

Comparison of Academic Calendars: Current, Delay of Fall by 1 Week (Scenario 1), Delay of Fall by 2.5 Days (Scenario 2)

Problem Addressed: Too few days after Thanksgiving in current calendar

Scenario	Fall								
	# Days								
	Start	End	After TG	Total	Between F and Sp	Reading Days	Commence ment	Grades Due	Degree Cert
Current									
2026-2027 (approved)	20-Aug	11-Dec	3	79.5	30	12/3-12/4	12/11-12/12	14-Dec	15-Dec
2027-2028	19-Aug	10-Dec	3	79.5	38	12/2-12/3	12/10-12/11	13-Dec	14-Dec
2028-2029	24-Aug	15-Dec	8.5	79	31	12/7-12/8	12/15-12/16	18-Dec	19-Dec
2029-2030	23-Aug	14-Dec	8.5	79.5	30	12/6-12/7	12/14-12/15	17-Dec	18-Dec
2030-2031	22-Aug	13-Dec	3	79.5	30	12/5-12/6	12/13-12/14	16-Dec	17-Dec
2031-2032	21-Aug	12-Dec	3	79.5	30	12/4-12/5	12/12-12/13	15-Dec	16-Dec
2032-2033	19-Aug	10-Dec	3	79.5	30	12/2-12/3	12/10-12/11	13-Dec	14-Dec
2033-2034	18-Aug	9-Dec	3	79	38	12/1-12/2	12/9-12/10	12-Dec	13-Dec
2034-2035	24-Aug	15-Dec	8.5	79	31	12/7-12/8	12/15-12/16	18-Dec	19-Dec
2035-2036	23-Aug	14-Dec	8.5	79.5	30	12/6-12/6	12/14-12/15	17-Dec	18-Dec
2036-2037	21-Aug	12-Dec	3	79.5	30	12/4-12/5	12/12-12/13	15-Dec	16-Dec
2037-2038	20-Aug	11-Dec	3	79.5	30	12/3-12/4	12/11-12/12	14-Dec	15-Dec
2038-2039	19-Aug	10-Dec	3	79.5	30	12/2-12/3	12/10-12/11	13-Dec	14-Dec

Senario 1

2026-2027 (approved)	20-Aug	11-Dec	3	79.5	30	12/3-12/4	12/11-12/12	14-Dec	15-Dec
2027-2028	26-Aug	17-Dec	8.5	79.5	31	12/9-12/10	12/17-12/18	20-Dec	21-Dec
2028-2029	24-Aug	15-Dec	8.5	79	31	12/7-12/8	12/15-12/16	18-Dec	19-Dec
2029-2030	23-Aug	14-Dec	8.5	79.5	30	12/6-12/7	12/14-12/15	17-Dec	18-Dec
2030-2031	29-Aug	20-Dec	8.5	79.5	23	12/12-12/13	12/20-12/21	23-Dec	24-Dec
2031-2032	28-Aug	19-Dec	8.5	79.5	23	12/11-12/12	12/19-12/20	22-Dec	23-Dec
2032-2033	26-Aug	17-Dec	8.5	79.5	23	12/9-12/10	12/17-12/18	20-Dec	21-Dec
2033-2034	25-Aug	16-Dec	8.5	79	31	12/8-12/9	12/16-12/17	19-Dec	20-Dec
2034-2035	24-Aug	15-Dec	8.5	79	31	12/7-12/8	12/15-12/16	18-Dec	19-Dec
2035-2036	23-Aug	14-Dec	8.5	79.5	30	12/6-12/7	12/14-12/15	17-Dec	18-Dec
2036-2037	28-Aug	19-Dec	8.5	79.5	23	12/11-12/12	12/19-12/20	22-Dec	23-Dec
2037-2038	27-Aug	18-Dec	8.5	79.5	23	12/10-12/11	12/18-12/19	21-Dec	22-Dec
2038-2039	26-Aug	17-Dec	8.5	79.5	23	12/9-12/10	12/17-12/18	20-Dec	21-Dec

