The Faculty Senate

Academic Calendars with January Intersessions

The University at Buffalo Faculty Senate Executive Committee approves and recommends the Faculty Senate approve the proposed basic academic calendars including January intersessions. The proposed calendars were developed by an ad hoc committee: Registrar Kara Saunders, Chair, Prof. Elaine Davis, Prof. Emeritus Charles Fourtner, Prof. Peter J Horvath, Prof. Joseph C Mollendorf, Prof. Peter Nickerson, Prof. Troy Wood, Prof. W. H. Baumer, and VPUE A Scott Weber ex officio.

Seven UB basic academic calendars [schedules for UB undergraduate and graduate programs, excluding professional programs] adding January Intersessions are proposed to replace the current basic academic calendars. These calendars are to be effective with the 2013-14 academic year; Summer Sessions 2013, however, may follow the current schedule. The proposed January intersession calendars are presented on pp. 3 – 6 of this document as a 7-calendar sequence. Academic years begin with Summer Sessions immediately following Memorial Day; hence Calendar 1 Memorial Day is 31 May, Calendar 7 Memorial Day 25 May. In this sequence, the calendars for 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 are Calendars 4, 5 and 6. Appendices 1 and 2, pp. 7 – 8, present Intersession and Current calendars for 2013-14 and 2014-15 side by side for comparison.

Intersession Calendars Principal Features

Each of the 7 calendars includes Summer Sessions, Fall Semesters, January Intersessions, Spring Semesters, and Spring Semesters for Leap Years. They are sequential: Calendar 1 through Calendar 7 and return to Calendar 1, i.e., the schedule of Calendar 1 is followed by the schedule of Calendar 2, Calendar 2 by Calendar 3, etc. If Calendar x is for a leap year, however, the next calendar is Calendar x + 2.

1. All schedule a 3-week January Intersession of 14 class days with at least 2 weekday class days in the opening and closing weeks. All begin as soon after New Year's Day as feasible. All have 4 class days in their 3rd week to observe Martin Luther King Day.
2. Fall Semester schedules repeat the current UB basic academic calendars.
3. Fall and Spring Semesters have 14 class weeks and an exam week.
4. Summer Sessions I, II and III are 6-week sessions.
5. Session Date Ranges:
   - Summer Sessions begin Tuesdays after Memorial Day, 26 May - 1 June
   - Summer Sessions end Fridays, 14 - 20 August
   - Fall Semesters begin Mondays preceding Labor Day, 25 - 31 August
   - Fall Semester exams end Mondays, 15 - 21 December
   - January Intersessions begin 3 - 6 January
   - January Intersessions end 22 - 25 January
   - Spring Semesters begin Mondays, 25 - 31 January
   - Spring Semester exams end Saturdays, 15 - 21 May
   - Commencement closes Sundays, 16 - 22 May
   - Spring Semester date ranges are 1 or 2 weeks later than in the current calendars
6. Recesses and Holidays:
   - Memorial Day — Mondays, 25 - 31 May
   - Independence Day — 4 July
   - Labor Day — Mondays, 1 - 7 September
Fall Recesses begin Wednesdays of Thanksgiving week, 21 - 26 November. Calendars 1, 2, 3, 4 and 7 have 2 class weeks and an exam week after this recess; Calendars 5 and 6 have 1 class week and an exam week after this recess.  
Winter Recesses begin Tuesdays, 16 - 22 December.  
Martin Luther King Day — Mondays, 15 - 21 January  
Spring Recesses begin Mondays, 15 - 21 March, following the 7th class week.

7. Intervals between Sessions:  
   Summer Sessions - Fall Semesters — Calendars 1 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 Fall Semesters begin 1 week after the end of preceding Summer Sessions. Calendar7 Fall Semesters begin 2 weeks after the end of preceding Summer Sessions.  
   January Intersessions - Spring Semesters — In all Calendars Spring Semesters begin the Mondays following the last January Intersession class day. Calendars 5, 6 and 7 end Intersessions Fridays and begin Spring Semesters the immediately following Mondays. Calendars 1, 2, 3 and 4 end Intersessions Tuesdays or Wednesdays and begin Spring Semesters the following Mondays.  
   Spring Semesters - Summer Sessions — In Calendar 1, Summer Sessions begin 2 weeks after the end of preceding Spring Semester exams. In Calendars 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 Summer Sessions begin 1 week after the end of preceding Spring Semester exams [cf. the preceding calendar, or the 2nd preceding calendar for a leap year, for the end of these exams].

8. Summer Sessions Holidays:  
   In all Calendars Summer Sessions I, Summer Sessions 9 Weeks and Summer Sessions 12 Weeks lose 1 class day to Memorial Day; in most Calendars they lose a 2nd to Independence Day. Summer Sessions II loses 1 class day to Independence Day in most Calendars. Summer Sessions III loses none.

