

## LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

### Preamble

The Calendar and Schedule Committee is charged with reviewing the Bloomington Calendar Principles and making recommendations for changes to the BFC. The Principles are organized chronologically as they pertain to the academic year. The Calendar and Schedule Committee, after careful consideration of several calendar-related items, has decided to move forward with a recommendation to the BFC to modify the Calendar Principles to designate Labor Day as a holiday beginning in Fall, 2008.

### Motion

The Calendar and Schedule Committee moves the following changes to the Calendar Principles adopted by the BFC:

### CALENDAR PRINCIPLES

(Approved: BFC 11/19/91)

This statement describes the policies that are implicit in the campus calendar approved by the Bloomington Faculty Council in 1986.

1. The calendar for the academic year shall be composed of two semesters.
2. Each semester shall be preceded by one week for orientation / registration. There shall be an additional break of one week between the end of the second summer session and the beginning of orientation / registration week.
3. The first semester shall contain fourteen weeks and one day of instruction (that is, 71 class days, not counting Saturdays) plus one week (5 exam days) of final examinations. The second semester shall contain fourteen weeks and four days of instruction (that is, 74 class days, not counting Saturdays) plus one week (5 exam days) of final examinations.
4. The standard length of a three-credit-hour course shall be 50 minutes three times a week or 75 minutes twice a week. The break between classes shall be 15 minutes.
5. The first day of classes and the first day of final exams for each semester shall fall on a Monday. The last day of classes shall fall on a Saturday, and the last day of final exams shall fall on a Friday.

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**6. Beginning in Fall, 2008, Labor Day shall be observed as a holiday at Indiana University Bloomington. Classes will not meet on Labor Day, however, make-up class may be held on the Saturday immediately following Labor Day at the discretion of the instructor.**

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**7.** Thanksgiving Recess shall be four days (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday), and Spring Recess shall be six days (Monday through Saturday).

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**8.** The beginning of the second semester shall be determined by the day of the week upon which New Year's Day falls. Classes shall begin on a Monday (in order to have an unbroken week), preceded by a Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday for advising and registration. Therefore, when New Year's Day falls on a Tuesday, classes shall start on the first Monday in January; when New Year's Day falls on any other day, classes shall start on the second Monday in January.

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**9. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day shall be observed as a holiday at Indiana University Bloomington. Classes will not meet on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.**

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**10.** The break between semesters (that is, between the end of final examinations and the start of classes) shall be three weeks.

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**11.** The Spring Recess shall fall on the week following the ninth week of classes during the second semester.

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**12.** The final examination period for semester courses shall be two hours.

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**13.** The summer session shall be divided into a six-week session and an eight-week session.

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**14.** There shall be no classes on Memorial Day during the first summer session and no classes on the Fourth of July during the second summer session. Classes shall not meet on the preceding Friday when July 4 falls on a Saturday nor on the following Monday when July 4 falls on a Sunday.

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**15.** There shall be no special final examination period for the summer sessions.

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The Bloomington Campus Calendar and Scheduling Committee shall review these calendar principles annually.