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This is a recommendation that the University Senate incorporate the following changes to the Academic Calendar, effective Fall 2020 (with the exception of item #2, which would take effect in Fall 2021):

1. Begin the Spring semester on a Monday.<sup>1</sup>
2. Move the Fall Break from Monday and Tuesday of the NINTH to the Monday and Tuesday of the TENTH week of the Fall semester, to begin with the Fall 2021 semester.<sup>2</sup>
3. Add two 'Reading Days' to both the fall and spring semesters to occur on Thursday and Friday of "Dead Week" (SR 5.2.4.6).<sup>3</sup>
4. Adjust the final examination schedule from a 5 day schedule to a "4+1" final examination schedule. The Registrar will schedule all Final Examinations during the first four days (Monday through Thursday) of Final Exam week. The fifth day (Friday) would be reserved for scheduling of exams for students with conflicts.<sup>4</sup>

### **Notes**

<sup>1</sup> This change equalizes the instructional minutes between the Fall and Spring semesters. The actual start dates are included in the 5-year structural calendar. This change, in combination with #2, would align the fall and spring semester calendars. Both semesters would start on the same day of the week (i.e., Monday). Both semesters would have the same number of class meeting days. The distribution of those class meeting days across the days of the week would be more even ([Figure 1](#)).

<sup>2</sup> This change moves Fall Break one week later in the semester from the current rules. The change aligns the start of Fall Break with the start of Spring Break. Because students have already registered for the Fall semester, it is not feasible to incorporate this change into the Fall 2020 academic calendar.

<sup>3</sup> The fall and spring semesters would each have two Reading Days. The Reading Days would be on the Thursday and Friday of [Dead Week](#) just prior to the week of final exams. The current Dead Week restrictions on certain instructional activities would continue to apply to Reading Days. An additional restriction would apply to Reading Days, namely no required class meetings or, more generally, no "required interactions" ([SR 5.2.4.2.3.1](#)). Reading Days are not academic holidays. The summer session would not have any reading days.

<sup>4</sup> While no final exams will be officially scheduled on the +1 day (Friday) of Finals week, that day would be available as an extra day to schedule final exams for students with scheduling conflicts, including exams for students with accommodations. This proposal does not address the final exam schedule for online courses.

## **Background**

At its April 23, 2018 meeting, the University Senate approved a two-day Fall Break for the Monday and Tuesday of the week following midterms ([agenda](#), [original proposal](#), [approved proposal](#), [minutes](#), [transcript](#)). As part of this proposal, the Senate agreed to start the fall semester on a Monday rather than a Wednesday.

## **Problem**

No changes were made to the spring semester calendar. The spring semester continues to start on a Wednesday, amplifying asymmetries that already existed between the fall and spring semester calendars (click to view [Figure 1](#)). In addition to the different start days, the spring semester has two fewer class meeting days overall than the fall semester. Also, both semesters continue to have a relatively uneven distribution of class meeting days across the five days of the week. These asymmetries create design problems for many instructors, particularly those who need to teach the same course in both semesters and for those teaching classes that meet once a week.

## **Solution**

At the October 17, 2019 Senate Council meeting, a motion was approved to “create an ad hoc committee to review starting the Spring Semester on a Monday”. The Senate Academic Priorities and Planning Committee (SAPC) Chair (Osterhage) solicited volunteers from the SAPC, Registrar’s Office, faculty, advisors, and previous Senate calendar committee members.

The committee met multiple times between November 2019 and April 2020 and solicited feedback from units across campus. In addition to its original charge, the committee incorporated three additional elements into their discussions based on recommendations from relevant groups:

1. a recommendation from the Student Government Association to add two non-instructional “Reading Days” to the end of the semester,
2. a recommendation from the Registrar’s Office to change the Final Exam schedule from a 5 day schedule to a 4+1 day schedule (described in more detail in the attached document), and
3. A recommendation from the Math department to move Fall Break one week later in the semester to align the timing of the Fall Break with the first two days of Spring Break.

The committee unanimously approved the motion presented here on April 23, 2020.

## **Impact on Winter Break Calendar**

[SR 2.1.2.1](#) (Fall Semester) and [SR 2.1.2.2](#) (Spring Semester) suggest that, if we started the spring semester two days earlier (i.e., on a Monday rather than a Wednesday), that would mean that we always have exactly 23 calendar days between the end of the Fall Semester (that always ends on a Friday) and the proposed start of the Spring Semester (that we propose to start on a Monday).

The above referenced 23-day period includes four weekends (i.e., 4 Saturdays and 4 Sundays) and two University holidays (i.e., Christmas Day and New Year’s Day), leaving 13 work days between the end of the Fall Semester and the proposed start of the Spring Semester. If we assume that no work occurs between the two official University holidays (i.e., Christmas and New Year’s Day), that reduces the number of work days by three (3), leaving 10 work days (i.e., 2 weeks) under the proposed change.

Under the current proposal, the MLK holiday (that is always on a Monday) would usually occur exactly one week after the proposed start of Spring Semester classes (also a Monday). Occasionally, the MLK holiday

would occur exactly two weeks after the proposed start of the Spring Semester classes. The first such time this latter instance would occur would be spring 2030 and then again in spring 2036.

