



Undergraduate Medical Education Program

Lecture length

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In response to recent concerns from students and as a courtesy to lecturers in back to back time slots, we are writing to Unit and Component Heads to ask that you remind all faculty/presenters preparing lectures for your Unit to follow the Dalhousie guidelines regarding lecture length. The Undergraduate Medical Education Curriculum Committee approved that all lectures fall within the following defined time slots:

1 hour time slot = 50 minutes of lecture inclusive of Q+A

1.5 hour time slot = 80 minutes of lecture inclusive of Q+A

To allow for changeover of classes, lecture materials and lecturers all lectures should begin 5 minutes after start time and end 5 minutes before the scheduled time (inclusive of any Q+A time).

The five minutes at the beginning of each lecture timeslot should be spent with the instructor/students entering the classroom and getting settled into their seats and prepared to teach/learn. The five minutes at the end of each lecture timeslot should be spent with the instructor/students collecting their materials and leaving the classroom so that the next group may enter promptly on the hour or half hour.

Thank you in advance for relaying this information to your lecturers. The start and end times are also being communicated to lecturers in their reminders from our office. ■