

Academic Calendar for 2004-2006, and 2006-2011.

The academic calendar serves as an information source and planning document for faculty, staff, departments, and students as well as for many of the administrative offices of the university. Its development requires adherence to a number of institutional policies that act as the framework for the calendar.

- UW System policy on the definition of the academic year provides that the contractual academic year is defined as 39 weeks of continuous faculty employment, including not fewer than 34 weeks (170 days) of organized services for students including advising and registration, classroom instruction, and examinations.
- State of Wisconsin legislation requires that classes commence after 1 September.
- Faculty document 1232 sets forth rules governing the timing of the spring break:
 - (a) If the first day of Passover and Good Friday occur in the same week, and that is the 8th to 11th week of the second semester, that week should be the spring break.
 - (b) If either the first day of Passover or Good Friday occurs during the 8th to 11th week, that week would be the spring break.
 - (c) If both the first day of Passover and Good Friday occur in the 8th to 11th week, but they do not occur in the same week, the week of Passover should be the spring break.
 - (d) If none of the above, the break should be in the 9th week.
- The eight-day summary period policy adopted by the Faculty Senate in 1977 requires that the first day be for individual study and review, with no classes or exams. The remaining seven days must accommodate 38 two-hour exam blocks with a maximum of six blocks in a single day: 7:45 a.m., 10:05 a.m., 12:25 p.m., 2:45 p.m., 5:05 p.m., and 7:25 p.m.
- Faculty legislation adopted in 1994 allowed that in the fall semester of 1998-1999, 1999-2000, and 2000-2001 the first day of the summary period be designated as a “Study Day/Exams Begin” day with one final examination period scheduled for 7:25 p.m. on that day; and that three examination periods (the first two in the morning, and the last one of the day) be scheduled on the day of commencement. This was necessary due to limitations of the calendar in those years. It was felt that this arrangement provided maximum protection for the study day, and caused minimal inconvenience for students and their guests on commencement day.

This legislation also required that a) to the maximum feasible extent, the three exam periods on commencement day be assigned to classes containing all or mostly freshman students; and b) if fewer than 38 exam blocks were required, the block scheduled on the study day, and then the evening block on commencement day, be given top priority for deletion.

- Faculty legislation requires that course grade sheets be completed by each instructor and sent to the Office of the Registrar within four calendar days (96 hours) from the date and hour of each two-hour block scheduled during the summary period.

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Discussion:

The 2003-2004 academic year will be the third of the current five-year academic calendar. In order to provide timely planning information to interested parties, adoption of the next sequential five-year calendar needs to occur this year.

The limitations on the scheduling of the fall semester (begin after September 1, and end before December 24) create the same circumstances in 2006-07, 2007-08, 2009-10, and 2010-11 that the Faculty Senate addressed in 1994 (see list above). That is, in order to accommodate the required 38 exam blocks, to schedule commencement exercises after the last day of classes, and to end the semester before December 24, it will be necessary to schedule the first exam block on the evening of the study day. It will also be necessary to schedule three exam blocks on the day of commencement.

In its examination of the proposed five-year academic calendar, the University Committee reviewed the current five-year calendar (Faculty Document 1401) and learned that the fall semester calendars for 2004-05 and 2005-06 need to be amended as well to accommodate the above circumstances/restrictions.

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ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR 2006-2011

