

# Perpetual Academic Calendar Rules

## Office of the Registrar

### Fall Semester Calendar

1. "Should include at least 70 class days...exclusive of study (reading) days." (*Academic Council minutes 2/16/1988; 2/16/1993*).
2. First class day will be the "fourth Tuesday in August" (*Academic Council minutes 2/16/1993*) except when the fourth Tuesday is August 28. When that occurs, the third Tuesday, August 21, is the first class day (*Academic Council minutes 3/29/06*). The first class days range from August 21 – 27. The last class day is a Thursday (*Academic Council minutes 12/12/07*).
3. Contain a "week-long mid-semester break." (*Academic Council minutes 2/16/1993*) Traditionally, this break is scheduled starting the Saturday after the 39<sup>th</sup> class day (following week 8).
4. Three recess days (Wednesday – Friday) at Thanksgiving (*Academic Council minutes 02/16/1988; 2/16/1993; 12/12/07 – Wednesday added to the recess effective Fall 2008*).
5. Three reading days (Friday – Sunday) (*Academic Council minutes Spring, 1992; 4/20/93; 12/12/07 – reduced the reading days by one to obtain an extra day at Thanksgiving and maintain 70 class days*).
6. Five exam days "scheduled Monday through Friday." (*Academic Council minutes 2/16/1988; 2/16/1993*)
7. All final grades are due--- "...72 hours between the last final examination and grade submission... That cut-off time would be on or before December 23, and it would permit grades to be recorded either before or immediately after Christmas." (*Academic Council minutes 2/16/1993*)

### Spring Semester Calendar

1. "Should include at least 70 class days...exclusive of study (reading) days." (*Academic Council minutes 2/16/1988; 2/16/1993*)
2. First day (class day) of the semester will be a Monday. "This Monday is either the second or third Monday in January. It ranges from January 10 through January 16 and always falls in the same week as January 15." (*Academic Council minutes 2/16/1993 & 2/22/2022*) When MLK Day is the first Monday of the semester, classes will begin on Tuesday. (*Academic Council minutes 2/22/2022*) The last class day is a Wednesday.
3. Contain a "week-long mid-semester break." (*Academic Council minutes 2/16/1993*) Traditionally this break is scheduled starting the Saturday after the 39<sup>th</sup> class day (following week 8). However, the break should never coincide with Holy Week. (*Academic Council minutes 2/16/1988*)
4. "Two recess days at Easter. (*Academic Council minutes 2/16/1988; 2/16/1993*) Traditionally, Good Friday and the Monday following Easter Sunday.
5. Four reading days (Thursday – Sunday). (*Academic Council minutes Spring, 1992; 4/20/93*)
6. Five exam days "scheduled Monday through Friday." (*Academic Council minutes 2/16/1988; 2/16/1993*)
7. All final grades are due..."72 hours between the last final examination and grade submission." (*Academic Council minutes 2/16/1993*)
8. "...Commencement ceremonies on the third Sunday in May should remain in effect." (*Academic Council minutes 2/16/1988; 2/16/1993*)
9. Council approved "MLK Day a non-class day" for faculty and students. (*Academic Council Minutes 8/23/2021*)