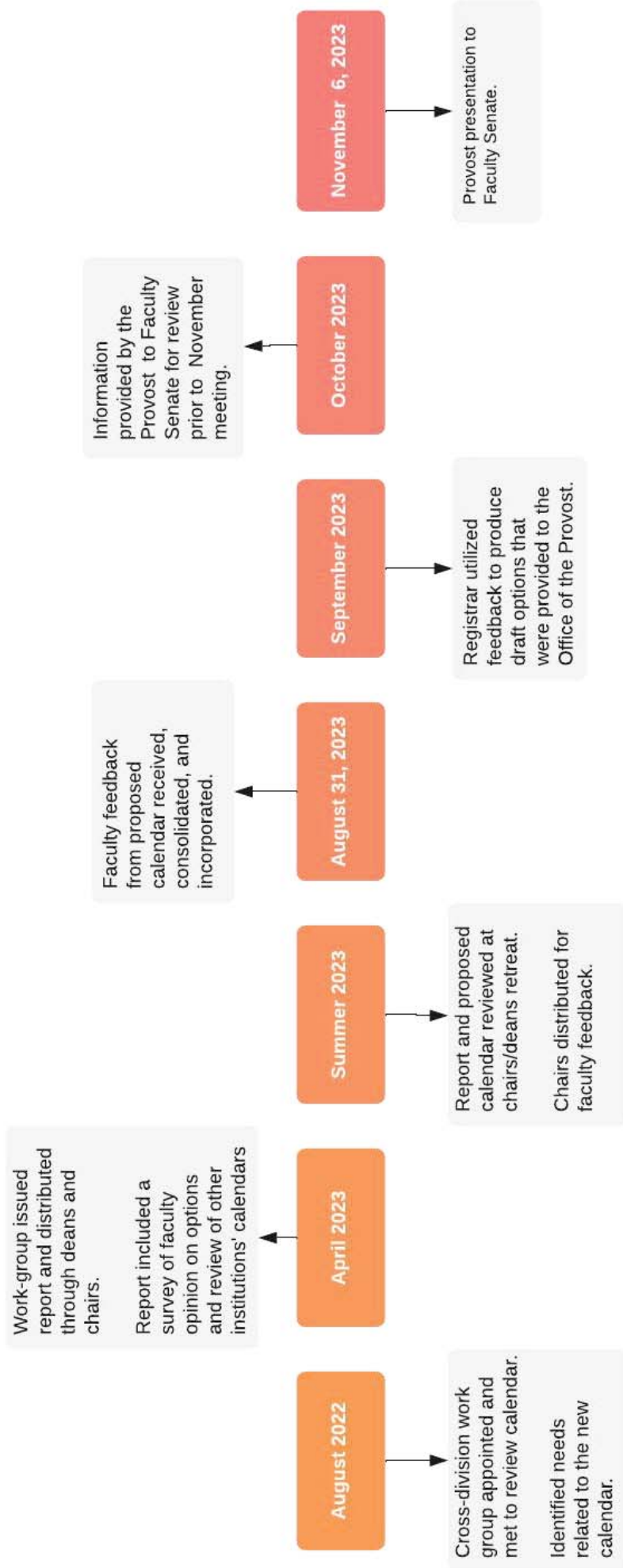


# Calendar Proposal

Faculty Senate Meeting November 6, 2023

# Calendar Revision Process Timeline



## **Breaks between terms**

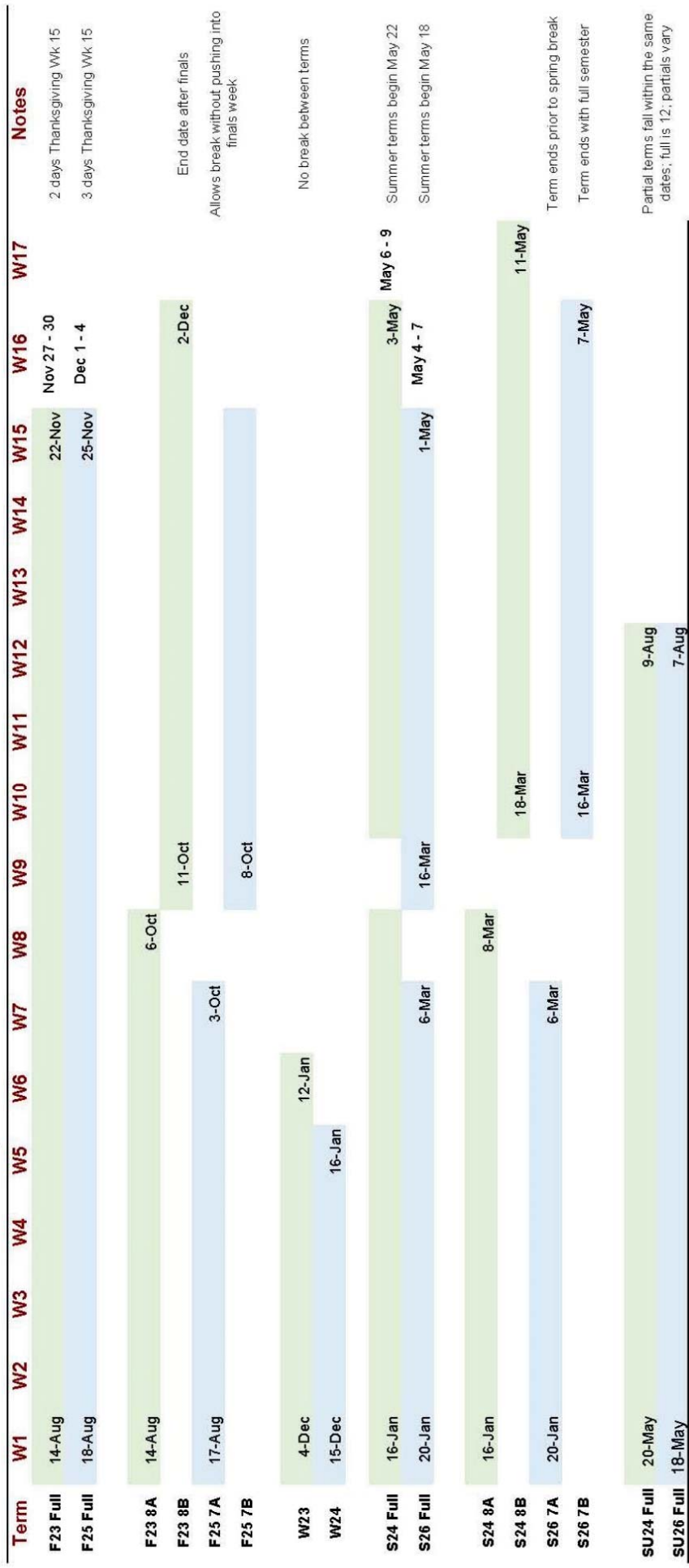
- Processing of Registrar reports, transcript roll-over, etc.;
- Need for prerequisites to be met for next course enrollment;
- Not having students miss classes while waiting for grades to roll;
- Financial aid to be processed;
- Student bills to be paid;
- Housing concerns due to delayed processing/appeals for financial aid, etc.

# Term Length Comparison Timeline

## 23/24 to 25/26 Proposed

**Legend**

- Current Terms (F23-Su24)
- Proposed Terms (F25-Su26)
- Breaks [No Dates]Finals Week [Dates]



Partial terms fall within the same dates; full is 12; partials vary

## Notes on Image

1. Term lengths vary widely from fall to spring terms (green current/blue proposed);
2. E-campus partial semester course terms end after finals during some terms;
3. Fall 2023 did not *officially* allow for the day before Thanksgiving as a break;
4. Terms that end after commencement create processing backlogs;
5. The current calendar was a COVID calendar.

# Calendar “Terms” Clarified

“**Weeks**” are the *instructional weeks* **after** breaks & finals are removed and should not be considered “ordinary calendar weeks” for this situation.

Use of the numeric (ordinary) weeks on the timeline are for visualization of term lengths and assist with calculation of the federally mandated “clock hour” requirements to meet credit hour requirements for accreditation standards (discussed later).

## **Example:**

EKU Fall 2023 is “16 ordinary calendar weeks” long but 1 of those weeks is finals week, and 1 “week” is removed due to days assigned to Labor Day(1), fall break(2), and Thanksgiving (2). This results in a “14 week” academic calendar.

Spring 2024 is “17 ordinary calendar weeks” long but 1 of those weeks is finals week, and 1 week is removed for spring break (5). This results in a “15 week” academic calendar.

# The Need for Course Meeting Time Changes

Release of more stringent “clock hour” language to definitions to determine “credit hours” was added back into federal regulations requiring that ECU revisit course times, which are part of the formula for determining compliance with regulations across stakeholders.

