



Policy No. 1.103  
Northwest Louisiana Technical College

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**ACADEMIC YEAR**

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Northwest Louisiana Technical College (NWLTC) academic year consists of a 16-week/Fall and a 16-week/Spring regular semester which includes two (2) 8 weeks terms. An optional Nine-week Summer Session is available. Intersessions may be offered between the semesters and the summer session based on need. Courses may be compressed as long as the contact hours required for a course are completed during the semester, summer session, or intersession.

**Definitions:**

Summer Session – a summer session is an 8 week semester.

Intersession - offered between the semesters and summer session based on need.

Customized Sessions (non-credit) – courses/training specifically designed to meet the special needs of business/industry. If the existing “credit course” curriculum does not meet the special needs of business/industry training, the instruction should be considered “customized” and categorized as “non-credit.”

Mini-Session – An accelerated 7-week or less session, generally at the beginning of the semester to mid-term, or mid-term to end of the semester.

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