

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 21st is the first class day (Academic Council minutes 3/29/06). The first class days range from August 21st – 27th. 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 39th 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 23rd, and it would permit grades to be recorded and mailed 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 Tuesday. "This Tuesday is either the second or third Tuesday in January. It ranges from January 11 through January 17 and always falls in the same week as January 15." (Academic Council minutes 2/16/1993) 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 39th 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).