Extensive review of ECU course times against the new definition, along with comparison to peer institutions, was conducted prior to calendar drafting.

Range: 2250-2700 minutes = 3 credit hours to meet requirements.

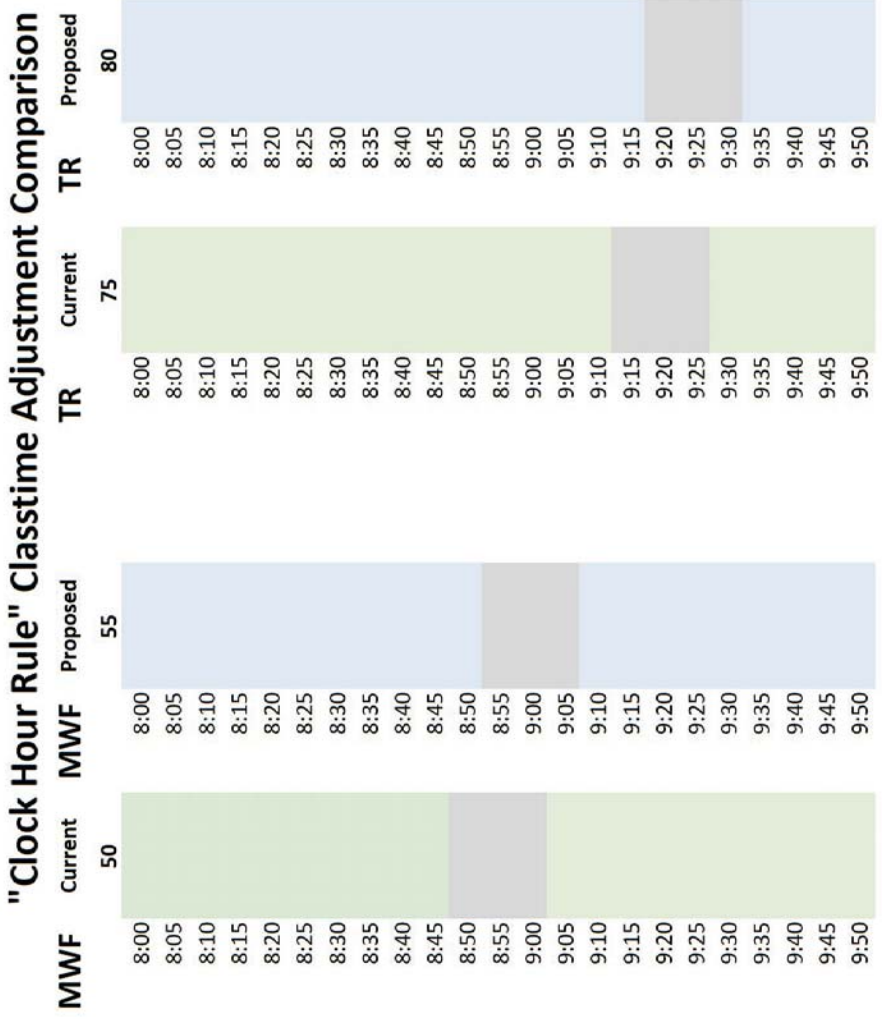
Alignment of terms and addition of necessary breaks result in a slightly shorter number of instructional weeks in the calendar resulted in the need to increase course meeting times.

# Course Meeting Times Comparison (Current, +5)

**Courses Possible: MWF 8-5**  
 50 minutes: 8 (end by 4:25 p.m.)  
 55 minutes: 8 (end by 5:05 p.m.)

**Courses Possible: TR 8-5**  
 75 minutes: 6 (end by 4:45 p.m.)  
 80 minutes: 6 (end by 5:15 p.m.)

Status Quo = **Increase** # of weeks in term to meet minimums; does not allow for breaks between terms





## Other Considerations

Increase the competitive nature of ECU in online learning spaces and bring us more in line with our peers and/or competitors in that recruiting market.

E-campus

Peer institution term periods

Partial terms aligning with full-terms

## This proposal:

- Reduces the “academic calendar” instructional weeks to 14 weeks + finals + breaks (16 *ordinary* weeks)
- Adds **breaks** between all terms (excl. winter and spring)
- Thanksgiving break would *officially* increase from 2 days to 3 days permanently.
- Allows for spacing of new term start dates; final grade submission processes, etc.
- Allows for minimal class time increase (50/75 to 55/80) to meet the federal “clock hour” requirements.
- Balances terms to prevent large discrepancies that can occur due to breaks.
- Prevents finals week from falling the week after Thanksgiving for fall terms.

