

**Amendment to 2016-17 and 2017-18 academic calendars;
Rescission of 2018-19, 2019-20, and 2020-21 academic calendars
(as approved in [SD8914S](#))**

	Fall 2016 Currently Adopted		Fall 2016 Revised Calendar
Semester Opens	Thursday, Aug 11	Semester Opens	Thursday, Aug 18
1 ST Class Day	Monday, Aug 15	1 ST Class Day	Monday, Aug 22
Labor Day Holiday	Monday, Sept 5 (No Classes)	Labor Day Holiday	Monday, Sept 5 (No Classes)
Fall Break	Mon-Tues, Oct 3-4	Fall Break	Mon-Tue, Oct 10-11
Last Class Day	Tues, Nov. 22	Thanksgiving	Wed-Fri, Nov 23-25
Thanksgiving	Wed-Fri, Nov 23-25	Last Class Day	Monday, Dec 5
UR Symposium	Mon, Nov. 28	UR Symposium	Tuesday, Dec 6
Reading Day	Tues, Nov. 29	Reading Day	Wednesday, Dec 7
Final Exams	Wed, Nov 30 – Tues, Dec. 6	Final Exams	Thu, Dec 8 - Wed, Dec 14
All Grades Due	Friday, Dec 9	All Grades Due	Friday, Dec 16
Commencement	Saturday, Dec 10	Commencement	Friday, Dec 16 or Saturday, Dec 17
	Spring 2017 Currently Adopted		Spring 2017 Revised Calendar
Semester Opens	Thursday, Jan 5	Semester Opens	Thursday, Jan 12
1 st Class Day	Monday, Jan 9	MLK Day	Monday, Jan 16, Day of Service
MLK Day	Mon, Jan 16, no classes	1 st Class Day	Tuesday, Jan 17
Spring Break	Mon-Fri, Mar 6-10	Spring Break	Mon-Fri, Mar 13-17
UR Symposium	Wednesday, Apr 19	UR	Wednesday, April 26
Last Class Day	Monday, Apr 24	Last Class Day	Tuesday, May 2
Reading Day	Tuesday, Apr 25	Reading Day	Wednesday, May 3
Final Exams	Wed-Tues, Apr 26-May 2	Final Exams	Thu–Wed, May 4-10
All Grades Due	Friday, May 5	All Grades Due	Friday, May 12
Commencement	Saturday, May 6	Commencement	Saturday, May 13

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Semester Opens	Thursday, Aug 17	Semester Opens	Thursday, Aug 17
1 ST Class Day	Monday, Aug 21	1 ST Class Day	Monday, August 21
Labor Day	Monday, Sept 4 (no Classes)	Labor Day	Monday, Sept 4 (no Classes)
Fall Break	Mon-Tues, Oct 9-10	Fall Break	Mon-Tue Oct 9-10
Thanksgiving	Wed-Fri, Nov 22-24	Thanksgiving	Wed-Fri, Nov 22-24
Last Class Day	Friday, Dec. 1	Last Class Day	Monday, Dec 4
UR	Monday, Dec 4	UR	Tuesday, Dec 5
Reading Day	Tuesday, Dec 5	Reading Day	Wednesday, Dec 6
Final Exams	Wed, Dec 6-Tues, Dec 12	Final Exams	Thu, Dec 7 - Wed, Dec 13
All Grades Due	Friday, Dec 15	All Grades Due	Friday, Dec 15
Commencement	Saturday, Dec 16	Commencement	Friday Dec 15 or Saturday Dec 16
	Spring 2018 Currently Adopted		Spring 2018 Revised Calendar
Semester Opens	Thursday, Jan 4	Semester Opens	Thursday, Jan 11
1 st Class Day	Monday, Jan. 8	MLK Day	Monday, Jan 15, Day of Service
MLK Day	Monday, Jan 15 (no classes)	1 st Class Day	Tuesday, Jan 16
Spring Break	Mon-Fri, Mar 5-9	Spring Break	Mon-Fri, Mar 12-16
UR Symposium	Wednesday, April 18	UR Symposium	Wednesday, April 25
Last Class Day	Monday, Apr 23	Last Class Day	Tuesday, May 1
Reading Day	Tuesday, Apr 24	Reading Day	Wednesday, May 2
Final Exams	Wed- Tues, Apr 25- May 1	Final Exams	Thu–Wed, May 3-9
All Grades Due	Friday, May 4	All Grades Due	Friday, May 11
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**Notes and Rationale for the Revised
Academic Calendars 2016-17 and
2017-18**

1. When, in spring semesters, the first day of classes is after the Martin Luther King Holiday, the university is committed to continue and to expand all of events associated with the Martin Luther King Holiday, including the Day of Service.
2. Each of the four semesters of the revised calendar has 70 class days and 5 days of exams, fulfilling the GA requirement of 75 instructional days.
3. Each of the four semesters begins one week later than the current adopted calendars (with the exception of Fall 2017). Both fall semesters have a week of classes following the Thanksgiving holiday.
4. The fall breaks, Monday and Tuesday in October, are one week later because of the later start. The spring breaks, a full week in March, have been moved one week later again due to later start of semester.
5. In the revised calendars, fall semesters have 14 Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays for regular classes. The spring semesters in revised calendars have 14 Mondays, 15 Tuesdays, 13 Wednesdays, 14 Thursdays, and 14 Fridays for regular classes.
6. Undergraduate Research will schedule its spring symposium on Wednesday of the fourth week of April rather than Wednesday of third week in April, which provides additional time for students to prepare for their presentations.
7. The Calendar Advisory Group was convened by the Provost and consists of the following: Joe Urgo, Pat McClellan, Gwen Ashburn (Academic Affairs), Jackie McHargue, Nancy Yeager (Student Affairs), and Terri Brne (Athletics).
8. The later start in January opens the possibility for special class trips and/or short classes on campus. It also provides additional time for staff to prepare for new students and other activities associated with the start of the semester.

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