

[NOTE: This Circular B25-2007 reflects the necessary amendments to the current Calendar Principles if: 1) the BFC adopts Circular B29-2007 and 2) the Bloomington Provost presents the BFC with an acceptable summer session calendar principle.]

CALENDAR PRINCIPLES

(Approved: BFC 11/19/91)

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 ~~two~~ **four** days of instruction (that is, ~~72~~ **74** class days, not counting Saturdays) plus one week (5 exam days) of final examinations. The second semester shall contain ~~fifteen~~ **fourteen** weeks **and four days** of instruction (that is, ~~75~~ **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 final examination period for semester courses shall be two hours.
6. 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.
- 7. There shall be no classes on Labor Day in the first semester.**
- 8 Thanksgiving Recess shall be ~~four~~ **six** days (~~Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday~~) (**Monday through Saturday**), and Spring Recess shall be six days (Monday through Saturday).
9. The break between semesters (that is, between the end of final examinations and the start of classes) shall be three weeks.
10. 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.
- 11. There shall be no classes on Martin Luther King Day in the second semester.**

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

13. Summer Session Principle.

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.

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

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