# Registrar Draft of 2025-2030 Academic Calendar

Fall/Spring: 16 weeks (7wk + 7wk + 1wk break + 1 wk Finals; Winter: 5 weeks; Summer: 12 weeks.  
 Fall 2025 remains as is with finals after Thanksgiving. Winter 25/26 would be reduced to 5 weeks.  
 The break between Summer 2030 and Fall 2030 is correct at 3 weeks to account for a late Thanksgiving in 2030.

	Fall 2025	Fall 2026	Fall 2027	Fall 2028	Fall 2029
Classes Begin (Full Semester, 1 <sup>st</sup> 7wks)	August 18	August 24	August 23	August 21	August 20
Labor Day (Univ Closed)	Sept. 1	Sept. 7	Sept. 6	Sept. 4	Sept. 3
1 <sup>st</sup> 7-week session ends	October 3	Oct. 9	Oct. 8	Oct. 6	Oct. 5
Fall Break	Oct. 6 - 7	Oct. 12-13	Oct. 11-12	Oct. 9-10	Oct. 8-9
2 <sup>nd</sup> 7-week session starts	October 8	October 14	October 13	Oct. 11	Oct. 10
Thanksgiving Break	Nov. 26-28	Nov. 25-27	Nov. 24-26	Nov. 22-24	Nov. 21-23
Finals Week	Dec. 1 - 4	Dec. 7 - 10	Dec. 6-9	Dec. 4-7	Dec. 3-6
Commencement	Dec. 6	Dec. 11	Dec. 10	Dec. 8	Dec. 7
Break between Fall/Winter	Dec. 8 - 12	Dec. 14 - 18	Dec. 13 - 17	Dec. 11-15	Dec. 10-14
	Winter 25/26	Winter 26/27	Winter 27/28	Winter 28/29	Winter 29/30
Classes Begin	Dec. 15	Dec. 21	Dec. 20	Dec. 18	Dec. 17
Winter Holiday	Dec. 25; Jan. 1	Dec. 25; Jan. 1	Dec. 25; Jan. 1	Dec. 25; Jan. 1	Dec. 25; Jan. 1
Classes End	January 16	January 22	January 21	January 19	January 18
Break between Winter/Spring	None	None	None	None	None
	Spring 2026	Spring 2027	Spring 2028	Spring 2029	Spring 2030
Martin Luther King Jr. (univ closed)	January 19	January 18	January 17	January 15	January 21
Classes Begin (Full Semester, 1 <sup>st</sup> 7wks)	January 20	January 25	January 24	January 22	January 22
1 <sup>st</sup> 7-week session ends	March 6	March 12	March 10	March 9	March 8
Spring Break	March 9 - 13	March 15 - 19	March 13-17	March 12-16	March 11-15
2 <sup>nd</sup> 7-week session starts	March 16	March 22	March 20	March 19	March 18
Finals Week	May 4 - 7	May 10 - 13	May 8-11	May 7-10	May 6 - 9
Commencement	May 8	May 14	May 12	May 11	May 10
Break between Spring/Summer	May 11 - 15	May 17 - 21	May 15 - 19	May 14 - 18	May 13 - 17
	Summer 2026	Summer 2027	Summer 2028	Summer 2029	Summer 2030
Classes Begin (Full Semester, 1 <sup>st</sup> 6wks)	May 18	May 24	May 22	May 21	May 20
Memorial Day (Univ Closed)	May 25	May 31	May 29	May 28	May 27
Juneteenth (Univ Closed)	June 19	June 18 (obs.)	June 19	June 19	June 19
1 <sup>st</sup> 6-week session ends	June 26	July 2	June 30	June 29	June 28
2 <sup>nd</sup> 6-week session starts	June 29	July 6	July 3	July 2	July 1
Independence Day (Univ Closed)	July 3 (obs.)	July 5 (obs.)	July 4	July 4	July 4
Classes End	August 7	August 13	August 11	August 10	August 9
Break between Summer/Fall	Aug. 10 - 21	Aug. 16-20	Aug. 14-18	Aug. 13 - 17	August 12 - 23