

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS' COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

ACTION REQUEST: Approval of Academic Calendar for 2018-2019

The attached calendar for the academic year 2018-2019 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 in the last week of February, which is often the case, but the first week of March. The break begins on Saturday, March 2, and classes resume on Monday, March 11.

We are in communication with the Ann Arbor Public School District, which in the past tried to schedule a winter break that coincides with the UM academic calendar. UM is unable to accommodate the vacation schedules of all of the schools attended by the children of UM faculty, staff, and students.

Number of Class Days

Fall term has 67 days; winter has 68 class days.

The proposed calendar has been vetted by faculty and administrative groups. I am writing to request your approval of the 2018-2019 academic calendar.

Respectfully submitted,



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for Academic Affairs

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Attachments

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

FALL TERM, 2018

Labor Day (Holiday)	Sept 3, Mon
Classes begin	Sept 4, Tues
Fall Study Break	Oct 15-16, Mon-Tues
Thanksgiving recess, 5:00 p.m.	Nov 21, Wed
Classes end	Dec 11, Tues
Study Days	Dec 12, Wed & Dec 15-16, Sat-Sun
Examinations	Dec 13-14, Thurs-Fri
.....	Dec 17-20, Mon-Thurs
Commencement	Dec 16, Sun

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

WINTER TERM, 2019

Classes begin	Jan 9, Wed
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (University Symposia/No Regular Classes)	Jan 21, Mon
Vacation begins 12:00 noon	Mar 2, Sat
Classes resume	Mar 11, Mon
University Honors Convocation	Mar 24, Sun
Classes end	Apr 23, Tues
Study Days	Apr 24, Wed; Apr 27-28, Sat-Sun
Examinations	Apr 25-26, Thurs-Fri &
.....	Apr 29-May 2, Mon-Thurs
Commencement Activities	May 2-5, Thurs-Sun

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

SPRING-SUMMER TERM, 2019

Classes begin	May 7, Tues
Memorial Day (Holiday)	May 27, Mon
Classes end (Spring Half) 5:00 p.m.	June 24, Mon
Study Days	June 25-26, Tues-Wed
Examinations	June 27-28, Thurs-Fri
Spring Half Term ends	June 28, Fri
Summer Half Term classes begin	July 3, Wed
Independence Day (Holiday)	July 4, Thurs
Classes end, 5:00 p.m.	Aug 15, Thurs
Study Day	Aug 16-18, Fri-Sun
Examinations	Aug 19-20, Mon-Tues
Full Term and Summer Half Term end	Aug 20, Tues

*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.

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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. An exception is made when Labor Day falls on September 7. In these years when 67 class days would push exams beyond December 23, a fall term may have 66 class meeting days. (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 six exam days for fall and winter terms and two 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 is scheduled over a four-day period that runs from Thursday through Sunday. Winter term exams must be over by the Friday of commencement weekend, although individual school, college, and department ceremonies can be scheduled to take place before exams are over.
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 will take place on a Sunday, two weeks after Spring Break. In years when the date falls on St. Patrick's Day (March 17), consider moving out to the following Sunday if there are no conflicts with Easter or the first two days of Passover. 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

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