

2.1.2.2 Spring Semester (*current*)

The Spring Semester classes will start on a Monday approximately 24 days after the last day of final examinations for the Fall Semester. The Spring Semester will begin on the second Monday of January. The final day of classes will be a Wednesday, followed by two Reading Days (SR 5.2.5.6). Final examinations will run for four days, Monday through Thursday, with the fifth day (Friday) to be available for scheduling of final exams for students with conflicts (SR 5.2.5.7.4.2). 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; 2/8/2021]

2.1.2.2 Spring Semester (*proposed*)

The Spring Semester classes will begin on the second Monday following New Year's Day, approximately 24 days after conclusion of final examinations for the Fall Semester. The final day of Spring Semester classes will be a Wednesday, followed by two Reading Days (SR 5.2.5.6). Final examinations will run for four days, Monday through Thursday, with the fifth day (Friday) to be available for scheduling of final exams for students with conflicts (SR 5.2.5.7.4.2). 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; 2/8/2021; X/X/2023]

Rationale: The previous wording implied that the Spring Semester would begin between 08 January and 14 January, but the actual range is 09 January through 15 January.

2.1.2.3 Summer Session (*current*)

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]

2.1.2.3 Summer Session (*proposed*)

The Summer Session will be scheduled so that classes begin on ~~Tuesday~~ a Monday, as set forth in a structural calendar, following May Commencement and will last for twelve instructional weeks. [US: 3/20/95; 2/11/2019; X/X/2023]

Rationale: Beginning the summer session on the Monday allows for all other summer sessions to align throughout the 12 week instructional period and, if the 5-Year structural calendar is followed, gives the campus one week between spring and summer.

2.1.2.4 Winter Intersession (*current*)

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].

2.1.2.4 Winter Intersession (*proposed*)

The Winter Intersession shall begin the Monday following the end of the Fall Semester and end with final exams on the Friday before the start of the Spring Semester. [US: 4/9/2007; 2/11/2019; X/X/2023].

Rationale: When UKY's Spring Semester began on a Wednesday, it made sense for Winter Intersession to conclude on the day immediately preceding (Tuesday). Now that UKY's Spring Semester begins on a Monday, the conclusion of Winter Intersession can be adjusted accordingly.

2.1.2.5 Summary (current)

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
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Rationale: Senate Rule 2.1.2.5 is no longer needed or required. The 5-Year Structural Calendar provides begin and end dates for fall, spring and summer that will be approved by the Senate. Further, all University holidays are clearly defined.

2.1.3 ACADEMIC HOLIDAYS (current)

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Official University holidays as established by the President in Human Resources Policies and Procedures #83 that shall be treated as academic holidays are Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, the day following Thanksgiving Day, Martin Luther King’s birthday, Memorial Day, Juneteenth, 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; SC: 10/26/2020]

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2.1.3 ACADEMIC HOLIDAYS (proposed)

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Official University holidays as established by the President in Human Resources Policies and Procedures #83 that shall be treated as academic holidays are Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, the day following Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Year’s Day, Martin Luther King’s birthday, Memorial Day, Juneteenth, Independence Day, and Election Day in presidential election years. When Independence Day or Juneteenth falls on Saturday or Sunday, the preceding Friday or the following Monday shall be an academic holiday. [US: 4/25/88; 2/11/2019; SC: 10/26/2020; US: X/X/2023]

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Rationale: Human Resources Policies and Procedures #83 identifies Christmas Day and New Year’s Day specifically. Because University employees may also receive intervening “bonus holidays”, a clarification as to what constitutes an academic holiday may be relevant to Winter Intersession students. Also, it is possible for Juneteenth, like Independence Day, to be on a Saturday or a Sunday, and so this contingency can be codified.