Scenario 2

2026-2027 (approved)	20-Aug	11-Dec	3	79.5	30	12/3-12/4	12/11-12/12	14-Dec	15-Dec
2027-2028	23-Aug	14-Dec	5.5	79.5	34	12/6-12/7	12/14-12/15	16-Dec	17-Dec
2028-2029	24-Aug	15-Dec	8.5	79	31	12/7-12/8	12/15-12/16	18-Dec	19-Dec
2029-2030	23-Aug	14-Dec	8.5	79.5	30	12/6-12/7	12/14-12/15	17-Dec	18-Dec
2030-2031	26-Aug	17-Dec	5.5	79.5	26	12/9-12/10	12/17-12/18	19-Dec	20-Dec
2031-2032	25-Aug	16-Dec	5.5	79.5	26	12/8-12/9	12/16-12/17	18-Dec	19-Dec
2032-2033	23-Aug	14-Dec	5.5	79.5	26	12/6-12/7	12/14-12/15	16-Dec	17-Dec
2033-2034	22-Aug	13-Dec	5.5	79	34	12/5-12/6	12/13-12/14	15-Dec	16-Dec
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2035-2036	23-Aug	14-Dec	8.5	79.5	30	12/6-12/7	12/14-12/15	17-Dec	18-Dec
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2037-2038	24-Aug	15-Dec	5.5	79.5	26	12/7-12/8	12/15-12/16	17-Dec	18-Dec
2038-2039	23-Aug	14-Dec	5.5	79.5	26	12/6-12/7	12/14-12/15	16-Dec	17-Dec

Notes:

The "Current" Scenario includes all changes approved in 2021-2022 (delayed spring semester start, Spring Break aligned with ACPS, and no classes all Thanksgiving week).

Faculty Senate approved the 2026-2027 calendar last year.

The Spring 2023 Faculty Senate vote centers on approving the 2027-2028 calendar only (5 years in advance).

Current and Scenario 1 Fall All Years and Scenario 2 Years Not Adjusted

Reading Days	Thursday and Friday
Finals Week	Saturday-Friday
Commencement	Friday and Saturday

Scenario 2 Fall Adjusted Years

Reading Days	Monday and Tuesday
Finals Week	Wednesday-Tuesday
Commencement	Tuesday and Wednesday

Spring					
# Days					
Start	End	Total	Between Sp and SS	Grades Due	Degree Cert
22-Jan	30-Apr	79	16	3-May	4-May
18-Jan	5-May	79	16	8-May	9-May
16-Jan	4-May	79	16	7-May	8-May
14-Jan	3-May	79	16	6-May	7-May
13-Jan	2-May	79	16	5-May	6-May
12-Jan	30-Apr	79	16	3-May	4-May
10-Jan	29-Apr	79	16	2-May	3-May
17-Jan	5-May	79	16	8-May	9-May
16-Jan	4-May	79	16	7-May	8-May
14-Jan	2-May	79	16	5-May	6-May
12-Jan	1-May	79	16	4-May	5-May
11-Jan	30-Apr	79	16	3-May	4-May
10-Jan	29-Apr	79	16	2-May	3-May

22-Jan	30-Apr	79	16	3-May	4-May
18-Jan	5-May	79.5	16	8-May	9-May
16-Jan	4-May	79	16	7-May	8-May
14-Jan	3-May	79	16	6-May	7-May
13-Jan	2-May	79	16	5-May	6-May
12-Jan	30-Apr	79	16	3-May	4-May
10-Jan	29-Apr	79	16	2-May	3-May
17-Jan	5-May	79	16	8-May	9-May
16-Jan	4-May	79	16	7-May	8-May
14-Jan	2-May	79	16	5-May	6-May
12-Jan	1-May	79.5	16	4-May	5-May
11-Jan	30-Apr	79.5	16	3-May	4-May
10-Jan	29-Apr	79	16	2-May	3-May

22-Jan	30-Apr	79	16	3-May	4-May
18-Jan	5-May	79	16	8-May	9-May
16-Jan	4-May	79	16	7-May	8-May
14-Jan	3-May	79	16	6-May	7-May
13-Jan	2-May	79	16	5-May	6-May
12-Jan	30-Apr	79	16	3-May	4-May
10-Jan	29-Apr	79	16	2-May	3-May
17-Jan	5-May	79	16	8-May	9-May
16-Jan	4-May	79	16	7-May	8-May
14-Jan	2-May	79	16	5-May	6-May
12-Jan	1-May	79	16	4-May	5-May
11-Jan	30-Apr	79	16	3-May	4-May
10-Jan	29-Apr	79	16	2-May	3-May

Summer					
# Days					
Start	End	Total	Between SS and F	Grades Due	Degree Cert
10-May	6-Aug	57	12	9-Aug	10-Aug
15-May	11-Aug	57	12	14-Aug	15-Aug
14-May	10-Aug	57	12	13-Aug	14-Aug
13-May	9-Aug	57	12	12-Aug	13-Aug
12-May	8-Aug	57	12	11-Aug	12-Aug
10-May	6-Aug	57	12	9-Aug	10-Aug
9-May	5-Aug	58	12	8-Aug	9-Aug
15-May	11-Aug	57	12	14-Aug	15-Aug
14-May	10-Aug	57	12	13-Aug	14-Aug
12-May	8-Aug	57	12	11-Aug	12-Aug
11-May	7-Aug	57	12	10-Aug	11-Aug
10-May	6-Aug	57	12	9-Aug	10-Aug
9-May	5-Aug	58	12	8-Aug	9-Aug

