

**UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE**  
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY  
(Final; Action)

EP.24.001      Revision of the 2024-2025 Academic Calendar

**BACKGROUND**

In accordance with the [Policy Guidelines for Developing Academic Calendars](#) (approved by Senate 09/20/2021), when not all guidelines can practicably be followed, the proposed Academic Calendar shall include a brief description of any guidelines that are not satisfied and why the guideline/s are unable to be satisfied.

The final examination period for Fall 2024 is currently scheduled to end on Friday, December 20, 2024. Within this current schedule, final grades would not be posted to student records until early January 2025. Combining the final examination periods on Thursday, December 19, 2024 and Friday, December 20, 2024 and ending the Fall 2024 semester on December 19 would allow posting final grades to student records prior to the end of the 2024 calendar year and allow additional time for other required end of term processes. (See Appendix A for past total final examinations held each day of the Final Examination period.) This in-turn allows Winter Session 2024/2025 to begin earlier.

Combining the final examination periods on Thursday, May 15, 2025 and Friday, May 16, 2025, and ending the Spring 2025 semester on May 15 mirrors the Fall 2024 final examination period and allows additional time for the numerous commencement activities.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Senate Committee on Educational Policy recommends the Senate approve the following:

1. Combine the final examination periods on Thursday, December 19, 2024 and Friday, December 20, 2024 with the Fall 2024 final examination period ending on Thursday, December 19, 2024.
2. Begin 2024-2025 Winter Session on Friday, December 20, 2024.
3. Combine the final examination periods on Thursday, May 15, 2025 and Friday, May 16, 2025 with the Spring 2025 final examination period ending on Thursday, May 15, 2025.

**2024 FALL SEMESTER**

Monday	August 26	Instruction Begins
Monday	September 2 (no classes)	Labor Day
Saturday	November 23, 1 pm	Fall Break Begins
Monday	December 2, 7 am	Instruction Resumes
Wednesday	December 11	Instruction Ends
Thursday	December 12	Reading Day
Friday	December 13	Final Examinations Begin
<del>Friday</del>	<del>December 20</del>	<del>Final Examinations End</del>
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>December 19</u>	<u>Final Examinations End</u>

**2024-2025 WINTER SESSION**

<del>Monday</del>	<del>December 23</del>	<del>Instruction Begins</del>
<u>Friday</u>	<u>December 20</u>	<u>Instruction Begins</u>
Wednesday	December 25 (no classes)	Christmas Day
Wednesday	January 1 (no classes)	New Year's Day
Friday	January 17	Final Examinations

**2025 SPRING SEMESTER**

Monday	January 20 (no classes)	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Tuesday	January 21	Instruction Begins
Saturday	March 15, 1 pm	Spring Break Begins
Monday	March 24, 7 am	Instruction Resumes
Wednesday	May 7	Instruction Ends
Thursday	May 8	Reading Day
Friday	May 9	Final Examinations Begin
<del>Friday</del>	<del>May 16</del>	<del>Final Examinations End</del>
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>May 15</u>	<u>Final Examinations End</u>
Saturday	May 17	Commencement

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## Appendix A

### Total Final Examinations Per Day

	FRI	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	TOTAL
FA 2021	463	524	350	276	217	112	1942
SP 2022	394	279	144	371	413	177	1778
FA 2022	369	359	436	372	210	132	1878
SP 2023	288	334	360	215	327	167	1691