## **Proposed Senate Rule Changes**

### **2.1.2 TIMING OF TERMS**

#### **2.1.2.1 Fall Semester**

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~~, Wednesday, followed by two reading days (SR 5.2.4.6). 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 5.2.4.7.4.2). 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]

#### **SR 2.1.2.2 Spring Semester**

The Spring Semester classes will start on a ~~Wednesday~~ Monday approximately ~~26~~ 24 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 the second Monday of January. begin on January 14, 12 or 15 13.~~ ~~When the Fall Semester starts a week earlier, the Spring Semester will begin on January 9, 10, 11, 12, or 13.~~ The final day of classes will be a ~~Friday~~, Wednesday, followed by two reading days (SR 5.2.4.6). 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 5.2.4.7.4.2). ~~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]

#### **SR 5.2.4.6 Dead Week**

[US: 4/10/06; 4/13/2009]

1. The ~~last week of instruction preceding the final examination period (SR 5.2.4.7.1)~~ of ~~a regular~~ the fall and spring semesters is termed "Dead Week." In the rest of these Rules, this phrase also refers to the last three days of instruction of the summer session and winter intersession. [US: 4/10/2006]
2. In cases of "Take Home" final examinations, students shall not be required to return the completed examination before the regularly scheduled examination period for that course.
3. No written examinations, including final examinations, may be scheduled during the Dead Week.
4. No quizzes may be given during Dead Week.
5. No project/lab practicals/paper/presentation deadlines or oral/listening examinations may be scheduled to fall during the Dead Week unless it was scheduled in the syllabus AND the course has no final examination (or assignment that acts as a final examination) scheduled during finals week. A

course with a lab component may schedule the lab practical of the course during Dead Week if the lab portion does not also require a Final Examination during finals week.

6. Make-up exams and quizzes are allowed during Dead Week; these are exempt from the restrictions stated in 1, 2, and 3.

7. Class participation and attendance grades are permitted during Dead Week.

\* The current wording of this rule does not prohibit continuing into Dead Week regularly assigned graded homework that was announced in the class syllabus. [SREC: 9/2009]

\* The Dead Week rule applies to ALL courses taught in the fall semester, spring semester, and summer session, including those taught in a format that has been compressed into less than one semester or session. The rule does not apply to courses in professional programs in colleges that have University Senate approval to follow a nonstandard calendar, as authorized in SR 2.1.1(I). [SREC: 3/15/2012]

8. For fall and spring semester, the Thursday and Friday of Dead Week are study days (i.e., "Reading Days") during which no required interactions (SR 9.1) shall be scheduled.

### **SR 2.1.3 Academic Holidays**

The Monday and Tuesday that begin the ~~ninth~~ tenth 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]

### **SR 5.2.4.7 Final Examinations**

#### **SR 5.2.4.7.1 Scheduling of Exams by the Registrar**

The Registrar shall schedule two-hour periods for final examinations for courses offered during the fall and spring semesters. The faculties of colleges that have Senate approval for their own special calendars may instruct the Registrar to schedule final examination periods of a different length. The Registrar shall schedule spring and fall semester final examination periods during the last ~~five (5) days~~ Monday through Thursday of the semester; The last Friday of the semester will be set aside for final examinations rescheduled in accordance with SR 5.2.4.7.4.2.

For the Fall and Spring semesters only, that the five-day examination period shall be immediately preceded by ~~a two~~ two study days (i.e., "Reading Days") ~~or and a~~ or a weekend ~~on~~ on during which no ~~classes or examinations for~~ classes or examinations for ~~weekday classes~~ required interactions will be scheduled ~~– other than F~~ – other than F final examinations for weekend classes ~~will which shall~~ will be administered ~~the during this~~ the during this weekend ~~before this five-day period and need not be preceded by a study day.~~ [US: 4/9/2001; 10/10/11]

The Registrar shall schedule final examinations for courses offered during the summer session and winter intersession for the time of the last scheduled class period. [US: 10/11/11]

#### **SR 5.2.4.7.4.2 Conflicts affecting students**

Any student with more than two final examinations scheduled on any one date shall be entitled to have the examination for the class with the highest catalog number rescheduled at another time during the final examination period. In case this highest number is shared by more than one course, the one whose departmental prefix is first alphabetically will be rescheduled. The option to reschedule must be exercised in writing to the appropriate Instructor of Record or his/her designee two weeks prior to the last class meeting. [US: 4/28/86]

If a conflict is created by rescheduling of an examination, the student shall be entitled to take the rescheduled examination at another time during the final examination period. [US: 4/28/86]

Any student whose name is on the approved degree list who has a conflict between a final exam scheduled by the Registrar and a University-sanctioned commencement ceremony may reschedule their final examination for another time, agreed to by the Instructor of Record, during the final examination period. The notice to reschedule must be given to the class instructor no later than two weeks prior to the scheduled examination. [US: 9/15/2015]

In the case of undue hardship for an individual student, a final examination may be rescheduled by the instructor.

\* The SREC interprets that the 'more than two final exams in one day/reschedule' provisions of SR 5.2.4.7 apply only to courses for which the Registrar has published a schedule for the final examination, including distance learning courses for which the Registrar has published a final exam schedule. The provisions do not apply, for example, when students have three final exams in one day at the eight-week point of a regular semester. [SREC: 3/15/2012]

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**For reference, below (yellow highlight) are all of the times that the SRs refer "Last" or "Final" Day of Classes**

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### 5.1.8.3 Permissive Withdrawals

[US: 5/7/2007]

A student may withdraw from a class, or from the University, after the withdrawal period in SR **Error! Reference source not found.** but through **the last day of classes** for the academic term upon approval by the dean of the student's college of a petition certifying urgent non-academic reasons including but not limited to:

1. Illness or injury of the student;
2. Serious personal or family problems;
3. Serious financial difficulties; or
4. Having excused absences for the dates and times associated with more than one-fifth of the required interactions in a course, pursuant to SR **Error! Reference source not found.** [SREC: 11/20/87; US: 2/12/2018]

