

Academic Calendar

Five-Year Calendar of Academic Dates

The five-year calendar of academic dates for the university is established through the campus governance process beginning with a recommendation of the Calendar Committee of the Faculty Senate. The calendar is normally extended each year through this process so that five-years of academic dates are available.

Academic dates so established are the first and last days of classes for fall, spring, summer I, and summer II terms, dates for the week of Spring Break, dates for the Academic Festival Week (beginning on the Monday of the third week of April but no sooner than April 12 and no later than April 18), date for the Fall Break (Wednesday before Thanksgiving), dates for Dead Day and Final Exams for fall and spring terms, and the date for Commencement each spring. The UA, Fayetteville, has Commencement exercises only in May each year, although students can complete their study and be awarded a degree following completion of spring, summer, or fall terms. The Final Exam schedule is defined by campus policy. The date for Commencement exercises is set consistent with the day and week (second Saturday in May) traditionally reserved for the Fayetteville campus in the schedule for all UA campuses. Spring Break will be set on the Monday of the 38th week of the school year with the first week of July that begins on a Sunday counted as the first week (Act 424 of the 87th General Assembly). Fall and spring terms typically include 73 class days each; summer 6-week terms typically include at least 29 class days, and summer 5-week terms typically include at least 24 days. Current academic calendars are available at <http://www.uark.edu/classes/5YearCalendar.html>.

Holiday Schedule

The holiday schedule is revised and issued early each year for University of Arkansas campus employees beginning with July 1. The following holidays are included: Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Thanksgiving Holiday (normally proclaimed by the Governor each year on the Friday after Thanksgiving), Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, employee's birthday, Veteran's Day, New Year's Day Holiday, Martin Luther King's Birthday, George Washington's Birthday/Daisy Gatson Bates' Day, and Memorial Day.

Holidays declared by Governor's Proclamation will be observed by departments not involved in patient care activities. When a holiday (except December 25) falls on a Saturday, the preceding Friday is observed; when December 25 falls on a Saturday, the following Monday is observed. When a holiday except December 24 falls on Sunday, the following Monday is observed." The University does not hold classes on the Wednesday preceding Thanksgiving and during the week of Spring Break. However, only the Friday of Spring Break is a holiday for employees. The current holiday schedule for the UA can be reached through <http://hr.uark.edu/HolidaySchedule/>.

The employee's birthday, Veteran's Day, and George Washington's Birthday/Daisy Gatson Bates' Day are typically observed as part of a Christmas break or as the Friday of Spring Break, and the university continues operations when the latter two holidays are traditionally observed.

Appointment Periods

Appointment periods for 12-month appointees run from July 1 through June 30. Appointments may be made at any time, but all end on or before June 30 each year.

The appointment period for the academic year and for most faculty members begins in mid-August, concludes in mid-May, and includes 39 weeks. This appointment period reflects an academic calendar on the semester plan with the fall semester ending before the Christmas holiday period. The fall and spring semesters include at least a week for scheduled activities preceding the start of classes. There is a minimum of 13 weeks between the end of the spring semester and the beginning of the fall semester each year. Specific dates for the appointment periods, established jointly by the Provost and the Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration, are provided below for the next five years. Academic year start dates will be on a Monday no sooner than August 13 and no later than August 19.

2009-2010

Nine month appointment is Monday, August 17, through Sunday, May 16.

Fall semester appointment is August 17 – December 31.

Spring semester appointment is January 1 through May 16.

2010-2011

Nine month appointment is Monday, August 16, through Sunday, May 15.

Fall semester appointment is August 16 – December 31.

Spring semester appointment is January 1 through May 15.

2011-2012

Nine month appointment is Monday, August 15, through Sunday, May 13.

Fall semester appointment is August 15 – December 31.

Spring semester appointment is January 1 through May 13.

2012-2013

Nine month appointment is Monday, August 13, through Sunday, May 12.

Fall semester appointment is August 13 – December 31.

Spring semester appointment is January 1 through May 12.

2013-2014

Nine month appointment is Monday, August 19, through Sunday, May 18.

Fall semester appointment is August 19 – December 31.

Spring semester appointment is January 1 through May 18.

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