

Academic Calendar Guidelines

(Begins Fall 2005)

Fall Semester

- Begins the first Monday on or after the faculty contract period begins but no earlier than August 20 to allow for faculty to return and advise.
- There is a holiday on Labor Day. In order to make up for the lost class for 3 credit hour classes meeting only once a week on Mondays, those classes will be scheduled an additional 15 minutes per week.
- There is a "Fall Break" on Columbus Day and the following Tuesday or, during a presidential election year a Break that includes the Monday and the election day.
- Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of Thanksgiving week are holidays.
- Classes end on the Friday 16 weeks after the beginning of classes.
- Finals are the following week.
- Graduation will be the Saturday of Finals Week.

Spring Semester

- Classes begin the third Monday of January or the subsequent Tuesday if that Monday is Martin Luther King Day.
- There is a holiday for Martin Luther King Day (There is no longer a Presidents' Day holiday). In order to make up for the lost class for 3 credit hour classes meeting only once a week on Mondays, those classes will be scheduled an additional 15 minutes per week.
- A spring break will occur the second full week in March.
- Classes end on the Friday 16 weeks after the beginning of classes.
- Finals are the following week.
- Graduation will be the Saturday of Finals week. That Saturday will be the Saturday a week after Derby Day.

This leaves 13-14 weeks for Summer Sessions between the end of Spring semester and the beginning of Fall.