

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS' COMMUNICATION

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ACTION REQUEST

ACTION REQUEST: Approval of Academic Calendar for 2008-2009

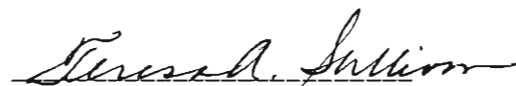
The following principles influence the academic calendar on the Ann Arbor campus:

- 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 2008 has 67 class days and Winter 2009 has 69 days.
- Classes should not begin before September 1. Starting classes in August would lead to significant problems for both students and faculty.
- Fall classes begin on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in September, to ensure starting after Labor Day. Winter classes start the first Wednesday after the first Monday, in order to start after January 2nd.
- 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. **Note: this calendar is an exception to this principle. Spring break has been moved a week earlier to coincide with the Ann Arbor Public School's spring break.**
- The term end date in both the fall and winter is the Tuesday of the 15th week, followed by a single study day before exams start on Thursday and Friday. Exams continue to through the Thursday of the 16th week.

The attached calendar has been shared with many faculty and administrative groups.

I am writing to request its approval.

Respectfully submitted,



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Executive Vice President for
Academic Affairs

June 2006
Attachment

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UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN ACADEMIC CALENDAR
ANN ARBOR CAMPUS

FALL TERM, 2008

*Registration (for students not pre-registered)	Aug 29, Fri
Labor Day (Holiday)	Sept 1, Mon
Classes begin	Sept 2, Tues
Fall Study Break	Oct 20-21, Mon-Tues
Thanksgiving recess, 5:00 p.m.	Nov 26, Wed
Classes end	Dec 9, Tues
Study Days	Dec 10, Wed & Dec 13-14, Sat-Sun
Examinations	Dec 11-12, Thurs-Fri & Dec 15-18, Mon-Thurs
Commencement	Dec 14, Sun

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

**Rosh Hashanah 9/29-10/1; Yom Kippur 10/8- 10/9; Hanukkah 12/21-12/29

WINTER TERM, 2009

*Registration (for students not pre-registered)	Jan 5, Mon
Classes begin	Jan 7, Wed
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (University Symposia/No Regular Classes)	Jan 19, Mon
Vacation begins 12:00 noon	Feb 21, Sat
Classes resume	Mar 2, 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 27-30, Mon-Thurs
Commencement Activities	May 1-3, Fri-Sun

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

**Passover 4/8-4/16

SPRING-SUMMER TERM, 2009

*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 19, Fri
Study Days	June 20-21, Sat-Sun
Examinations	June 22-23, Mon-Tues
Spring Half Term ends	June 23, Tues
*Registration (Summer Half)	June 26, Fri
Summer Half Term classes begin	June 29, Mon
Independence Day (Holiday)	July 3, Fri
Classes end, 5:00 p.m.	Aug 14, Fri
Study Day	Aug 15-16, Sat-Sun
Examinations	Aug 17-18, Mon-Tues
Full Term and Summer Half Term end	Aug 18, 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.

**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 2006

Background for Academic Calendar 2008-2009

Holiday Issues

There are no conflicts with religious holidays in this calendar.

Spring Break

The spring break in 2009 has been scheduled a week earlier than normal in order to coordinate with the Ann Arbor Public School District's spring break, which was recently negotiated with the teachers' union. Application of the University's principle of scheduling spring break in the eighth week of the term would have resulted in the University break occurring Saturday, February 28 through Sunday, March 8, rather than the last week in February. The proposed schedule, which accommodates the Ann Arbor School District, has only five Monday class meetings in the first seven-week session, which will make it difficult for schools and colleges to complete seven-week mini-courses that meet on Mondays before the break. The schools and colleges involved have agreed to work around that inconvenience.

Number of Class Days

Fall term has 67 days; winter has 69 class days. This is within the acceptable range of 67-69 class days per term.

Frequently Asked Questions

This calendar reflects the tradition of starting the Tuesday after Labor Day in order to allow time for a two-day study break in October.