

10/21/21 Faculty Senate: Summary of Key Features of Academic Calendar Scenarios

Feature	Current	Scenario 1: Extend Winter Break and Align Spring Break	Scenario 2: Extend Winter Break, Align Spring Break, No Classes Thanksgiving Week
First Fall day/days between Summer and Fall Terms	August 21	August 26	August 22
Class days during Thanksgiving Week	2	2	0
First Spring day	January 8	January 13	January 13
Days between end of finals of Fall and first class of Spring	25	30	30
Days students can find new major in Spring before drop/add deadline	5 (M-F)	10 (M-F)	10 (M-F)
Total class days (including ½-day on Saturday and finals)	223	216	216.5
M-F	197	191	191
M, W, F (F/Sp/SS)	40/42/34	38/40/34	38/40/34
T, Th (F/Sp/SS)	29/28/24	28/27/24	28/27/24

- The Florida Board of Governors no longer requires a minimum of 220 class days.
- No other Florida SUS institution has decreased their total number of days below 220.
- A query of departments that offer labs one day a week yielded no concerns for either scenario.
- Students overwhelmingly approved the proposed changes with some concerns expressed about availability of on-campus housing before classes begin in Scenarios 1 and 2.
- Scenarios 1 and 2 would require very close collaboration with the Alachua County Public Schools (ACPS). ACPS does not approve their calendar as far in advance as UF has traditionally done (5 years).