- \* The "**last day of classes**" refers to the date (given on the Registrar's website), which was approved by the University Senate, not the last day that an individual class met. [SREC: 5/13/2016]
- \* "Required interactions" (SR 5.1.8.3, SR **Error! Reference source not found.**, and SR **Error! Reference source not found.**) are interactions that, if not completed at or by their specified date and time, would penalize a student in a course. Interactions may include, but are not limited to, student engagement with other students (e.g., participating in an in-class or online discussion), engagement with the instructor (e.g., attending class), or engagement with an instructor's proxy (e.g., attending a guest lecture or uploading a file to the course management system). [US: 2/12/2018]

Before acting on such a petition, the dean will consult with the Instructor of Record of the class. The dean may not delegate the authority to approve or deny a petition to withdraw to the University Registrar or to any other agency external to his or her college. If such a petition is approved by the dean of the student's college, the dean shall inform in writing the Instructor of Record of the class of his/her action, and the student shall be assigned a grade of "W." [US: 9/10/79; revised US: 4/11/83]

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### 5.1.8.5 Retroactive Withdrawal

Withdrawals initiated after **the last day of classes** for the semester are governed by this rule. [US: 12/8/97; US 4/12/99]

#### 5.1.8.5.1 Requirements

Typically, a student may withdraw from a given semester only if the withdrawal is from all classes.

- \* If a student submits a request to the Senate's Retroactive Withdrawal Appeals Committee (SRWAC) for retroactive withdrawal from a single course, and that request is denied by the SRWAC, the student retains a standing to then submit a different request to the SRWAC for retroactive withdrawal from all classes. The act of submission of the second request does not constitute an improper 'appeal' to the SRWAC of the SRWAC's prior decision. [SREC: 6/8/2006]

A grade of E or XE assigned as a result of an academic offence may be changed to a W only by a petition to the University Appeals Board and only after a retroactive withdrawal for the semester in which the E was assigned is granted. In

evaluating such a petition, the student must demonstrate that the hardships enumerated in item (4) below also resulted in the academic offense in a manner that the student's culpability is severely diminished as a result. [US: 4/10/2006]

Requests for retroactive withdrawals shall be made of the Dean of the college in which the student was enrolled at the time the classes were taken. The complete request shall be made before a student has graduated and not later than two calendar years from **the last day of classes** for the semester for which the withdrawal is requested, unless the SRWAC votes to waive the two-year time limit. The fully complete request shall be submitted using the University Senate Retroactive Withdrawal Application, which includes a form on which an instructor can offer feedback, along with the documentation required by the University Senate as described on that form (<http://www.uky.edu/universitysenate/forms>). [US: 4/9/07; 5/7/2007]

\* "Two calendar years" means two consecutive periods of 365 days (or 366 if leap year) from **the last day of classes** for the semester for which the withdrawal is requested. [SREC: 5/19/2009]

Retroactive withdrawals may be granted only when the student has demonstrated satisfactory evidence that the student has incurred:

1. a serious injury or illness;
2. serious personal or family problems;
3. serious financial difficulties; or
4. permanent disability verified by the Disability Resource Center and diagnosed after the semester for which the withdrawal is requested.

Retroactive withdrawal from a class in which an XE or XF has been imposed shall not be granted.

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#### **6.4.5.2.5 Determination and Notice**

The Appeals Board shall seek to render a decision as soon as is reasonably possible so that the student may plan his or her further academic work. The hearing officer of the Board shall notify the student, the complainants (instructor and chair, responsible dean, or Registrar), and the Academic Ombud of the Board's decision within five days. If a penalty at least as severe as suspension was originally recommended for the offense, even if it has been reduced by the Board, the hearing officer shall also notify the Provost. In addition:

1. If the Board finds that a student committed the academic offense of which he or she was accused, then the hearing officer shall also notify the instructor and chair (if the offense was related to a course), the responsible dean, and the dean of the student's college. In addition, if the Board is supporting or recommending a penalty less severe than suspension, or such a penalty has not been appealed, the hearing officer shall also notify the Registrar; in the case of international students, the Director of International Student Affairs; and, if the offense also involves a violation of the Code of Student Conduct, the Dean of Students.
2. If the Board finds that a student did not commit the academic offense of which he or she was accused, and a penalty at least as severe as XE or XF was to be imposed for the alleged offense, the hearing officer shall also notify the responsible dean. If the alleged offense occurred in a course in which the student was registered, and if the allegation was lodged on or before **the last day of regularly scheduled classes**, then the student shall be permitted to withdraw from the course at any time until and including **the last day of regularly scheduled classes** for that semester, or up to five days after the Appeals Board has made its decision, whichever is later. If the allegation was lodged before the deadline for dropping courses had passed, the student shall be permitted to drop the course within the same time limitations.

3. If the Appeals Board finds a student did not commit an offense or reduces a recommended penalty, the Chair of the Appeals Board shall provide a rationale of the Appeals Board's decision to the complainant (instructor, dean, or Registrar) in a timely fashion if the complainant so requests. The rationale may be provided verbally or in writing, at the discretion of the Chair of the Appeals Board.



