

Section 2. Rules Relating To the Academic University Calendar

The University Senate shall adopt policies for the University Calendar. The Registrar shall implement these policies and shall submit to the Senate Council a calendar three years in advance of fall registration, based upon SR 2.1 and 2.2 below. Upon approval by the Senate Council, the proposed calendar will be provided to the University Senate. If at least three Senators object to the proposed calendar within ten (10) days of circulation, then it shall be placed on the Senate agenda for action. In the absence of such objection, the calendar approved by the Senate Council shall be adopted. [US: 9/13/76]

2.1. CALENDAR POLICIES

2.1.1 ORGANIZATION OF ACADEMIC YEAR

[US: 2/11/2019]

The academic year shall consist of a Spring Semester and a Fall Semester, each lasting 15 instructional weeks, a twelve-week Summer Session, and a Winter Intersession.

In the University Senate Rules, the word “term” in reference to the academic University Calendar means collectively both the Spring and Fall Semesters, the Winter Intersession, and the Summer Session.

All grades for each course shall be due in the Office of the Registrar three (3) days after the final examination is administered for that course. (See SR [Error! Reference source not found.5-1-5](#))

2.1.2 TIMING OF TERMS

2.1.2.1 Fall Semester

[US: 2/11/2019]

The fall semester shall begin in time to permit completion prior to the official late-December holiday break.

When Labor Day falls on September 1 or 2, classes will start on the Monday before Labor Day. When Labor Day falls on September 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7, classes will start on the Monday 14 days before Labor Day. The last day of classes will be on a Friday. Final examinations will run for five days, Monday through Friday. Final examinations for weekend classes will be administered the weekend before this five-day period. [US: 12/10/84; 3/20/95; 4/9/2001; 2/11/2019]

2.1.2.2 Spring Semester

The Spring Semester classes will start on a Wednesday approximately 26 days after the last day of final examinations for the Fall Semester. When the Fall Semester starts on the Monday before Labor Day, the subsequent Spring Semester will begin on January 14, or 15. When the Fall Semester starts a week earlier, the Spring Semester will start on January 9, 10, 11, 12, or

13. The final day of classes will be a Friday. Final examinations will run for five days, Monday through Friday. Final examinations for weekend classes will be administered the weekend before this five-day period. [US: 3/20/95; 4/9/2001; 2/11/2019]

2.1.2.3 Summer Session

The Summer Session will be scheduled so that classes begin on the Tuesday following May Commencement and last for twelve instructional weeks. [US: 3/20/95; 2/11/2019]

2.1.2.4 Winter Intersession

The Winter Intersession shall begin the Monday following the end of the Fall Semester and end with final exams on the day before the start of the Spring Semester. [US: 4/9/2007; 2/11/2019].

2.1.2.5 Summary

Labor Day	Fall Semester Begins	Spring Semester Begins	Summer Session Begins
September 1	August 25	January 14	May 10
September 2	August 26	January 15	May 11
September 3	August 20	January 9	May 5
September 4	August 21	January 10	May 6
September 5	August 22	January 11	May 7
September 6	August 23	January 12	May 8
September 7	August 24	January 13	May 9

2.1.3 ACADEMIC HOLIDAYS

“Academic Holiday” means that neither classes are held, nor are assignments made due, on the academic holiday. If an Instructor has made an assignment due on an academic holiday, then it actually is not due until classes begin after the end of the academic holiday. [SREC: 11/22/2012; US: 2/11/2019]

Official University holidays that shall be treated as academic holidays are Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, the day following Thanksgiving Day, Martin Luther King’s birthday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, the late December holiday period, and Election Day in presidential election years. When Independence Day falls on Saturday or Sunday, the preceding Friday or the following Monday shall be an academic holiday. [US: 4/25/88; 2/11/2019]

The Wednesday immediately before Thanksgiving Day is designated as the Thanksgiving Break, which is an academic holiday. The Saturday immediately following Thanksgiving Day is designated as an academic holiday. [US: 12/11/95; 5/7/2007; 2/11/2019; 9/13/2021]

The Monday and Tuesday that begin the ninth week from the start of the University Calendar fall semester are designated the Fall Break, which is an academic holiday. [US: 4/23/2018; 2/11/2019]

The tenth week of the Spring Semester shall be utilized each year as the Spring Break, which is an academic holiday. [US: 4/25/88]

2.1.4 SPECIAL CALENDARS FOR PARTICULAR COLLEGES

Due to special scheduling considerations in the Colleges of Medicine, Pharmacy, and Dentistry and the University of Kentucky J. David Rosenberg College of Law, special calendars may be adopted for these colleges. These colleges shall prepare calendars at least three years in advance, forwarding them to the Registrar to be presented to the University Senate Council, along with the University Calendar, for processing as per SR 2. Such calendars shall conform with the University Calendar as nearly as possible. [US: 4/9/2001]

The College of Pharmacy may offer a 15-week Summer Semester.

2.2. DEVIATION FROM APPROVED CALENDAR

An adopted calendar can be changed only by action of the University Senate with the following exceptions:

1. In emergency situations this power is delegated to the Senate Council, with reporting to the University Senate.
2. Minor changes in a University Calendar may be made by the Senate Council, upon recommendation of the Registrar, and with the further provision that the Senate Council report any such changes to the University Senate.
3. The President of the University may select one day each semester and one day in the summer to use as a Presidential Convocation.

2.3. CALENDAR POLICY REVIEW

The Senate Council or an ad hoc committee designated by it shall review the University Calendar policy at least once a year and recommend to the University Senate any modifications deemed desirable to meet changing needs.

