



Undergraduate Affairs

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TO: Faculty Senate

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RE: Academic Calendar

The University Curriculum Committee has approved the proposed 2018-19 academic calendar and submits it for your review and approval. Please note that the Wednesday before Thanksgiving is a holiday per the decision at the May 2014 Senate meeting.



UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA Academic Calendar Guidelines

- Board of Education requires minimum of 220 days of classroom instruction (including final examination days) for the academic year. (Refer to attachment A)
- UF minimum instruction days per semester are:
 - Fall 81 days
 - Spring 81 days
 - Summer A 29 days
 - Summer B 29 days
- * Saturdays equal ½ day of classroom instruction
- * Exam days count as full instructional days
- Board of Education has established windows within which the first day of classes must fall (Refer to attachment A). They are:
 - Fall- first three weekdays after August 22
 - Spring- first three weekdays after January 4
 - Summer- first three weekdays after May 5
- Homecoming dates should be in October when possible - Senate guideline.
- Starting with 2011-2012, Spring Break shall be scheduled after the eighth week – approved by Senate, April 2009.
- Starting with 2012-2013, classes shall be canceled for the Wednesday before Thanksgiving – approved by Senate in two stages. First, for an initial three year period in December 2010, and permanently in May 2014.
- University religious holiday policy is addressed by the attached DDD memo (Refer to attachment B).

The 2017-2018 calendar has already been approved and is provided for reference only.

The 2018-2019 calendar is presented for approval.

Rules of the
Department of Education
Board of Regents
Chapter 6C-8
Educational Delivery

6C-8.001	University Calendars
6C-8.002	Continuing Education
6C-8.003	Cooperative Education (Repealed)
6C-8.004	Regional Education (Repealed)
6C-8.005	Educational Television Programming
6C-8.006	Sponsored Research and Training (Repealed)
6C-8.007	State University System Press of Florida (Repealed)
6C-8.008	Contract Programs and Facilities (Repealed)
6C-8.009	Definition and Process for Establishing Educational Sites
6C-8.010	Incentive/Efficiency Program

6C-8.001 University Calendars.

- (1) Each University shall operate under the general provisions described in Rule 6A-10.19, and shall operate on a year-round calendar which provides two hundred twenty (220) days of classroom instruction including examinations, or two hundred ten (210) days of instruction excluding examinations; provided, however, that upon request by the university exceptions to this requirement may be approved by the Board and may include but shall not be limited to such matters as experimentation, innovation, research, energy conservation or more efficient utilization of resources.
- (2) Effective August, 1985, the common entry periods shall be:
 - (a) The first three (3) weekdays after August 22;
 - (b) The first three (3) weekdays after January 4;
 - (c) The first three (3) weekdays after May 5.
- (3) Each calendar shall also include the following:

2005-2006

9. September

4. Religious Holidays

9/8/2005

Janie M. Fouke, Provost

Please assure that every faculty member in your college is familiar with the policy specified below and complies with its provisions as they relate to accommodating students' religious observances.

Students and faculty must cooperate to allow each person to observe the holy days of his or her faith. A student needs to inform the faculty member of the religious observances of his or her faith that will conflict with class attendance, with test or examinations, or with other class activities prior to the class or occurrence of that test or activity. The faculty member is then obligated to accommodate the particular student's religious observances. Because our students represent a myriad of cultures and many faiths, the University of Florida is not able to assure that academic activities do not conflict with the holy days of all religious groups. We, therefore, rely on individual students to make their need for an excused absence known in advance of the scheduled activities.

Religious Holidays Policy available at:

www.registrar.ufl.edu/catalog/policies/regulationattendance.html

University of Florida Students:

Students upon prior notification of their instructors, shall be excused from class or other scheduled academic activity to observe a religious holy day of their faith.

Students shall be permitted a reasonable amount of time to make up the material or activities covered in their absence.

Students shall not be penalized due to absence from class or other scheduled academic activity because of religious observances.

If a faculty member is informed or is aware that a significant number of students are likely to be absent from his or her classroom because of a religious observance, a major exam or other academic event should not be scheduled at that time. Further, a student who is to be excused from class for a religious holy day is not required to provide a second party certification of the

FALL SEMESTER 2017

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
Aug.	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
		Drop/Add						
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
	27	28	29	30	31			
Sept.						1	2	
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
Oct.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
	29	30	31					
Nov.			1	2	3	4		
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
	26	27	28	29	30			
Dec.						1	2	
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
	31							

IDENTIFICATION SYMBOL:
Classes Exams

SPRING SEMESTER 2018

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
Jan.		1	2	3	4	5	6
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	28	29	30	31			
Feb.					1	2	3
	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	25	26	27	28			
Mar.					1	2	3
	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Apr.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	29	30					
May					1	2	3
	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Proposed number of M, W, F class days per semester: Fall = 42; Spring = 43.

SUMMER SEMESTER 2018

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
May						11	12
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	27	28	29	30	31		
June						1	2
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
July	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	29	30	31				
Aug.				1	2	3	4
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	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	26	27	28	29	30	31	

TOTAL DAYS - CLASSES & EXAMS

Fall Semester	2017	84 Days
Spring Semester	2018	84.5 Days
Summer Term A	2018	29 Days
Summer Term B	2018	29 Days
Total:		226.5 Days

NOTE: A Saturday class day is calculated as a half day. Examination days are counted as full instructional days.

FALL SEMESTER 2018

SPRING SEMESTER 2019

SUMMER SEMESTER 2019

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
Aug.	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	26	27	28	29	30	31	
Sept.							1
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	30						
Oct.		1	2	3	4	5	6
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	28	29	30	31			
Nov.					1	2	3
	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	25	26	27	28	29	30	
Dec.							1
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	30	31					

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
Jan.			1	2	3	4	5
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	27	28	29	30	31		
Feb.						1	2
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	24	25	26	27	28		
Mar.						1	2
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	31						
Apr.		1	2	3	4	5	6
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	28	29	30				
May			1	2	3		4

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
May				8	9	10	11
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	26	27	28	29	30	31	
June							1
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	30						
July		1	2	3	4	5	6
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	28	29	30	31			
Aug.					1	2	3
	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17

Total Days - Classes and Exams

Fall Semester -	82.5
Spring Semester -	84.5
Summer A Semester -	29
Summer B Semester -	29
Total -	225

IDENTIFICATION SYMBOLS

Classes [Solid Grey Box] Exams [Dashed Box]

NOTE: Saturday classes are counted as a half day.
Exam days are counted as full instructional days.