

Motion to Update the Academic Calendar
Passed by Admissions and Standards, September 10, 2007

Motion:

Effective Fall 2008, the academic calendar is changed as follows: **Deletions** *Additions*

Does not apply to the College of Law. See below for the dates for specific years.

Fall Semesters

Regular Session

First day of class--

~~The first Monday after August 19th.~~

~~So the first day of class can be as early as August 20th and as late as August 26th.~~

The 3rd Monday in August

So the first day of class can be as early as August 15 and as late as August 21.

The first day of class is also the 1st Mon of the Fall Semester

Labor Day Holiday*--Labor Day

~~Mid-point--October 15th.~~

Mid-point--October 1st.

(If this date should fall on a Saturday or Sunday, the midpoint for the semester will be the following Monday.)

Thanksgiving break*--From Tues before Thanksgiving thru Sat after Thanksgiving

Last day of class--The 16th Fri

Finals--The 16th Sat to the 17th Fri

Minimester I Session

First day of class--The 1st Mon

Labor Day holiday*--Labor Day

Last day of class--The 8th Wed

Final Exams--The 8th Thur to the 8th Fri, during class time

Minimester II Session

First day of class--The 9th Mon

Extra Tues class--The 11th Fri

Thanksgiving break*--From Tues before Thanksgiving to Sat after Thanksgiving

Last day of class--The 16th Fri

Note: The clock for Fall Sat-only minimester II courses will be adjusted to have the required minutes in six meetings.

Final exams--The 16th Sat to the 17th Fri

Spring Semesters

First day of class--

~~The first Monday after January 5th~~

~~So the first day of class can be as early as January 6th and as late as January 12th.~~

The first Monday after January 4th

So the first day of class can be as early as January 5th and as late as January 11th.

The first day of class is also the 1st Mon of the Spring Semester.

MLK Holiday*--MLK Day

Mid-point--March 1

(If this date should fall on a Saturday or Sunday, the midpoint for the semester will be the following Monday.)

Spring Break*--The 9th Mon through the 9th Sun

Last day of class--The 17th Mon

Finals--The 17th Tues to the 18th Mon

Minimester I Session

First day of class--The 1st Mon

MLK Holiday*--MLK Day

Last day of class--The 8th Wednesday

Final Exams--The 8th Thursday to the 8th Friday, during class time

Minimester II Session

First day of class--The 10th Mon

Extra Tues class--The 11th Fri

Last day of class--The 17th Mon

Final exams--During regular session final exam period

Summer Semesters

May Session

First day of class--

The 19th Mon of the previous Spring semester. (This also the Mon after the last day of the spring finals.)

The first day of class is also the 1st Mon of the Summer Semester.

[Note: because the spring has moved up a bit, so has the summer.]

Mon holiday*--Memorial Day

Last day of class--The 4th Mon

Finals--The 4th Tues and the 4th Wed

Seven-week Session

First day of class--The 5th Mon

Mid-point--July 1

(If this date should fall on a Saturday or Sunday, the midpoint for the semester will be the following Monday.)

July 4th Holiday*--July 4th or, if the 4th falls on Sat or Sun, the Mon which follows July 4th.

A. Years When the July 4th Holiday Falls on a Mon, Wed or Fri

Last day of class--The 12th Mon. Only classes canceled for the July 4th holiday will be held on this day.

Finals--The 12th Tues to the 12th Sat

B. Years When the July 4th Holiday Falls on a Tues or Thurs

Last day of class--The 12th Tues. Only classes canceled for the July 4th holiday will be held on this day.

Finals--12th Wed to the 12th Sat

Six-week Session

First day of class--The 5th Mon

Mid-point--July 1

(If this date should fall on a Saturday or Sunday, the midpoint for the semester will be the following Monday.)

July 4th Holiday*--July 4th or, if the 4th falls on Sat or Sun, the Mon which follows July 4th.

A. Years When the July 4th Holiday Falls on a Mon, Wed or Fri

Last day of class--The 11th Mon. Only classes canceled for the July 4th holiday will be held on this day.

