

## **Strategic Scheduling Checkup**

Unpack Strategic Scheduling Opportunities and See How You Stack up Against Your Peers

The academic schedule has far-reaching strategic implications—it comprises a large part of the budget and dictates the institution's capacity to respond to changing student populations.

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Despite the strategic importance, most institutions lack the ability to analyze the effectiveness of their schedules objectively. As a result, stakeholders focus on completing schedules using tactical scheduling software instead of advancing the institution's strategic priorities. That's why Ad Astra developed the Strategic Scheduling Checkup.

Let's be honest. Everyone wants to know how they stack up to their peers, and colleges and universities aren't any different. The Strategic Scheduling Checkup provides that insight.

It's difficult, if not impossible, to effectively assess and manage the schedule when we can't objectively measure it. For this reason, Ad Astra created the Higher Education Scheduling Index (HESI<sup>TM</sup>), the industry's only peer comparison database of performance indicators for the allocation of faculty and space. The Checkup leverages HESI findings to benchmark existing scheduling effectiveness, and highlight the opportunities and approaches needed to realize them.

## **CLASSROOM CAPACITY ANALYSIS**

Are classrooms bottlenecked during prime time? Are these bottlenecks keeping departments from offering additional sections of required courses, or teaching at optimal times for student availability? Discover ways to optimize the capacity of your classrooms to reduce bottlenecks and respond to enrollment changes.

## **COURSE SCHEDULE ALIGNMENT TO STUDENTS**

At most institutions, around a third of the courses offered in a major term are aligned to student demand. The remaining courses are either overloaded or underutilized. Gain insights on opportunities to better align your schedule with student need, improve student progress to degree completion, and more efficiently utilize your academic resources.

An Ad Astra consultant will visit your campus to deliver these findings and highlight areas for improvement that align with your priorities. Your stakeholders will have a heightened awareness of strategic scheduling opportunities and how your institution can pursue those opportunities.



