

# Academics

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## Academic Year and Academic Calendar

The university operates on the semester system. Fall semester begins in mid-August and ends in mid-December. Spring semester begins in mid-January and ends in early May. A detailed university calendar is available from the [Registrar's Office](#) and on the Web at [Academic Calendar](#).

The summer session consists of two terms of approximately four weeks, each with the same number of classroom hours as a regular semester. (Selected courses in the College of Liberal Arts and the professional schools, and all courses in the School of Law, are offered on a 10-week basis spanning both summer terms.) Students may earn up to 14 semester hours of undergraduate credit during the summer. The summer session accommodates students who wish to accelerate their programs or secure advanced class standing; students who need to make up deficiencies; public and private school teachers who are employed during the regular academic year and desire to secure an advanced degree and to advance their teaching certificates to a higher grade; and freshmen who wish to begin their college careers early. A freshman who enters the university in the summer of 2010 may graduate in the spring of 2013.

Intersessions are two-week terms in early January, May, or August.