**Current Fall 2020**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:00 AM	TR@8	MWF@1	MWF@9	TR@3, TR@3:30	TR@10
10:30 AM	TR@9, TR@9:30	TR@12, TR@12:30	MWF@12	TR@2	TR@4, TR@4:30
1:00 PM	MWF@3	MWF@10	MWF@8	MWF@4	TR@5
3:30 PM	MWF@2	TR@11	MWF@11	TR@1	MWF@5
5:30 PM	MW@5:30	TR@5:30			
6:00 PM	MW@6, ITA 101, MA 110	TR@6, BIO 148, EM 221, ITA 201	EM 102, MA 114, MA 138, MA 213	MA 109, MA 113	
6:30 PM			MW@6:30	TR@6:30	
7:00 PM			MW@7	TR@7	
7:30 PM			MW@7:30	TR@7:30	
8:00 PM			MW@8	TR@8	
8:30 PM	CHE 113, MA 137	CHE 105, MA 162	CHE 111, MA 123	CHE 107, CHE 109	

**Senate Approved Standard Times**

MWF	TR
8:00 - 8:50	8:00 - 9:15
9:00 - 9:50	9:30 - 10:45
10:00 - 10:50	11:00 - 12:15
11:00 - 11:50	12:30 - 1:45
12:00 - 12:50	2:00 - 3:15
1:00 - 1:50	3:30 - 4:45
2:00 - 2:50	5:00 - 6:15
3:00 - 4:15	6:30 - 7:45
4:30 - 5:45	8:00 - 9:15
6:00 - 7:15	
7:30 - 8:45	

\*The meeting patterns highlighted in red exist on the final exam schedule, but do not have Senate approved standard time slots.

\*The MW@4:30 timeslot is not accounted for in the final exam schedule. I suspect they have been using the MWF@4 spot.

Evening and Weekend Program Classes Meeting Once a Week:

Classes meeting one time per week will have exams given at the regular class time.

Evening and Weekend Program Saturday Classes:

Classes meeting on Saturday will have exams given at the regular class time on Saturday, December 12, 2020.

**Proposed Fall 2020**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:00 AM	MWF@8	TR@9:30	MWF@9	TR@8	
10:30 AM	MWF@10	TR@12:30	MWF@11	TR@11	
1:00 PM	MWF@12	TR@3:30	MWF@1	TR@2	
3:30 PM	MWF@2	MW@4:30	MW@3	TR@5	
5:30 PM					
6:00 PM	MW@6, ITA 101, MA 110	TR@6:30, BIO 148, EM 221, ITA 201	EM 102, MA 114, MA 138, MA 213	MA 109, MA 113	
6:30 PM					
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2:00 - 2:50	5:00 - 6:15
3:00 - 4:15	6:30 - 7:45
4:30 - 5:45	8:00 - 9:15
6:00 - 7:15	
7:30 - 8:45	

\*The proposed final exam schedule accounts for all Senate approved timeslots and removes those not approved, they would be grouped with others. For example, a TR@10:20 course would use the TR@9:30 exam spot, since the start time of the course would fall within the Senate timeslot is 9:30 - 10:45 it ensures no conflicts.

Evening and Weekend Program Classes Meeting Once a Week @ 6:00 PM or later:

Classes meeting one time per week will have exams given at the regular class time.

Evening and Weekend Program Saturday Classes:

Classes meeting on Saturday will have exams given at the regular class time on Saturday, December 12, 2020.

**2020 Fall Semester**

**Amended**

**04/24/2020**

March 30-April 21 - Monday through Tuesday – Priority registration for the 2020 Fall Semester and the 2020 Summer Session. Add/Drop period for all students registered for Fall 2020.

April 1 - Wednesday – Deadline for NAAB Architecture transfer applicants

April 15 - Wednesday – Deadline for applying with college deans for reinstatement after a second academic suspension for the 2020 Fall Semester

April 22-June 21 - Wednesday through Sunday – Secondary Registration – students may add and drop classes for the 2020 fall semester using myUK

April 27-August 21 - Monday through Friday – Registration for new program graduate students for the 2020 Fall Semester

May 1 - Friday – Enrollment deposit due for freshmen entering in the 2020 Fall Semester

May 4-August 21 - Monday through Friday – Registration for new post-baccalaureate students for the 2020 Fall Semester

May 15 - Friday – Deadline for students to schedule an appointment for reinstatement in all colleges for the 2020 Fall Semester

May 15 - Friday – Deadline for undergraduate international applicants to submit their 2020 Fall Semester application

June 15 - Monday – Earliest date to submit application for regular and Early Decision Program admission, College of Medicine, for the 2021 Fall Semester

June 15-July 17 - Monday through Friday – Summer “see blue” U Orientation for new freshmen, transfer students, auditors, non-degree and readmitted students enrolling for the 2020 Fall Semester

July 1 - Wednesday – Deadline for readmission and transfer undergraduate applicants to submit their Fall 2020 Semester application

July 18-August 23 - Saturday through Sunday – Add/Drop for registered students

July 24 - Friday – Deadline for applying for admission to the Graduate School for the 2020 Fall Semester

August 1 - Saturday – Final deadline for submission of all required documents to the Office of Admissions for undergraduate admission for the 2020 Fall Semester, excluding freshmen who will be considered on a space-available basis

August 1 - Saturday – Deadline for application for Early Decision Program, College of Medicine, for the 2021 Fall semester

August 5 - Wednesday – Last day for students in the Employee Educational Program registered through August 5 to submit EEP form to Human Resource Services to confirm 2020 registration and tuition waiver

August 6 - Thursday – Last day for students in the Employee Educational Program registered through August 6 to submit EEP form to Human Resource Services to confirm 2020 Fall Semester registration and tuition waiver

August 17-21 - Monday and Friday – “see blue” U Orientation and Registration for new freshmen, transfer readmission, non-degree, and international students who have been cleared for admission but did not priority register

August 19-23 - Wednesday through Sunday – K Week for all new undergraduate students

August 21-23 - Friday through Sunday – Add/drop continues for fall 2020

August 21-26 - Friday through Wednesday – Approved time period for students to change academic majors (note: please check with college for admission deadline)

August 22 - Saturday - Payment deadline of registration fees and/or housing and dining fees - if total amount due is not paid as indicated on the account statement, a late payment fee of 1.5 percent of the amount past due will be assessed

August 23 - Sunday - Last day a student may officially drop a course or cancel registration with the University Registrar for a full refund of tuition and fees

August 24 - Monday - First day of classes

August 24-28 - Monday through Tuesday - Late registration for returning students who did not priority register and new applicants cleared late for admission. A late fee is assessed students who register late.

