

As approved by the Faculty Senate at its meeting on 7 October 2013
**UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO AMEND
THE ACADEMIC CALENDARS FOR 2013-2016 AND 2016-2021**

The academic calendar includes the line “Advising available” with dates one week prior to the beginning of instruction for each of the fall and spring semesters. For many decades, those weeks were designated for student registration. When telephone registration replaced in-person registration beginning in 1988, the need to designate a registration week in the academic calendar was eliminated, and the line description in the calendar was changed to “Advising and Orientation Week.” Several years ago, that line description was changed to the current “Advising available.” As academic advising is available throughout the year, there is a concern that continuing to list specific advising available dates in the academic calendar may communicate inadvertently that advising is not available all the time. For this reason, the University Committee recommends that advising available dates be removed from the academic calendar.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR 2011-2016

FALL SEMESTER	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Faculty contract year begin	Aug 29 (M)	Aug 27 (M)	Aug 26 (M)	Aug 25 (M)	Aug 24 (M)
Instruction begins	Sep 2 (F)	Sep 4 (T)	Sep 3 (T)	Sep 2 (T)	Sep 2 (W)
Labor Day	Sep 5 (M)	Sep 3 (M)	Sep 2 (M)	Sep 1 (M)	Sep 7 (M)
Thanksgiving recess	Nov 24-27	Nov 22-25	Nov 28-Dec 1	Nov 27-30	Nov 26-29
Last class day	Dec 15 (R)	Dec 14 (F)	Dec 13 (F)	Dec 12 (F)	Dec 15 (T)
Study day	Dec 16 (F)	Dec 15 (S)	Dec 14 (S)	Dec 13 (S)	Dec 16 (W)
Exams begin	Dec 17 (S)	Dec 16 (N)	Dec 15 (N)	Dec 14 (N)	Dec 17 (R)
Exams end	Dec 23 (F)	Dec 22 (S)	Dec 21 (S)	Dec 20 (S)	Dec 23 (W)
Commencement	Dec 18 (N)	Dec 16 (N)	Dec 22 (N)	Dec 21 (N)	Dec 20 (N)
Official graduation date	Dec 24 (S)	Dec 23 (N)	Dec 22 (N)	Dec 21 (N)	Dec 24 (R)
Last day grades in	Dec 29 (R)	Dec 28 (F)	Dec 27 (F)	Dec 26 (F)	Dec 29 (T)
MWF days	43	43	43	43	43
TR days	29	29	29	29	29
SPRING SEMESTER	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Jan 16 (M)	Jan 21 (M)	Jan 20 (M)	Jan 19 (M)	Jan 18 (M)
Instruction begins	Jan 23 (M)	Jan 22 (T)	Jan 21 (T)	Jan 20 (T)	Jan 19 (T)
Spring recess	Mar 31-Apr 8	Mar 23-31	Mar 15-23	Mar 28-Apr 5	Mar 19-27
Classes resume	Apr 9 (M)	Apr 1 (M)	Mar 24 (M)	Apr 6 (M)	Mar 28 (M)
Last class day	May 11 (F)	May 10 (F)	May 9 (F)	May 8 (F)	May 6 (F)
Study day	May 12 (S)	May 11 (S)	May 10 (S)	May 9 (S)	May 7 (S)
Exams begin	May 13 (N)	May 12 (N)	May 11 (N)	May 10 (N)	May 8 (N)
Exams end	May 19 (S)	May 18 (S)	May 17 (S)	May 16 (S)	May 14 (S)
Commencement weekend	May 18-20	May 17-19	May 16-18	May 15-17	May 13-15
Official graduation date	May 20 (N)	May 19 (N)	May 18 (N)	May 17 (N)	May 15 (N)
Last day grades in	May 25 (F)	May 24 (F)	May 23 (F)	May 22 (F)	May 20 (F)
Faculty contract year end	May 27 (N)	May 26 (N)	May 25 (N)	May 24 (N)	May 22 (N)
MWF days	45	44	44	44	44
TR days	30	30	30	30	30
SUMMER SESSIONS	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Memorial Day	May 28 (M)	May 27 (M)	May 26 (M)	May 25 (M)	May 30 (M)
3-week session begins	May 29 (T)	May 28 (T)	May 27 (T)	May 26 (T)	May 23 (M)
8-week session begins	Jun 18 (M)	Jun 17 (M)	Jun 16 (M)	Jun 15 (M)	Jun 13 (M)
Independence Day (observed)	Jul 4 (W)	Jul 4 (R)	Jul 4 (F)	Jul 4 (S)	Jul 4 (M)
8-week session ends	Aug 10 (F)	Aug 9 (F)	Aug 8 (F)	Aug 7 (F)	Aug 5 (F)
Official graduation date	Aug 26 (N)	Aug 25 (N)	Aug 24 (N)	Aug 23 (N)	Aug 28 (N)

