms, similar to all of the other SJSU Online programs. This change will offer greater flexibility in how students structure their course loads, and the change will not negatively impact students' graduation dates or paths to completing their degrees.

Please review the FAQs on the following page for more details. If you have additional questions, we're here to help! Please email us at one of the options below depending on what your question is:

- Future students: [online@sjsu.edu](mailto:online@sjsu.edu)
- Current students: [online-success@sjsu.edu](mailto:online-success@sjsu.edu)
- Academics: [ischool@sjsu.edu](mailto:ischool@sjsu.edu)
- Financial Aid: [sjsuonlinefinaid@sjsu.edu](mailto:sjsuonlinefinaid@sjsu.edu)

## **Will this change affect my graduation date or my current course plan?**

No — your graduation date will not be impacted by this transition. The move to 8-week courses takes effect in Fall 2027, and the change is designed to give you more flexibility in how you complete your coursework, not to alter your path to graduation. Your existing course plan and roadmap remain valid, and you will still complete the same requirements for your degree. If you have specific questions about how the transition applies to your individual plan, we encourage you to connect with your advisor.

## **How will the move to 8-week courses affect my schedule and workload?**

The number of courses you take per semester will not change — you will simply have the flexibility to spread them across two 8-week terms rather than completing them all over a single 16-week semester. For example, if you are currently taking three courses in a 16-week semester, you might take two in the first 8-week term and one in the second 8-week term, or structure it in whatever way works best for you. Because the sessions are shorter, you can expect the weekly workload for each course to be more intensive, but the overall volume of coursework per semester remains the same. If it fits your roadmap and personal schedule, you also have the option to take additional courses across the two terms to accelerate your progress. We encourage you to work with your advisor to build a plan that works best for you.

## **Will the content of my courses change in the 8-week format?**

No — the curriculum and learning outcomes for all BSISDA courses will remain exactly the same. The transition to 8-week terms changes the structure and pacing of how the material is delivered, not the content itself. You will cover the same coursework and meet the same learning outcomes as students in the 16-week format.

## **What does a new semester look like?**

Each semester will be divided into two 8-week sessions — Term A and Term B. You can take courses in one or both terms each semester.

Sample Fall Semester:

- Term A (8 weeks): ISDA 110 + ISDA 121
- Term B (8 weeks): ISDA 111

This gives you more control over your pace and workload. You can spread courses across both sessions or concentrate them in one — as long as it aligns with your roadmap and prerequisites.

## **Will my tuition or financial aid be affected by the transition?**

No — the transition to 8-week courses will not change your overall cost of the program. For financial aid, the most important step is to complete your 2026-2027 FAFSA at [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov) (School Code: 001155) and add both A and B session courses so your aid covers your full workload. If you have a remaining balance make sure you accept Subsidized and Unsubsidized loans or set up a payment plan with SJSU's registrar office.

## **Can I take more courses each semester and graduate early?**

No — your unit load will remain the same as planned, and this change will not expedite or alter your path to graduation. Please contact your SJSU Online Student Success Advisor if you have further questions.