August 28 - Friday - Last day to add a class for the 2020 Fall Semester

August 28 - Friday - Last day to officially withdraw from the University or reduce course load and receive an 80 percent refund

September 2 - Wednesday - Last day for students in the Employee Educational Program who registered and/or changed schedules after August 5 to submit EEP form to Human Resource Services to confirm 2020 Fall Semester registration and tuition waiver

September 7 - Monday - Labor Day - Academic Holiday

September 14 - Monday - Last day to drop a course without it appearing on the student's transcript

September 14 - Monday - Last day to change grading option (pass/fail to letter grade or letter grade to pass/fail; credit to audit or audit to credit)

September 20 - Sunday - Last day for doctoral candidates for a December degree to submit a Notification of Intent to schedule a final examination in The Graduate School

September 21 - Monday - Last day to officially withdraw from the University or reduce course load and receive a 50 percent refund

September 22 - Tuesday – Payment deadline of registration fees and/or housing and dining fees – if total amount due is not paid as indicated on the account statement, a late payment fee of 1.5 percent of the amount past due will be assessed

September 24 - Thursday – Deadline for submission of application and all required documents to the Office of Undergraduate Admission and University Registrar for change of residency status for 2020 Fall Semester

October 5-November 17 - Monday through Tuesday – Students are prohibited from changing academic majors

October 12-26 - Monday through Monday – Midterm Grading window is open. The midterm grading window will close at midnight on October 26.

October 15 - Thursday – Deadline for submission of application and all required documents to the Office of Admissions for undergraduate applicants planning to attend November “see blue” U Orientation (including registration for spring classes)

October 19 - Monday – Midterm of 2020 Fall Semester

October 19-20 - Monday and Tuesday – Fall Break – Academic Holiday

November 1 - Sunday – Last day for filing an application for a December 2020 undergraduate or graduate degree online in myUK

November 2 - Monday – Deadline for completed AMCAS application, College of Medicine, for the 2021 Fall Semester

November 2- January 12, 2021 - Monday through Tuesday – Priority registration and add/drop for the 2021 Spring Semester

November 3 - Tuesday – Presidential Election – Academic Holiday

November 6 - Friday – Last day to withdraw from the University or reduce course load. Students can withdraw or reduce course load after this date only for “urgent non-academic reasons.”

November 12 - Thursday – Last day candidates for a December 2020 degree can schedule a final examination in the Graduate School

November 20 - Friday - 2021 Spring Semester "see blue" U  
Orientation for new and readmitted undergraduate students

November 25-28 - Wednesday through Saturday - Thanksgiving -  
Academic Holidays

December 1 - Tuesday - Deadline for submission of application and  
receipt of all materials for admission, readmission or transfer  
to the College of Law for the 2021 Spring Semester

December 1 - Tuesday - Early action deadline for freshmen applying  
for admission for the 2021 Fall Semester

December 3 - Thursday - Last day candidates for a December 2020  
degree can sit for a final examination

December 7 - Monday - Deadline for applying for admission to the  
Graduate School for the 2021 Spring Semester

December 7-21 - Monday through Monday - Final Grading window is  
open. The final deadline for submission of grades online in the  
grading portal is 5:00 p.m., December 21.

December 9 - Wednesday - Last day for students in the Employee  
Program registered through December 9 to submit EEP form to  
Human Resource Services to confirm 2021 Spring Semester  
registration and tuition waiver

**December 9 - Wednesday - Last day of classes**

~~December 11 - Friday - Last day of classes~~

**December 10-11 - Thursday - Friday - Reading Days**

December 11 - Friday - Last day candidates for December 2020 degree  
to submit thesis/dissertation (ETD) for formal review by the  
Graduate School

**December 14-17 - Monday through Thursday - Final Examinations**

~~December 14-18 - Monday through Friday - Final Examinations~~

December 18 - Friday - Last day for candidates for a December 2020  
degree to have thesis/dissertation (EDT) accepted by the

Graduate School for those students who first submitted December 11

December 18 - Friday - End of 2020 Fall Semester

December 18 - Friday - December Commencement

December 21 - Monday - Final deadline for submission of grades online in the grading portal is 5:00 p.m.

#### SUMMARY OF TEACHING DAYS, FALL SEMESTER 2020

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.	Teaching Days	
August	2	1	1	1	1	1	August	7
September	3	5	5	4	4	4	September	25
October	3	3	4	5	5	5	October	25
November	5	3	3	3	3	3	November	21
December	1	2	2	1	1	1	December	8
Totals	14	14	15	14	14	14		85

#### **2020-2021 Winter Intersession**

October 15, 2020 - Thursday - Priority deadline for admission to the Winter Intersession

November 2-December 20, 2020 - Monday through Sunday - Priority registration for Winter Intersession

November 20, 2020 - Friday - Winter Intersession registration for newly-admitted students

December 18, 2020 - Friday - Deadline for admission to the Winter Intersession

December 20, 2020 - Sunday - Last day a student may drop a course or cancel registration with the University Registrar for a full refund of fees

December 21, 2020 - Monday - First day of class

December 21, 2020 - Monday - Last day to add a class for the 2020-2021 Winter Intersession

December 21, 2020 - Monday - Last day to officially withdraw from the University or reduce course load and receive an 80 percent refund

December 22, 2020 - Tuesday - Payment deadline of registration fees and/or housing and dining fees - if total amount is not paid as indicated on the account statement, a late payment fee of 1.50 percent of the amount past due will be assessed

December 25, 2020-January 1, 2021 - Friday through Friday - Academic Holidays

January 2, 2021 - Saturday - Last day to officially withdraw from the University or reduce course load and receive a 50 percent refund

January 2, 2021 - Saturday - Last day to drop a course without it appearing on the student's transcript

January 2, 2021 - Saturday - Last day to change a grading option (pass/fail to letter grade or letter grade to pass/fail; credit to audit or audit to credit)

January 2, 2021 - Saturday - Last day to withdraw from the University or reduce course load. Students can withdraw or reduce course load after this date only for "urgent non-academic reasons."

