

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS' COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

ACTION REQUEST: Approval of Revised Academic Calendar for 2015-2016

The attached calendar for the academic year 2015-2016 has been revised (changes in italics) and replaces the version approved by the Regents in May 2013.

The current 2016 Academic Calendar, while not in violation of university guidelines, raises challenges for students who celebrate certain religious holidays. Winter 2016 final exams and graduation ceremonies are scheduled from Thursday, April 21 through Sunday, May 1, 2016. Passover begins on the evening of Friday, April 22 and ends on Saturday, April 30, 2016. Greek Orthodox Easter (Pascha) falls on Sunday, May 1, 2016.

As a non-religious, public institution the University does not observe religious holidays, however we have made it a practice to make every reasonable effort to help students avoid negative academic consequences when their religious obligations conflict with academic requirements.

Proposed Changes:

- *End classes on Monday, April 18, instead of Tuesday, April 19.*
- *Tuesday, April 19 becomes a study day instead of a class day.*
- *Wednesday, April 20 becomes an examination day instead of a study day.*
- *Friday, April 22 becomes a study day instead of a finals day.*

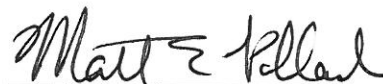
Number of Class Days:

- *Fall term has 66 days; winter has 68 class days.*

Timing of graduation ceremonies will be modified.

I request your approval of this revised 2015-2016 academic calendar, replacing the version approved by the Regents in May 2013.

Respectfully submitted,



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President for Academic Affairs

February 2015
Attachments

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN ACADEMIC CALENDAR – REVISED – (Changes in **Bold**)
ANN ARBOR CAMPUS

FALL TERM, 2015

Labor Day (Holiday)	Sept 7, Mon
Classes begin	Sept 8, Tues
Fall Study Break	Oct 19-20, Mon-Tues
Thanksgiving recess, 5:00 p.m.	Nov 25, Wed
Classes end	Dec 14, Mon
Study Days	Dec 15, Tues & Dec 19-20, Sat-Sun
Examinations	Dec 16-18, Wed-Fri
.....	Dec 21-23, Mon-Wed
Commencement	Dec 20, Sun

66 class days: M=13, T=13, W=14, Th=13, F=13

**Rosh Hashanah 9/13 - 9/15; Yom Kippur 9/22 – 9/23; Hanukkah 12/6 – 12/14

WINTER TERM, 2016

Classes begin	Jan 6, Wed
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (University Symposia/No Regular Classes)	Jan 18, Mon
Vacation begins 12:00 noon	Feb 27, Sat
Classes resume	Mar 7, Mon
University Honors Convocation	Mar 20, Sun
Classes end	Apr 18, Mon
Study Days	Apr 19 Tuesday, Apr 22-24, Fri-Sun
Examinations	Apr 20-21, Wed-Thurs &
.....	Apr 25-Apr 28, Mon-Thurs
Commencement Activities	Apr 28-May 1, Thurs-Sun

68 class days: M=13, **T=13**, W=14, Th=14, F=14

**Passover 4/22 – 4/30

SPRING-SUMMER TERM, 2016

Classes begin	May 3, Tues
Memorial Day (Holiday)	May 30, Mon
Classes end (Spring Half) 5:00 p.m.	June 20, Mon
Study Days	June 21-22, Tues-Wed
Examinations	June 23-24, Thurs-Fri
Spring Half Term ends	June 24, Fri
*Registration (Summer Half)	June 28, Tues
Summer Half Term classes begin	June 29, Wed
Independence Day (Holiday)	July 4, Mon
Classes end, 5:00 p.m.	Aug 16, Tues
Study Day	Aug 17, Wed
Examinations	Aug 18-19, Thurs-Fri
Full Term and Summer Half Term end	Aug 19, Fri

*Students enrolling in Business Administration, Dentistry, Law, Pharmacy, Social Work, and Medicine should check with their respective schools for academic calendar information including registration dates. This calendar is subject to change.

**Jewish holy days begin and end at sundown on the first and last days listed. The University's policy concerning observance of religious holidays can be found at

<http://www.umich.edu/~provost/dates/hdaymemo.html>