FALL SEMESTER	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Faculty contract year begin	Aug. 28 (M)	Aug. 27 (M)	Aug. 25 (M)	Aug. 24 (M)	Aug. 23 (M)
Advising & Orientation	Aug. 28 (M)	Aug. 27 (M)	Aug. 25 (M)	Aug. 26 (W)	Aug. 26 (R)
Instruction begins	Sept. 5 (T)	Sept. 4 (T)	Sept. 2 (T)	Sept. 2 (W)	Sept. 2 (R)
Labor Day	Sept. 4 (M)	Sept. 3 (M)	Sept. 1 (M)	Sept. 7 (M)	Sept. 6 (M)
Rosh Hashanah*	Sept. 23 (S)	Sept. 13 (R)	Sept. 30 (T)	Sept. 19 (S)	Sept. 9 (R)
Yom Kippur*	Oct. 2 (M)	Sept. 22 (S)	Oct. 9 (R)	Sept. 28 (M)	Sept. 18 (S)
Thanksgiving recess	Nov. 23-26	Nov. 22-25	Nov. 27-30	Nov. 26-29	Nov. 25-28
Last class day	Dec. 15 (F)	Dec. 14 (F)	Dec. 12 (F)	Dec. 15 (T)	Dec. 15 (W)
Study day	Dec. 16 (S)	Dec. 15 (S)	Dec. 13 (S)	Dec. 16 (W)	Dec. 16 (R)
Exams begin	Dec. 16 (S)	Dec. 15 (S)	Dec. 14 (N)	Dec. 16 (W)	Dec. 16 (R)
Exams end	Dec. 23 (S)	Dec. 22 (S)	Dec. 20 (S)	Dec. 23 (W)	Dec. 23 (R)
Commencement	Dec. 17 (N)	Dec. 16 (N)	Dec. 21 (N)	Dec. 20 (N)	Dec. 19 (N)
Last day grades in	Dec. 27 (T)	Dec. 26 (W)	Dec. 26 (F)	Dec. 28 (M)	Dec. 27 (M)
MWF days	43	43	43	43	43
TR days	29	29	29	29	29
SPRING SEMESTER	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Advising and orientation	Jan. 16 (T)	Jan. 14 (M)	Jan. 12 (M)	Jan. 11 (M)	Jan. 10 (M)
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Jan. 15 (M)	Jan. 21 (M)	Jan. 19 (M)	Jan. 18 (M)	Jan. 17 (M)
Instruction begins	Jan. 22 (M)	Jan. 22 (T)	Jan. 20 (T)	Jan. 19 (T)	Jan. 18 (T)
Spring recess	Mar. 31-April 8	March 15-23	March 14-22	Mar. 27-April 4	March 12-20
Classes resume	April 9 (M)	March 24 (M)	March 23 (M)	April 5 (M)	March 21 (M)
Good Friday*	April 6 (F)	March 21 (F)	April 10 (F)	April 2 (F)	April 22 (F)
Passover*	April 3 (T)	April 20 (N)	April 9 (R)	March 30 (T)	April 19 (T)
Last class day	May 11 (F)	May 9 (F)	May 8 (F)	May 7 (F)	May 6 (F)
Study day	May 12 (S)	May 10 (S)	May 9 (S)	May 8 (S)	May 7 (S)
Exams begin	May 13 (N)	May 11 (N)	May 10 (N)	May 9 (N)	May 8 (N)
Exams end	May 19 (S)	May 17 (S)	May 16 (S)	May 15 (S)	May 14 (S)
Commencement weekend	May 18-20	May 16-18	May 15-17	May 14-16	May 13-15
Last day grades in	May 23 (W)	May 21 (W)	May 20 (W)	May 19 (W)	May 18 (W)
Faculty contract year end	May 27 (N)	May 25 (N)	May 24 (N)	May 23 (N)	May 22 (N)
MWF days	44	44	44	44	44
TR days	30	30	30	30	30
SUMMER SESSION	SS 2007	SS 2008	SS 2009	SS 2010	SS 2011
Memorial Day	May 28 (M)	May 26 (M)	May 25 (M)	May 31 (M)	May 30 (M)
3-week session	May 29 (T)	May 27 (T)	May 26 (T)	May 24 (M)	May 23 (M)
8-week session	June 18 (M)	June 16 (M)	June 15 (M)	June 14 (M)	June 13 (M)
8-week ends	August 10 (F)	August 8 (F)	August 7 (F)	August 6 (F)	August 5 (F)

*In accordance with Faculty Document 488a, faculty are asked not to schedule mandatory exercises on these dates.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR 2001-2006

(Approved at the Faculty Senate meeting on 7 December 1998.)