January 12, 2021 - Tuesday - Final Examinations

January 12, 2021 - Tuesday - End of 2020-2021 Winter Intersession  
January 15, 2021 - Friday - Final deadline for submission of grades online in the grading portal is 5:00 p.m.



## **2021 Spring Semester**

**Amended**

**04/24/2020**

February 15, 2020 - Saturday - Priority filing deadline for the 2020-2021 academic year for financial aid for entering freshmen

March 15, 2020 - Sunday - Priority filing deadline for the 2020-2021 academic year for financial aid for continuing and transfer students

August 15, 2020 - Saturday - Deadline for international applications to be submitted to the Graduate School for the 2021 Spring Semester

September 15, 2020 - Tuesday - Deadline for applying with college deans for reinstatement after a second academic suspension for the 2021 Spring Semester

October 1, 2020 - Thursday - Deadline for students to schedule an appointment for reinstatement in all colleges for the 2021 Spring Semester

October 15, 2020 - Thursday - Deadline for submission of application and all required documents to the Office of Admissions for undergraduate applicants planning to attend November "see blue" U Orientation (including registration for spring classes)

October 15, 2020 - Thursday - Deadline for undergraduate international applicants to submit 2021 Spring Semester application

November 2-January 12, 2021 - Monday through Tuesday - Priority registration for the 2021 Spring Semester. Add/Drop for registered students for the 2021 Spring Semester.

November 15, 2020 - Sunday - Deadline for readmission and transfer undergraduate applicants to submit their 2021 Spring Semester application

November 20, 2020 - Friday - "see blue" U Orientation for freshmen, transfer, readmission students admitted for spring 2021

December 1, 2020 - Tuesday - Final deadline for submission of application and all required documents to the Office of Admissions for undergraduate admission for the 2021 Spring Semester

December 2, 2020-January 10, 2021 - Wednesday through Sunday - Add/Drop for registered students for the 2021 Spring Semester

December 7, 2020 - Monday - Deadline for applying for admission to the Graduate School for the 2020 Spring Semester

December 9, 2020 - Wednesday - Last day for students in the Employee Educational Program registered through December 9 to submit EEP form to Human Resource Services to confirm 2021 Spring Semester registration and tuition waiver

January 5-8 - Tuesday through Friday - Registration for new program graduate students

~~January 6-11 - Wednesday through Monday - Registration for new program graduate students~~

January 6-8 - Wednesday through Friday - Registration for new post-baccalaureate students

~~January 7-11 - Thursday through Monday - Registration for new post-baccalaureate students~~

January 8 - Friday - International Student "see blue" U Orientation

January 8 - Friday - "see blue" U Orientation and Registration for new freshmen and transfer students who have been cleared for admission but did not priority register including registration for Evening and Weekend

~~January 11 - Monday - "see blue" U Orientation and Registration for new freshmen and transfer students who have been cleared for admission but did not priority register including registration for Evening and Weekend~~

January 8 - Friday - "see blue" U Orientation and Registration for readmission and non-degree students including registration for Evening and Weekend

~~January 12 - Tuesday - "see blue" U Orientation and Registration for readmission and non degree students including registration for Evening and Weekend~~

January 10 - Sunday - Last day a student may officially drop a course or cancel registration with the University Registrar for a full refund of fees

~~January 12 - Tuesday - Last day a student may officially drop a course or cancel registration with the University Registrar for a full refund of fees~~

January 11 - Monday - First day of classes

~~January 13 - Wednesday - First day of classes~~

January 11-19 - Monday through Tuesday - Late registration for returning students who did not priority register and new applicants cleared late for admission. A late fee is assessed students who register late.

~~January 13-20 - Wednesday through Wednesday - Late registration for returning students who did not priority register and new applicants cleared late for admission. A late fee is assessed students who register late.~~

January 18 - Monday - Martin Luther King Birthday - Academic Holiday

January 15 - Friday - Last day to add a class for the 2021 Spring Semester

~~January 20 - Wednesday - Last day to add a class for the 2021 Spring Semester~~

January 15 - Friday - Last day to officially withdraw from the University or reduce course load and receive an 80 percent refund

~~January 20 - Wednesday - Last day to officially withdraw from the University or reduce course load and receive an 80 percent refund~~

January 15 - Friday - Last day for students in the Employee Educational Program who registered and/or changed schedules

after December 9 to submit EEP form to Human Resource Services to confirm 2021 Spring Semester registration and tuition waiver

~~January 20 - Wednesday - Last day for students in the Employee Educational Program who registered and/or changed schedules after December 9 to submit EEP form to Human Resource Services to confirm 2021 Spring Semester registration and tuition waiver~~

January 22 - Friday - Payment deadline of registration fees and/or housing and dining fees - if total amount due is not paid as indicated on the account statement, a late payment fee of 1.5 percent of the amount past due will be assessed

February 1 - Monday - Deadline for international applications to be submitted to the Graduate School for the 2021 Fall Semester

