

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS' COMMUNICATION

Approved by the Regents
March 15, 2012

ACTION REQUEST

ACTION REQUEST: Approval of Academic Calendar for 2014-2015

The attached calendar for the academic year 2014-2015 has been constructed using the established principles noted in previous communications (see attached).

Holiday Issues

There are no conflicts with religious holidays contained in this calendar.

Spring Break

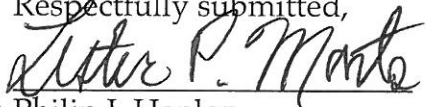
Application of the University's principle of scheduling spring break in the eighth week of the winter term has resulted in the University break occurring not the last week in February, which is often the case. The break begins February 28, and classes resume on March 9, 2015.

We have communicated with the Ann Arbor Public School District, which in the past has tried to schedule a winter break that coincides with the UM academic calendar.

Number of Class Days

Fall term has 68 days; winter has 69 class days.

The proposed calendar has been vetted by faculty and administrative groups. I am writing to request your approval of the 2014-2015 academic calendar.

Respectfully submitted,

for Philip J. Hanlon
Provost and Executive Vice
President for Academic Affairs

March 2012
Attachments

**UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN ACADEMIC CALENDAR
ANN ARBOR CAMPUS**

FALL TERM, 2014

*Registration (for students not pre-registered).....	Aug 29, Fri
Labor Day (Holiday)	Sept 1, Mon
Classes begin	Sept 2, Tues
Fall Study Break.....	Oct 13-14, Mon-Tues
Thanksgiving recess, 5:00 p.m.	Nov 26, Wed
Classes end	Dec 10, Wed
Study Days.....	Dec 11, Thurs & Dec 13-14, Sat-Sun
Examinations	Dec 12, Fri & Dec 15-19, Mon-Fri
Commencement.....	Dec 14, Sun

68 class days: M=13, T=14, W=15, Th=13, F=13

**Rosh Hashanah 9/24 - 9/26; Yom Kippur 10/3 - 10/4; Hanukkah 12/16 - 12/24

WINTER TERM, 2015

*Registration (for students not pre-registered)	Jan 6, Tues
Classes begin	Jan 7, Wed
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (University Symposia/No Regular Classes).....	Jan 19, Mon
Vacation begins 12:00 noon	Feb 28, Sat
Classes resume	Mar 9, Mon
University Honors Convocation	Mar 15, Sun
Classes end	Apr 21, Tues
Study Days	Apr 22, Wed; Apr 25-26, Sat-Sun
Examinations	Apr 23-24, Thurs-Fri & Apr 27-Apr 30, Mon-Thurs
Commencement Activities	Apr 30-May 3, Thurs-Sun

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

**Passover 4/3 - 4/11

SPRING-SUMMER TERM, 2015

*Registration (Full Term and Spring Half).....	May 4, Mon
Classes begin	May 5, Tues
Memorial Day (Holiday).....	May 25, Mon
Classes end (Spring Half) 5:00 p.m.	June 22, Mon
Study Days	June 23-24, Tues-Wed
Examinations	June 25-26, Thurs-Fri
Spring Half Term ends	June 26, Fri
*Registration (Summer Half).....	June 29, Mon
Summer Half Term classes begin.....	July 1, Wed
Independence Day (Holiday)	July 3, Fri
Classes end, 5:00 p.m.	Aug 18, Tues
Study Day	Aug 19, Wed
Examinations.....	Aug 20-21, Thurs-Fri
Full Term and Summer Half Term end.....	Aug 21, 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. 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>

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Academic Calendar Guidelines

1. Classes cannot begin before Labor Day.
2. There should be a minimum of 67 class meeting days in a regular term. (UM academic calendars average 67-69 meeting days per term, although the accrediting body recommends 70 days.)
3. There must be a minimum of 13 class meetings for each day of the week.
4. The number of days for fall and winter terms should be as close to the same as possible.
5. There must be 6 exam days for fall and winter terms and 2 exam days for spring and summer terms.
6. There must be at least one study day before exams start, two if possible, including week-ends.
7. Exams should not be scheduled on the first full day of Passover.
8. Spring commencement must be scheduled over a three day period that runs from Friday through Sunday. Winter term exams must be over by the Friday of commencement weekend.
9. Fall commencement must be on a Sunday. Fall commencement can be scheduled to take place before exams are over.
10. Football games are not a factor in setting the fall academic calendar.
11. There is a day off between the end of spring term and the beginning of summer term.
12. Spring term has one registration day and summer term has two registration days.
13. Spring term starts on the Monday following commencement.
14. Honors Convocation should not conflict with Easter or the first two days of Passover.
15. If the academic calendar includes two "study days" in the fall, final exams will run through December 23 every five or six years, sometimes twice in a row.

Since 2005, the Office of the Registrar has applied the following guidelines to make the academic calendar more consistent from year to year:

Fall

Term start date: First Tuesday after the first Monday in September
(ensures starting after Labor Day)

Term end date: Tuesday of the 15th week

Study days: Wednesday of the 15th week, following Saturday and Sunday
Exams: Thursday and Friday of the 15th week, Monday – Thursday of the 16th week

Exception: When the last exam day would be December 24, the last day of classes, the first study day, and all exams are moved one day sooner so that the final exam is on Wednesday, December 23. While some faculty and students may find this inconvenient, there is no business rule or religious conflict to support blocking December 23 from the exam schedule.

Winter

Term start date: First Wednesday after the first Monday in January
(ensures always starting after January 2)
Term end date: Tuesday of the 15th week
Study days: Wednesday of the 15th week, following Saturday and Sunday
Exams: Thursday and Friday of the 15th week, Monday – Thursday of the 16th week