10-May	6-Aug	57	12	9-Aug	10-Aug
15-May	11-Aug	57	19	14-Aug	15-Aug
14-May	10-Aug	57	12	13-Aug	14-Aug
13-May	9-Aug	57	12	12-Aug	13-Aug
12-May	8-Aug	57	19	11-Aug	12-Aug
10-May	6-Aug	57	19	9-Aug	10-Aug
9-May	5-Aug	58	19	8-Aug	9-Aug
15-May	11-Aug	57	12	14-Aug	15-Aug
14-May	10-Aug	57	12	13-Aug	14-Aug
12-May	8-Aug	57	12	11-Aug	12-Aug
11-May	7-Aug	57	19	10-Aug	11-Aug
10-May	6-Aug	57	19	9-Aug	10-Aug
9-May	5-Aug	58	19	8-Aug	9-Aug

10-May	6-Aug	57	12	9-Aug	10-Aug
15-May	11-Aug	57	12	14-Aug	15-Aug
14-May	10-Aug	57	12	13-Aug	14-Aug
13-May	9-Aug	57	12	12-Aug	13-Aug
12-May	8-Aug	57	16	11-Aug	12-Aug
10-May	6-Aug	57	16	9-Aug	10-Aug
9-May	5-Aug	58	16	8-Aug	9-Aug
15-May	11-Aug	57	12	14-Aug	15-Aug
14-May	10-Aug	57	12	13-Aug	14-Aug
12-May	8-Aug	57	12	11-Aug	12-Aug
11-May	7-Aug	57	16	10-Aug	11-Aug
10-May	6-Aug	57	16	9-Aug	10-Aug
9-May	5-Aug	58	16	8-Aug	9-Aug

Scenario 1 Description

- 1. Includes all changes made last year.
- 2. Delays the start of the fall semester by one week in the years that had only 3 class days after Thanksgiving week. Aligns the number of class days after Thanksgiving to 8.5.
- 3. Keeps Fall semesters' total day count the same (79.5 or 79, depending on the year).
- 4. Removes days between Fall and Spring semesters to account for the one week delay in Fall.
- 5. Adds days between Summer and Fall.
- 6. Does not change total number of class days.

Relevant Questions for Scenario 1:

- 1. The years in which the start of the semester was delayed by one week will result in much later Commencement ceremonies. The latest will be in 2030-2031 on 12/20 and 12/21. Will the later Commencement dates pose problems for families who may have started the holidays then?
- 2. Will the shorter break between Fall and Spring semesters pose any constraints on Housing, Food Services, and other campus operations?
- 3. Will the one-week delay in the due dates for Grades and Degree Certification pose constraints for faculty and staff, given proximity to the holidays? Degree certification is as late as 12/23 on 2030.
- 4. Will the later end of the semester cause problems for students who need their official transcripts for employment and applications to post-baccalareate study? The Clearinghouse closes over the break, and UF traditionally has time to certify degrees and mail official transcripts before the holiday.
- 5. Will these changes impact our Gainesville community partners?

Scenario 2 Description

- 1. Includes all changes made last year.
- 2. Delays the start of fall semesters by 2.5 class days in the years that had only 3 class days after Thanksgiving break.
- 3. Varies number of class days after Thanksgiving between 5.5 and 8.5.
- 4. Keeps Fall semesters' total day count the same (79.5 or 79).
- 5. Removes days between Fall and Spring semesters to account for 2.5-day delay of Fall.
- 6. Adds days between Summer and Fall.
- 7. Does not change total number of class days.

Relevant Questions for Scenario 2:

- 1. Commencement ceremonies will fall on different days, depending on the year (Friday/Saturday or Tuesday/Wednesday). Will this be confusing to students and families? Will having Commencement ceremonies on a Tuesday/Wednesday impact parking for the ceremonies? Will holding ceremonies on the weekdays be a constraint for families?
- 2. Reading days will be either Thursday/Friday (traditional) or Monday/Tuesday (in the years with changes to extend number of class days after Thanksgiving). Will this be confusing to students?
- 3. Finals Week will vary between Saturday-Friday (traditional) or Wednesday-Tuesday. Will this be confusing to faculty and students?
- 4. Grades Due Toolkits list Monday as the due date. This embedded information must be altered on the years when due dates have changed.
- 5. On some years, faculty will have less time to grade finals because of the loss of weekend days before the "Grades Due" deadline.
- 6. Will the later end of the semester cause problems for students who need their official transcripts for employment and applications to post-baccalareate study? The Clearinghouse closes over the break, and UF traditionally has time to certify degrees and mail official transcripts before the holiday.
- 7. Will these changes impact our Gainesville community partners?
- 8. Likely conflicts with religious holidays requiring observance on Fridays.