February 1 - Monday - Preferred deadline for submitting application for admission to the College of Dentistry for the 2021 Fall Semester

February 1 - Monday - Last day to drop a course without it appearing on the student's transcript

~~February 3 - Wednesday - Last day to drop a course without it appearing on the student's transcript~~

February 1 - Monday - Last day to change grading option (pass/fail to letter grade or letter grade to pass/fail; credit to audit or audit to credit)

~~February 3 - Wednesday - Last day to change grading option (pass/fail to letter grade or letter grade to pass/fail; credit to audit or audit to credit)~~

February 8 - Monday - Last day to officially withdraw from the University or reduce course load and receive a 50 percent refund

~~February 10 - Wednesday - Last day to officially withdraw from the University or reduce course load and receive a 50 percent refund~~

February 9 - Tuesday - Deadline for submission of application and all required documents to the Office of Undergraduate Admission and University Registrar for change of residency status for 2021 Spring Semester

~~February 11 - Thursday - Deadline for submission of application and all required documents to the Office of Undergraduate Admission and University Registrar for change of residency status for 2021 Spring Semester~~

February 20 - Saturday - Last day for doctoral candidates for a May 2021 degree to submit a Notification of Intent to schedule a final examination in the Graduate School

March 1-15 - Monday through Monday - Midterm Grading window is open. The mid-term grading window will close at midnight on March 15.

March 2 - Tuesday - Last day for submission of application for admission to the College of Law for the 2021 Fall semester

March 8 - Monday - Midterm of 2021 Spring Semester (start of week 9)

March 8-April 16 - Monday through Wednesday - Students are prohibited from changing academic majors

March 15-20 - Monday through Saturday - Spring Vacation - Academic Holidays (10th week of the semester)

March 29-June 20 - Monday through Sunday - Priority registration and add/drop for the 2021 Fall Semester and the 2021 Summer Session

April 1 - Thursday - Last day for filing an application for a May and August 2021 undergraduate or graduate degree online in myUK

~~March 20 - Saturday - Last day for filing an application for a May 2021 undergraduate or graduate degree online in myUK~~

April 2 - Friday - Last day to withdraw from the University or reduce course load. Students can withdraw or reduce course load after this date only for "urgent non-academic reasons."

April 8 - Thursday - Last day for candidates for a May 2021 degree to submit a request to schedule a final examination in the Graduate School

April 9 - Friday - Deadline for applying for admission to the Graduate School for the 2021 Summer Session

April 22 - Thursday – Last day for candidates for a May 2021 degree to sit for a final examination

April 26-May 10 - Monday through Monday – Final Grading window is open. The final deadline for submission of grades online in the grading portal is 5:00 p.m., May 10.

April 27-May 3 - Tuesday through Monday – 2021 Summer Session registration and add/drop continue for students enrolled in the 2021 Spring Semester

April 28 - Wednesday – Last day of classes

~~April 30 – Friday – Last day of classes~~

April 29-30 - Thursday - Friday - Reading Days

April 30 - Friday – Last day candidates for May 2021 degree to submit thesis/dissertation for formal review to The Graduate School

May 3-6 - Monday through Thursday – Final Examinations

~~May 3-7 – Monday through Friday – Final Examinations~~

May 7 - Friday – Last day for candidates for a May 2021 degree to submit final revised thesis/dissertation (EDT) for acceptance by the Graduate School for those students who first submitted April 30

May 7 - Friday – End of 2021 Spring Semester

May 7 & 8 - Friday and Saturday – Commencement –

[www.uky.edu/commencement](http://www.uky.edu/commencement)

May 10 - Monday – Final deadline for submission of grades online in the grading portal is 5 p.m.

May 10-August 20 - Monday through Friday – College of Pharmacy 15-Week Summer Term

SUMMARY OF TEACHING DAYS, SPRING SEMESTER 2021

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.	Teaching Days
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•	January	2	3	3	3	3	January 17
•	February	4	4	4	4	4	February 24
•	March	4	4	4	3	3	March 21
•	April	4	4	4	4	4	April 24

• May	-	-	-	-	-	-	May	0
• Totals	14	15	15	14	14	14		86

### 2021 Summer Session

March 15 - Monday – Priority filing deadline for financial aid for the 2021 Summer Session

April 10 - Saturday – Deadline for applying for admission to the Graduate School for the 2021 Summer Session

April 15 - Thursday – Deadline for submission of application and all required documents to the Office of Admissions for undergraduate admission for the 2021 Summer Session

April 27-May 3 - Tuesday through Monday – 2021 Summer Session registration and add/drop continue for students enrolled in the 2021 Spring Semester

May 10 - Monday – Beginning of College of Pharmacy 15-week Summer Term

May 10 - Monday – “see blue” U Orientation and Registration for new and returning students

May 10 - Monday – Last day students enrolled in the full 12-week summer session, the first 4-week summer session, the first 6-week summer session, and/or the first 8-week summer session may officially drop a course or cancel registration with the University Registrar for a full refund of tuition and fees

May 11 - Tuesday – First day of classes

May 11-12 - Tuesday through Wednesday – Late registration for returning students not already registered and new applicants cleared late for admission. A late fee is assessed to students who register late.