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ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR 2016-2021

FALL SEMESTER	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Faculty contract year begins	Aug 29 (M)	Aug 28 (M)	Aug 27 (M)	Aug 26 (M)	Aug 24 (M)
Instruction begins	Sep 2 (F)	Sep 5 (T)	Sep 4 (T)	Sep 3 (T)	Sep 2 (W)
Labor Day	Sep 5 (M)	Sep 4 (M)	Sep 3 (M)	Sep 2 (M)	Sep 7 (M)
Thanksgiving recess	Nov 24-27	Nov 23-26	Nov 22-25	Nov 28-Dec 1	Nov 26-29
Last class day	Dec 15 (R)	Dec 15 (F)	Dec 14 (F)	Dec 13 (F)	Dec 15 (T)
Study day	Dec 16 (F)	Dec 16 (S)	Dec 15 (S)	Dec 14 (S)	Dec 16 (W)
Exams begin	Dec 17 (S)	Dec 17 (N)	Dec 16 (N)	Dec 15 (N)	Dec 17 (R)
Exams end	Dec 23 (F)	Dec 23 (S)	Dec 22 (S)	Dec 21 (S)	Dec 23 (W)
Commencement	Dec 18 (N)	Dec 17 (N)	Dec 16 (N)	Dec 22 (N)	Dec 20 (N)
Official graduation date	Dec 24 (S)	Dec 24 (N)	Dec 23 (N)	Dec 22 (N)	Dec 24 (R)
Last day grades in	Dec 29 (R)	Dec 29 (F)	Dec 28 (F)	Dec 27 (F)	Dec 29 (T)
MWF days	43	43	43	43	43
TR days	29	29	29	29	29
SPRING SEMESTER	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Jan 16 (M)	Jan 15 (M)	Jan 21 (M)	Jan 20 (M)	Jan 18 (M)
Instruction begins	Jan 23 (M)	Jan 22 (M)	Jan 22 (T)	Jan 21 (T)	Jan 19 (T)
Spring recess	Mar 18-26	Mar 24-Apr 1	Mar 16-24	Mar 14-22	Mar 27-Apr 4
Classes resume	Mar 27 (M)	Apr 2 (M)	Mar 25 (M)	Mar 23 (M)	Apr 5 (M)
Last class day	May 11 (R)	May 10 (R)	May 10 (F)	May 8 (F)	May 7 (F)
Study day	May 12 (F)	May 11 (F)	May 11 (S)	May 9 (S)	May 8 (S)
Exams begin	May 13 (S)	May 12 (S)	May 12 (N)	May 10 (N)	May 9 (N)
Exams end	May 19 (F)	May 18 (F)	May 18 (S)	May 16 (S)	May 15 (S)
Commencement weekend	May 19-21	May 18-20	May 17-19	May 15-17	May 14-16
Official graduation date	May 20 (S)	May 19 (S)	May 19 (N)	May 17 (N)	May 16 (N)
Last day grades in	May 25 (R)	May 24 (R)	May 24 (F)	May 22 (F)	May 21 (F)
Faculty contract year ends	May 28 (N)	May 27 (N)	May 26 (N)	May 24 (N)	May 23 (N)
MWF days	44	44	44	44	44
TR days	30	30	30	30	30
SUMMER SESSIONS	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Memorial Day (observed)	May 29 (M)	May 28 (M)	May 27 (M)	May 25 (M)	May 31 (M)
3-week session begins	May 30 (T)	May 29 (T)	May 28 (T)	May 26 (T)	May 24 (M)
3-week session ends	Jun 16 (F)	Jun 15 (F)	Jun 14 (F)	Jun 12 (F)	Jun 11 (F)
8-week session begins	Jun 19 (M)	Jun 18 (M)	Jun 17 (M)	Jun 15 (M)	Jun 14 (M)
Independence Day (observed)	Jul 4 (T)	Jul 4 (W)	Jul 4 (R)	Jul 4 (S)	Jul 5 (M)
8-week session ends	Aug 11 (F)	Aug 10 (F)	Aug 9 (F)	Aug 7 (F)	Aug 6 (F)
Official graduation date	Aug 27 (N)	Aug 26 (N)	Aug 25 (N)	Aug 23 (N)	Aug 22 (N)