

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

EP.25.105 Revise Academic Calendars 2025–2026 through 2029–2030 to Move the Start of Each Winter Session from Monday to the Preceding Friday

BACKGROUND

The [Policy Guidelines for Developing Academic Calendars](#) was approved as amended by the Senate on November 13, 2023 reducing the required number of final examination periods from 18 to 15. This change allowed the final examination period to end on a Thursday instead of Friday.

Academic Calendars 2025–2026 through 2029–2030 were revised via [EP.25.020](#) to reflect the new end dates for the final examination periods in each fall and spring semester. However, the date Winter Session instruction begins was not revised, from Monday to the preceding Friday, which this item now proposes to revise.

RECOMMENDATION

The Senate Committee on Educational Policy recommends the Senate approve changes to the following Academic Calendars. Text to be deleted is ~~struck through~~ and text to be added is underlined.

2025-2026 WINTER SESSION

~~Monday-Friday~~ December ~~22-19~~ Instruction Begins

2026-2027 WINTER SESSION

~~Monday-Friday~~ December ~~21-18~~ Instruction Begins

2027-2028 WINTER SESSION

~~Monday-Friday~~ December ~~20-17~~ Instruction Begins

2028-2029 WINTER SESSION

~~Monday-Friday~~ December ~~18-15~~ Instruction Begins

2029-2030 WINTER SESSION

~~Monday-Friday~~ December ~~17-14~~ Instruction Begins

The schedule of final examinations for the colleges of Law, Veterinary Medicine, and the Carle Illinois College of Medicine, including their days and times, may differ from the standard academic calendar. Students should check with the appropriate college regarding final examinations.

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