May 12 - Wednesday – Last day for students in the Employee Educational Program to submit EEP form to Human Resource Services for tuition waiver for the 2021 Summer Session

May 22 - Saturday - Payment deadline of registration fees and/or housing and dining fees - if total amount due is not paid as indicated on the account statement, a late payment fee of 1.5 percent of the amount past due will be assessed

May 31 - Monday - Memorial Day - Academic Holiday

June 1 - Tuesday - Last day for filing an application for an August 2021 undergraduate or graduate degree online in myUK

June 2 - Wednesday - Last day for doctoral candidates for the August 2021 degree to submit a Notification of Intent to schedule a final exam in the Graduate School

June 8 - Tuesday - Last day students enrolled in the second 4-week summer session may officially drop a course or cancel registration with the University Registrar for a full refund of tuition and fees

June 9 - Wednesday - Last day students enrolled in the second 8-week summer session may officially drop a course or cancel registration with the University Registrar for a full refund of tuition and fees

June 9 - Wednesday - Deadline for submission of application and all required documents to the Office of Undergraduate Admission and University Registrar for change of residency status for the 2021 Summer Session

June 14-July 16 - Monday through Friday - Summer "see blue" U Orientation for new freshmen, transfer students, auditors, non-degree and readmitted students enrolling for the 2020 Fall Semester

June 23 - Wednesday - Midterm of 2021 Summer Session

June 23 - Wednesday - Last day students enrolled in the second 6-week summer session may officially drop a course or cancel registration with the University Registrar for a full refund of tuition and fees

July 5 - Monday - Independence Day - Academic Holiday



July 7 - Wednesday - Last day students enrolled in the third 4-week summer session may officially drop a course or cancel registration with the University Registrar for a full refund of tuition and fees

July 22 - Thursday - Last day for candidates for an August degree to sit for the final examination in the Graduate School

July 23 - Friday - Deadline for applying for admission to the Graduate School for the 2021 Fall Semester

July 26-August 9 - Monday through Monday - Final Grading window is open. The final deadline for submission of grades online in the grading portal is 5:00 p.m., August 9.

July 29 - Thursday - Last day for candidates for an August degree to submit thesis/dissertation for formal review to the Graduate School

August 5 - Thursday - Last day for students in the Employee Educational Program registered through August 5 to submit EEP form to Human Resource Services to confirm 2021 Fall Semester registration and tuition waiver

August 5 - Thursday - Last day for candidates for an August 2021 degree to submit final revised thesis/dissertation (EDT) for acceptance by the Graduate School for those students who first submitted July 29

August 5 - Thursday - Final Examinations

August 5 - Thursday - End of 2021 Summer Session

August 9 - Monday - Final deadline for submission of grades online in the grading portal is 5:00 p.m.

August 20 - Friday - End of College of Pharmacy 15-week Summer Term

#### SUMMARY OF TEACHING DAYS, 2021 Summer Session

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.	Teaching Days
May	2	3	3	3	3	3	May 17
June	4	5	5	4	4	4	June 26

July	3	4	4	5	5	5	July	26
August	1	1	1	1	-	-	August	4
Totals	10	13	13	13	12	12		73



	Summer 2022	Summer 2023	Summer 2024	Summer 2025	Summer 2026	Summer 2027
First class day (M)	5/16/2022	5/15/2023	5/13/2024	5/19/2025	5/18/2026	5/17/2027
Memorial Day (M)	5/30/2022	5/29/2023	5/27/2024	5/26/2025	5/25/2026	5/31/2027
Independence Day	7/4/2022	7/4/2023	7/4/2024	7/4/2025	7/4/2026 (Sa)	7/4/2026 (Su)
First four week	5/16/2022-6/14/2022	5/15/2023-6/13/2023	5/13/2024-6/10/2024	5/19/2025-6/16/2025	5/18/2026-6/15/2026	5/17/2027-6/14/2027
Second four week	6/15/2022-7/14/2022	6/14/2023-7/12/2023	6/11/2024-7/9/2024	6/17/2025-7/15/2025	6/16/2026-7/14/2026	6/15/2027-7/13/2027
Third four week	7/15/2022-8/12/2022	7/13/2023-8/9/2023	7/10/2024-8/6/2024	7/16/2025-8/12/2025	7/15/2026-8/11/2026	7/14/2027-8/10/2027
First six week	5/16/2022-6/28/2022	5/15/2023-6/26/2023	5/13/2024-6/24/2024	5/19/2025-6/30/2025	5/18/2026-6/29/2026	5/17/2027-6/28/2027
Second six week	6/28/2022-8/11/2022	6/27/2023-8/8/2023	6/25/2024-8/6/2024	7/1/2025-8/12/2025	6/30/2026-8/11/2026	6/29/2027-8/10/2027
First eight week	5/16/2022-7/13/2022	5/15/2023-7/12/2023	5/13/2024-7/9/2024	5/19/2025-7/15/2025	5/18/2026-7/14/2026	5/17/2027-7/13/2027
Second eight week	6/16/2022-8/11/2022	6/15/2023-8/10/2023	6/17/2024-8/9/2024	6/23/2025-8/15/2025	6/22/2026-8/14/2026	6/21/2027-8/13/2027
Summer 12 week	5/16/2022-8/10/2022	5/15/2023-8/8/2023	5/13/2024-8/6/2024	5/19/2025-8/12/2025	5/18/2026-8/11/2026	5/17/2027-8/10/2027
Final grades due	8/15/2022	8/14/2023	8/12/2024	8/18/2025	8/17/2026	8/16/2027
<b>Highlights</b>						
Monday is first class day fall and spring						
Wednesday is last class day fall and spring						
Fall and Spring break occur at the start of the 10th week of the semester						
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday are dead days						
Thursday, Friday are reading days fall and spring						
Monday-Thursday are final exam days fall and spring						
Summer begins one week after spring is over						
Fall begins one week after summer is over						
Number of instructional days and minutes is exactly consistent between fall and spring, except for fall 2024 that includes election day on Tuesday						
One two hour exam (120 minutes) added to M, W, F instructional minutes and/or T, TH instructional minutes makes the total instructional minutes greater than the 2250 minute requirement by SACSCOC						