Finals--The 11th Tues to the 11th Sat

B. Years When the July 4th Holiday Falls on a Tues or Thurs

Last day of class--The 11th Tues. Only classes canceled for the July 4th holiday will be held on this day.

Finals--11th Wed to the 11th Sat

*Although classes do not meet on this day(s), it still counts when counting up the number of days in the term. For example, even though classes don't meet, MLK Day counts as a Monday when counting 1st Mon, 2nd Mon, 3rd Mon, 4th Mon, etc. of the spring term.

Notes:

1. No one-day-a-week classes may be scheduled on the day of the week on which the July 4th holiday is celebrated.
2. In some semesters/sessions, there will not be enough Saturdays for classes meeting only on Saturdays to have the same number of classes days as classes meeting only once a week on some other day of the week. In those cases, the clock schedule for Sat-only classes will need to be adjusted so that Sat-only classes have the BOR-required number of minutes.
3. In scheduling classes, the Registrar's Office will be mindful of Georgia State University's limited classroom space and work to maximize the efficiency with which classroom space is used. Academic units desiring atypical class scheduling should be aware of this obligation of the Registrar's Office.

Rationale:

These changes are needed to bring the Georgia State calendar into compliance with new BOR calendar rules. Unlike previous rules, the new rules do not provide for any leeway in the calendar. The new rules effective specify uniform start and ending dates for the entire USG.

Georgia State University Academic Calendar 2008-2014

	Fall		Spring	
	First Class	Last Class	First Class	Last Class
2008-2009	Aug. 18, 2008 Mon	Dec. 5, 2008 Fri	Jan. 5, 2009 Mon	Apr 27, 2009 Mon
2009-2010	Aug. 17, 2009 Mon	Dec. 4, 2009 Fri	Jan. 11, 2010 Mon	May 3, 2010 Mon
2010-2011	Aug. 16, 2010 Mon	Dec. 3, 2010 Fri	Jan. 10, 2011 Mon	May 2, 2011 Mon
2011-2012	Aug. 15, 2011 Mon	Dec. 2, 2011 Fri	Jan. 9, 2012 Mon	Apr 30, 2012 Mon
2012-2013	Aug. 20, 2012 Mon	Dec. 7, 2012 Fri	Jan. 7, 2013 Mon	Apr 29, 2013 Mon
2013-2014	Aug. 19, 2013 Mon	Dec. 6, 2013 Fri	Jan. 6, 2014 Mon	Apr 28, 2014 Mon

New BOR Academic Calendar Rules

	Fall		Spring	
	Earliest Start Date	Latest End Date	Earliest Start Date	Latest End Date
2008-2009	Aug. 14, 2008 Thur	Dec. 8, 2008 Sat*	Jan. 5, 2009 Mon	May 2, 2009 Sat
2009-2010	Aug. 17, 2009 Mon	Dec. 5, 2009 Sat	Jan. 4, 2010 Mon	May 8, 2010 Sat**
2010-2011	Aug. 16, 2010 Mon	Dec. 4, 2010 Sat	Jan. 3, 2011 Mon	May 7, 2011 Sat**
2011-2012	Aug. 15, 2011 Mon	Dec. 3, 2011 Sat	Jan. 9, 2012 Mon	May 5, 2012 Sat
2012-2013	Aug. 20, 2012 Mon	Dec. 8, 2012 Sat	Jan. 7, 2013 Mon	May 4, 2013 Sat
2013-2014	Aug. 19, 2013 Mon	Dec. 7, 2013 Sat	Jan. 6, 2014 Mon	May 3, 2014 Sat

*This is an error. Dec 8, 2008 is a Monday.

**The range allowed by the BOR is one week longer for this semester than for other semesters.

Notes:

*The new BOR rules allow us no flex as to beginning and ending dates unless we decide to have no Fall break and/or no Spring break.

*Fall semesters must begin on the 3rd Monday in August.

*Spring semesters must begin on the 1st Monday AFTER Jan 2, (i.e, Jan 3-9).

*Only choice is when to have fall/spring break.

*Only way to get a full week at Thanksgiving would be to hold Monday classes on the last Sat of the term.

*Our current spring break is earlier than most so that it falls exactly in the middle between Minimester I and Minimester II.