



# **Motion: Senate By-Laws, Rules & Regulations, Article II.H. Academic Calendar**

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# Background: Academic Calendar

- Fall 2023 SEC tasked SSC to consider establishing Juneteenth as a non-instructional holiday during summer term.
- SSC guidelines:
  - Retain current instructional time
  - No impact to Fall semester start date
- SSC voted unanimously to approve Juneteenth as a non-instructional holiday after discussions and feedback from the Registrar's Office, Financial Aid Office, Summer/Winter Programs, and the Office of Early College Programs.

# Background: Academic Calendar

## – 2025 Summer Session Dates & Deadlines

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Session	Payment Due	Add/Drop (full refund) Period Ends	Last Day to Withdraw from a course ("W" grade; no refund) and to Place on or Remove from Pass/Fail Grading	Holidays	Grades Submitted
<b>May Term</b> - 3 weeks May 12 - May 30	May 5	May 14	May 29		June 2
<b>Summer Session 1 (SS1)</b> - 5 weeks June 2 - July 3	May 27	June 6	July 2	June 19	July 7
<b>Alternative Session 1 (AS1)</b> - 6 weeks June 2 - July 11	May 27	June 6	July 10	June 19, July 4	July 14
<b>Summer Session 2 (SS2)</b> - 5 weeks July 14 - Aug 15	July 7	July 18	Aug. 14		Aug. 18
<b>Alternative Session 2 (AS2)</b> - 6 weeks July 14 - Aug 22	July 7	July 18	Aug. 21		Aug. 25

<https://summersession.uconn.edu/dates-fees/>

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# Background: Academic Calendar

- Current language in Article II.H. Academic Calendar only referred to Fall and Spring Semesters
- In order to add Juneteenth as a non-instructional day, language must be added to the Bylaws, Rules, & Regulations regarding nonrequired terms:
  - Winter Intersession, May Term, Summer Session 1, Alternative Summer Sessin 1, Summer Session 2, and Alternative Summer Session 2

# Proposal: Academic Calendar

- Amend existing language in Article II.H. Academic Calendar Subsection 1, 2, and 3 for clarity and consistency regarding required semesters (Fall and Spring).
- Add Article II.H. Academic Calendar Subsection 4 regarding nonrequired terms to be consistent in structure with Subsections 2 and 3.
- Add Juneteenth as a non-instructional day during Summer Session 1 and Alternative Summer Session 1.

# By-Laws, Rules & Regulations of the University

## Senate, Article II, Section H

Each academic year begins at the start of one fall semester and ends prior to the start of the next fall semester. The University Registrar uses the following rules to set the calendar for each academic year. The general class schedule is then published by the Registrar.

1. Each academic year consists of two required semesters; fall and spring.
  - a. The end of the semester is defined as the last day of the final exam period. Grades must be submitted to the Office of the Registrar no later than seventy-two hours after the final examination period ends.
  - b. Each fall and spring semester consists of 14 weeks of classes, plus six days of examinations at the end of each semester.
  - c. In each required semester, there are two protected days between the end of classes and the first day of final examinations, called reading days. Reading days protect time to allow students to prepare for the final exam and assessment period. On reading days, instructors are not allowed to require any course-related activity, assessment, or submission of work. Instructors are allowed to use reading days for truly optional activities such as office hours.
  - d. For classes in required semesters, some Mondays may be missed due to recognized public holidays. Wherever possible, instructors should try to ensure that students in Monday classes are not deprived of content available to students in Tuesday – Friday classes. This could include asynchronous content, make-up classes, make-up assignments, or other accommodations.
  - e. Additional non-required terms are scheduled each academic year during summer and winter.
  - f. Classes in required semesters and non-required terms must all adhere to the University Credit Hour Policy, as appropriate, for the credits awarded.
  - g. Most major public holidays are recognized as non-instructional days. On a non-instructional day, classes cannot be scheduled, and instructors should not require the submission of work. When the date of a public holiday falls on a weekend, and a Friday or Monday is recognized as the official public holiday, the recognized date will be a non-instructional day. Only public holidays recognized as non-instructional days in the sections below are protected. Other public holidays can be scheduled into semester or term calendars as instructional or assessment days.
  - h. The recognition of public holidays for the purpose of scheduling semesters and terms is separate to the University Religious Accommodation Policy. The Religious Accommodation Policy sets forth requirements in accordance with relevant laws and regulations regarding religious beliefs.

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**2. Fall Semesters** are structured by the Registrar using the following rules:

- a. Classes begin on the Monday before Labor Day.
- b. Residence Halls must be open no later than the weekend before the start of classes.
- c. The public holiday of Labor Day is a non-instructional day.
- d. There is a week of break during the week of Thanksgiving. No classes are held during this week. Thanksgiving is recognized as a public holiday.
- e. The first Thursday of final examination week is a reading day. No regularly scheduled final examinations or assessments can be scheduled for this day. Instructors must adhere to the protections outlined above.

**3. Spring Semesters** are structured by the Registrar using the following rules:

- a. Spring semester classes begin on the Tuesday after Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
- b. The public holiday of Martin Luther King Jr. Day is a non-instructional day.
- c. Residence halls must be open no later than the weekend before the start of classes.
- d. A one-week spring break will be scheduled after 8 weeks of classes. The first week of classes is counted as the week during which classes commence (the week of Martin Luther King Jr. Day).
- e. Commencement must be scheduled after the end of the final assessment period.

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- 4) **Non-required Terms** are structured by the Registrar using the following rules:
- a. Classes cannot overlap with Fall and Spring semesters, including the formal assessment periods for those semesters.
  - b. Non-required terms may be of variable length. The length and other calendar parameters will be used by the Registrar to schedule each term. Classes in each term will be scheduled to adhere to the University Credit Hour Policy. The registrar may also schedule other non-required terms to meet the needs of the university, recognizing the same public holidays outlined in this section and following the same general parameters.
  - c. A three-week winter term will be scheduled each year between the fall and spring semesters. This will be scheduled so that it ends before the first day of the Spring semester.
  - d. During winter term the public holidays of Christmas Day and New Year's Day are non-instructional days.
  - e. A May term will be scheduled, which will begin on the first Monday following May commencement.
  - f. Two summer session terms of six weeks will be scheduled. The first will begin after the formal instructional and assessment period of the May term is completed.
  - g. The two summer terms will not overlap with one another, including scheduled days for final assessments. Scheduled instructional and assessment days for any summer term must finish before the start of the fall semester.
  - h. During May and summer terms, the public holidays of Memorial Day, Juneteenth, and Independence Day are non-instructional days.