

**THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
REGENTS' COMMUNICATION**

**ACTION REQUEST**

**ACTION REQUEST:** Approval of the Updated Academic Calendar for 2020-2021,  
Ann Arbor Campus

The attached calendar includes revisions to the academic year for 2020-2021 to address the challenges posed by COVID-19 and allows us to provide for the safety of students, faculty, and staff.

Fall Semester 2020 changes (66 class days)

- Elimination of fall study break, October 19-20
- Thanksgiving recess increased to a full week, November 21-29
- Remaining in-person instruction resumes remotely following Thanksgiving recess
- December Commencement moved to April 2021 and combined to include fall graduates

Winter Semester 2021 changes (66 class days)

- Delayed start date of January 19
- Elimination of spring recess, February 27 – March 7

The revised academic calendar still ensures that the university adheres to the federal definition of a credit hour along with minimum standards for providing direct faculty instruction to students. This schedule has been reviewed and approved by the appropriate faculty and administrative groups and meets the established campus guidelines for developing the academic calendar.

Respectfully submitted,



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Provost and Executive Vice President  
for Academic Affairs

September 2020  
Attachment

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

**FALL TERM, 2020**

Classes begin .....	Aug 31, Mon
Labor Day (Holiday) .....	Sept 7, Mon
Thanksgiving recess, 5:00 p.m. ....	Nov 21, Sat
Classes resume.....	November 30, Mon
Classes end .....	Dec 8, Tues
Study Days.....	Dec 9, Wed; Dec 12-13, Sat-Sun
Examinations .....	Dec 10-11, Thurs-Fri
.....	Dec 14 -18, Mon-Fri
Commencement.....	Cancelled*

\*Students participate in Spring 2021 Activities, April 29-May 2

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

**WINTER TERM, 2021**

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (University Symposia/No Regular Classes) .....	Jan 18, Mon
Classes begin .....	Jan 19, Tues
University Honors Convocation .....	Mar 14, Sun
Classes end .....	Apr 20, Tues
Study Days.....	Apr 21, Wed; Apr 24-25, Sat-Sun
Examinations .....	Apr 22-23, Thurs-Fri &
.....	Apr 26-29, Mon-Thurs
Commencement Activities .....	Apr 29-May 2, Thurs-Sun

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

**SPRING-SUMMER TERM, 2021**

Classes begin .....	May 4, Tues
Memorial Day (Holiday).....	May 31, Mon
Classes end (Spring Half) 5:00 p.m. ....	June 21, Mon
Study Days.....	June 22-23, Tues-Wed
Examinations .....	June 24-25, Thurs-Fri
Spring Half Term ends .....	June 25, Fri
Summer Half Term classes begin .....	June 30, Wed
Independence Day (Holiday) .....	July 5, Mon
Classes end, 5:00 p.m. ....	Aug 17, Tues
Study Day .....	Aug 18, Wed
Examinations .....	Aug 19-20, Thurs-Fri
Full Term and Summer Half Term end .....	Aug 20, 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.