FALL SEMESTER	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Faculty Contract Year Begin	Aug. 27 (M)	Aug. 26 (M)	Aug. 25 (M)	Aug. 23 (M)	Aug. 22 (M)
Advising & Orientation week	Aug. 27 (M)	Aug. 26 (M)	Aug. 25 (M)	Aug. 25 (W)	Aug. 25 (R)
Instruction begins	Sept. 4 (T)	Sept. 3 (T)	Sept. 2 (T)	Sept. 2 (R)	Sept. 2 (F)
Labor Day	Sept. 3 (M)	Sept. 2 (M)	Sept. 1 (M)	Sept. 6 (M)	Sept. 5 (M)
Rosh Hashanah*	Sept. 18 (T)	Sept. 7 (S)	Sept. 27 (S)	Sept. 16 (R)	Oct. 4 (T)
Yom Kippur*	Sept. 27 (R)	Sept. 16 (M)	Oct. 6 (M)	Sept. 25 (S)	Oct. 13 (R)
Thanksgiving Recess	Nov. 22-25	Nov. 28-Dec 1	Nov. 27-30	Nov. 25-28	Nov. 24-27
Last class day	Dec. 14 (F)	Dec. 13 (F)	Dec. 12 (F)	Dec. 15 (W)	Dec. 15 (R)
Study day	Dec. 15 (S)	Dec. 14 (S)	Dec. 13 (S)	Dec. 16 (R)	Dec. 16 (F)
Exams begin	Dec. 16 (N)	Dec. 15 (N)	Dec. 14 (N)	Dec. 17 (F) 16 (R)	Dec. 17 (S) 16 (F)
Exams end	Dec. 22 (S)	Dec. 21 (S)	Dec. 20 (S)	Dec. 23 (R)	Dec. 23 (F)
Commencement	Dec. 23 (N)	Dec. 22 (N)	Dec. 21 (N)	Dec. 19 (N)	Dec. 18 (N)
Last day grades in	Dec. 26 (W)	Dec. 26 (R)	Dec. 26 (F)	Dec. 27 (M)	Dec. 27 (T)
MWF days	43	43	43	43	43
TR days	29	29	29	29	29

SPRING SEMESTER	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Advising & Orientation week	Jan. 14 (M)	Jan. 13 (M)	Jan. 12 (M)	Jan. 10 (M)	Jan. 9 (M)
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Jan. 21 (M)	Jan. 20 (M)	Jan. 19 (M)	Jan. 17 (M)	Jan. 16 (M)
Instruction begins	Jan. 22 (T)	Jan. 21 (T)	Jan. 20 (T)	Jan. 18 (T)	Jan. 17 (T)
Spring Recess	Mar. 23-31	Mar. 15-23	Mar. 13-21	Mar. 19-27	Mar. 11-19
Classes Resume	Apr. 1 (M)	Mar. 24 (M)	Mar. 22 (M)	Mar. 28 (M)	Mar. 20 (M)
Good Friday*	Mar. 29 (F)	Apr. 18 (F)	Apr. 9 (F)	Mar. 25 (F)	Apr. 14 (F)
Passover*	Mar. 28 (R)	Apr. 17 (R)	Apr. 6 (T)	Apr. 24 (N)	Apr. 13 (R)
Last class day	May 10 (F)	May 9 (F)	May 7 (F)	May 6 (F)	May 5 (F)
Study day	May 11 (S)	May 10 (S)	May 8 (S)	May 7 (S)	May 6 (S)
Exams begin	May 12 (N)	May 11 (N)	May 9 (N)	May 8 (N)	May 7 (N)
Exams end	May 18 (S)	May 17 (S)	May 15 (S)	May 14 (S)	May 13 (S)
Commencement Weekend	May 17-19	May 16-18	May 14-16	May 13-15	May 12-14
Last day grades in	May 22 (W)	May 21 (W)	May 19 (W)	May 18 (W)	May 17 (W)
Faculty Contract Year End	May 26 (N)	May 25 (N)	May 23 (N)	May 22 (N)	May 21 (N)
MWF days	44	44	44	44	44
TR days	30	30	30	30	30

SUMMER SESSION	SS 2002	SS 2003	SS 2004	SS 2005	SS 2006
Memorial Day	May 27 (M)	May 26 (M)	May 31 (M)	May 30 (M)	May 29 (M)
3-week session	May 28 (T)	May 27 (T)	May 24 (M)	May 23 (M)	May 30 (T)
8-week session	June 17 (M)	June 16 (M)	June 14 (M)	June 13 (M)	June 19 (M)
8-week ends	Aug. 9 (F)	Aug. 8 (F)	Aug. 6 (F)	Aug. 5 (F)	Aug. 11 (F)

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