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### Sessions

#### Summer Sessions
- **Summer Session I - J**
  - Tuesday, 1 June - Friday, 9 July
- **Summer Session II - L**
  - Monday, 28 June - Friday, 6 August
- **Summer Session III - M**
  - Monday, 12 July - Friday, 20 August
- **Summer Session 9 Weeks**
  - Tuesday, 1 June - Friday, 30 July
- **Summer Session 12 Weeks**
  - Tuesday, 1 June - Friday, 20 August
- **Memorial Day; Independence Day**
  - Monday, 31 May; Sunday, 4 July

#### Fall Semester
- **Fall Semester Begins**
  - Monday, 30 August
- **Labor Day**
  - Monday, 6 September
- **Fall Recess**
  - Wednesday, 24 - Saturday, 27 November
- **Classes Resume**
  - Monday, 29 November
- **Fall Semester Classes End**
  - Friday, 10 December
- **Reading Days**
  - Saturday - Sunday, 11 - 12 December
- **Semester Final Exams**
  - Monday, 13 - Monday, 20 December
- **Winter Recess Begins**
  - Tuesday, 21 December

#### Inter session
- **Inter session Begins**
  - Wednesday, 5 January
- **Martin Luther King Day**
  - Monday, 17 January
- **Inter session Ends**
  - Tuesday, 25 January

#### Spring Semester
- **Spring Semester Begins**
  - Monday, 31 January
- **Spring Recess**
  - Monday, 21 - Saturday, 26 March
- **Classes Resume**
  - Monday, 28 March
- **Spring Semester Classes End**
  - Friday, 13 May
- **Reading Days**
  - Saturday - Sunday, 14 - 15 May
- **Semester Final Exams**
  - Monday, 16 - Saturday, 21 May
- **Commencement Weekend**
  - Friday, 20 - Sunday, 22 May

#### Spring Semester - Leap Year
- **Spring Semester Begins**
  - Monday, 31 January
- **Spring Recess**
  - Monday, 20 - Saturday, 25 March
- **Classes Resume**
  - Monday, 27 March
- **Spring Semester Classes End**
  - Friday, 12 May
- **Reading Days**
  - Saturday - Sunday, 13 - 14 May
- **Semester Final Exams**
  - Monday, 15 - Saturday, 20 May
- **Commencement Weekend**
  - Friday, 19 - Sunday, 21 May

### Calendar 1
- **Calendar 2**
### Sessions

#### Summer Sessions
- **Summer Session I - J**
  - Tuesday, 30 May - Friday, 7 July
- **Summer Session II - L**
  - Monday, 26 June - Friday, 4 August
- **Summer Session III - M**
  - Monday, 10 July - Friday, 18 August
- **Summer Session 9 Weeks**
  - Tuesday, 30 May - Friday, 28 July
- **Summer Session 12 Weeks**
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- **Memorial Day; Independence Day**
  - Monday, 29 May; Tuesday, 4 July

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- **Semester Final Exams**
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  - Tuesday, 19 December

#### Intersession
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  - Thursday, 4 January
- **Martin Luther King Day**
  - Monday, 15 January
- **Interession Ends**
  - Wednesday, 24 January

#### Spring Semester
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  - Monday, 29 January
- **Spring Recess**
  - Monday, 19 - Saturday, 24 March
- **Classes Resume**
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- **Spring Semester Classes End**
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- **Reading Days**
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- **Semester Final Exams**
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- **Commencement Weekend**
  - Friday, 18 - Sunday, 20 May

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### Calendar 3
- **Monday, 1 January**
  - Thursday, 4 January
  - Monday, 15 January
  - Wednesday, 24 January

### Calendar 4
- **Tuesday, 1 January**
  - Thursday, 3 January
  - Monday, 21 January
  - Wednesday, 23 January

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**Leap Year Sequence**

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- Summer Session II - L: Monday, 22 June - Friday, 31 July
- Summer Session III - M: Monday, 6 July - Friday, 14 August
- Summer Session 9 Weeks: Tuesday, 26 May - Friday, 24 July
- Summer Session 12 Weeks: Tuesday, 26 May - Friday, 14 August
- Memorial Day; Independence Day: Monday, 25 May; Saturday, 4 July

Fall Semester
- Fall Semester Begins: Monday, 31 August
- Labor Day: Monday, 7 September
- Fall Recess: Wednesday, 25 - Saturday, 28 November
- Classes Resume: Monday, 30 November
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Intersession
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- Intersession Ends: Friday, 22 January

Spring Semester
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Leap Year Sequence

Calendar 7

Tuesday, 1 June - Friday, 9 July
Monday, 28 June - Friday, 6 August
Monday, 12 July - Friday, 20 August
Tuesday, 1 June - Friday, 30 July
Tuesday, 1 June - Friday, 20 August
Monday, 31 May; Sunday, 4 July

Calendar 1

Monday, 30 August
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