

### Academic Calendar for 2021-2026

Establishment of the academic calendar for the University of Wisconsin-Madison falls within the authority of the faculty as set forth in *Faculty Policies and Procedures*. Construction of the academic calendar is subject to various rules and guidelines prescribed by the Board of Regents, the Faculty Senate, and State of Wisconsin legislation. Approximately every five years, the Faculty Senate approves a new academic calendar which spans a future five-year period. At its September 26, 2016, meeting, the Faculty Senate approved academic calendars through the 2020-2021 academic year. At that same meeting, the Senate approved standing parameters that established, inter alia, consistent start and end dates, semesters of the same length, and a formula that results in a predictable academic calendar year after year.<sup>1</sup> The academic calendar below, for 2021-2026, was created according to this new standardized calculation formula. The University Committee requests and recommends that the Faculty Senate consent to this extension of our academic calendar.

<b>FALL SEMESTER</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>
Faculty contract year begins	Aug 23 (M)	Aug 22 (M)	Aug 21 (M)	Aug 19 (M)	Aug 18 (M)
Labor Day	Sep 6 (M)	Sep 5 (M)	Sep 4 (M)	Sep 2 (M)	Sep 1 (M)
Instruction begins	Sep 8 (W)	Sep 7 (W)	Sep 6 (W)	Sep 4 (W)	Sep 3 (W)
Thanksgiving recess	Nov 25-28	Nov 24-27	Nov 23-26	Nov 28-Dec 1	Nov 27-30
Last class day	Dec 15 (W)	Dec 14 (W)	Dec 13 (W)	Dec 11 (W)	Dec 10 (W)
Study day	Dec 16 (R)	Dec 15 (R)	Dec 14 (R)	Dec 12 (R)	Dec 11 (R)
Exams begin	Dec 17 (F)	Dec 16 (F)	Dec 15 (F)	Dec 13 (F)	Dec 12 (F)
Exams end	Dec 23 (R)	Dec 22 (R)	Dec 21 (R)	Dec 19 (R)	Dec 18 (R)
Commencement	Dec 19 (N)	Dec 18 (N)	Dec 17 (N)	Dec 15 (N)	Dec 14 (N)
<b>SPRING SEMESTER</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Jan 17 (M)	Jan 16 (M)	Jan 15 (M)	Jan 20 (M)	Jan 19 (M)
Instruction begins	Jan 25 (T)	Jan 24 (T)	Jan 23 (T)	Jan 21 (T)	Jan 20 (T)
Spring recess	Mar 12-20	Mar 11-19	Mar 23-31	Mar 15-23	Mar 28-Apr 5
Classes resume	Mar 21 (M)	Mar 20 (M)	Apr 1 (M)	Mar 24 (M)	Apr 6 (M)
Last class day	May 6 (F)	May 5 (F)	May 3 (F)	May 2 (F)	May 1 (F)
Study day	May 7 (S)	May 6 (S)	May 4 (S)	May 3 (S)	May 2 (S)
Exams begin	May 8 (N)	May 7 (N)	May 5 (N)	May 4 (N)	May 3 (N)
Exams end	May 13 (F)	May 12 (F)	May 10 (F)	May 9 (F)	May 8 (F)
Commencement weekend	May 13-15	May 12-14	May 10-12	May 9-11	May 8-10
Faculty contract year ends	May 22 (N)	May 21 (N)	May 19 (N)	May 18 (N)	May 17 (N)
<b>SUMMER SESSIONS</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>
Memorial Day (observed)	May 30	May 29	May 27	May 26	May 25
3-week session	May 31-Jun 17	May 30-Jun 16	May 28-Jun 14	May 27-Jun 13	May 26-Jun 12
4-week session	May 23-Jun 17	May 22-Jun 16	May 20-Jun 14	May 19-Jun 13	May 18-Jun 12
8-week session	Jun 20-Aug 12	Jun 19-Aug 11	Jun 17-Aug 9	Jun 16-Aug 8	Jun 15-Aug 7
Independence Day	Jul 4 (M)	Jul 4 (T)	Jul 4 (R)	Jul 4 (F)	Jul 4 (S)

<sup>1</sup> Begin fall semester instruction on the Wednesday following Labor Day (except in years when Labor Day is September 7, then fall semester instruction would commence on the Wednesday before Labor Day) and begin spring semester by counting backwards from commencement, which will always be held on the second Saturday in May.