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ACTION REQUEST

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ACTION REQUEST: Approval of Academic Calendar for 2007-2008


The following principles influence the academic calendar on the Ann Arbor campus:

- The number of class days in the fall term should be as close as possible to the number of class days in the winter term. Fall 2007 has 67 class days and Winter 2008 has 68 days.
- Classes should not begin before September 1. Starting classes in August would lead to significant problems for both students and faculty.
- Spring break should fall on the eighth week of winter term so that schools and colleges have the option of completing seven-week mini-courses before break.
- Classes normally begin on the Tuesday after Labor Day in order to provide a two-day fall study break, a policy initiated as of Fall 2002.

The attached calendar has been shared with many faculty and administrative groups and meets the established criteria.

I am writing to request its approval.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul N. Courant, Provost and
Executive Vice President for
Academic Affairs

June 2005
Attachment

**UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Academic Calendar
ANN ARBOR CAMPUS
FALL TERM, 2007**

*Registration (for students not pre-registered) Aug 31, Fri
 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 Thus-Fri & Dec 17-20, Mon-Thurs
 Commencement Dec 16, Sun
 67 class days: M=13, T=14, W=14, Th=13, F=13
 **Rosh Hashanah 9/12-9/14; Yom Kippur 9/21- 9/22; Hanukkah 12/4-12/12

WINTER TERM, 2008

*Registration (for students not pre-registered) Jan 2, Wed
 Classes begin Jan 3, Thurs
 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (University Symposia/No Regular Classes) Jan 21, Mon
 Vacation begins 12:00 noon Feb 23, Sat
 Classes resume Mar 3, Mon
 University Honors Convocation Mar 16, Sun
 Classes end Apr 15, Tues
 Study Days Apr 16, Wed; Apr 19-20, Sat-Sun
 Examinations Apr 17-18, Thurs-Fri .Apr 21-24, Mon-Thurs
 Commencement Activities Apr 25-27, Fri-Sun
 68 class days: M=13, T=14, W=13, Th=14, F=14
 **Passover 4/19-4/27 (Honors convocation is a week early because Easter falls on 3/23)

SPRING-SUMMER TERM, 2008

*Registration (Full Term and Spring Half) Apr 28, Mon
 Classes begin April 29, Tues
 Memorial Day (Holiday) May 26, Mon
 Classes end (Spring Half) 5:00 p.m. June 16, Mon
 Study Days June 17-18, Tues-Wed
 Examinations June 19-20, Thurs-Fri
 Spring Half Term ends June 20, Fri
 *Registration (Summer Half) June 24, Tues
 Summer Half Term classes begin June 25, Wed
 Independence Day (Holiday) July 4, Fri
 Classes end, 5:00 p.m. Aug 12, Tues
 Study Day Aug 13, Wed
 Examinations Aug 14-15, Thurs-Fri
 Full Term and Summer Half Term end Aug 15, 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>

Regents Meeting, June 2005

Background for Academic Calendar 2007-2008

Holiday Issues

University Honors Convocation has been scheduled a week early (March 16) to avoid a conflict with Easter Sunday, which will occur on March 23, 2005.

In spite of efforts to avoid a conflict, the last two days of Passover will overlap with commencement activities April 25-27 as they did in 2005. The University cannot delay commencement a week because such a schedule would impinge on the Spring, Spring/Summer, and Summer Terms. In 2008 it is especially important that the Winter Term end in April, because several residence halls are scheduled to be renovated over the summer, and the University will need time to complete work and ready the dorms for incoming students in August.

This year, the University worked with Hillel to accommodate observant Jewish families who wanted to attend their loved-one's graduation while adhering to dietary restrictions associated with the holiday. Hillel took reservations and pre-payment to provide Kosher for Passover meals and served 240 students and family members on the Friday night of commencement weekend, 150 on Saturday noon, 125 for Saturday dinner, and 100 on Sunday. A similar accommodation will be needed in 2008.

Spring Break

The spring break in 2008 falls as it traditionally has on the eighth week of the winter term. The Ann Arbor Public Schools often tries to coordinate its Spring Break with that of the University, but the school system does not yet have a contract for 2008.

Number of Class Days

Fall term has 67 days; winter has 68 class days. This is in the middle of our range of 67-69 per term.

Frequently Asked Questions

Until Fall 2002, Michigan began classes, if possible, the Wednesday following Labor Day. This calendar reflects the new tradition of starting the Tuesday after Labor Day in order to allow time for a two-day study break in October.