

# University of Florida Academic Calendar Development Process



- Draft calendars are developed in the O.U.R. using state rules & university guidelines plus historical precedent data
- Draft calendars are first revised and approved by the University Curriculum Committee
- Draft calendars are approved by the UF Faculty Senate



Rules of the Department of Education Board of Regents

Chapter 6C-8 Educational Delivery

(2) Effective August, 1985, the common entry periods shall be:
(a) The first three (3) weekdays after August 22;
(b) The first three (3) weekdays after January 4;
(c) The first three (3) weekdays after May 5;
(d) Each calendar shall also include the following:

Authority: Section 7(d), Art. IX, Fla. Const.; History: Amended 6-14-07.



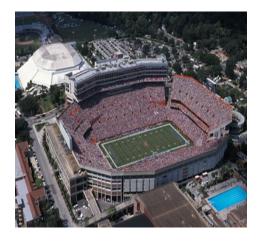
University of Florida Academic Calendar Guidelines

#### UF **minimum** instruction days per semester are:

Fall	81 Days
Spring	81 Days
Summer A	29 Days
Summer B	29 Days
Total	220 Days



## University of Florida Academic Calendar Guidelines



Homecoming is scheduled during the month of October at the request of the Faculty Senate. (Unless there are no home football games during October.)





On October 17, 2002, the Faculty Senate directed "...that spring break would be scheduled after the ninth week of classes...".



## University Religious Holiday Policy

The Florida Board of Education and state law govern university policy regarding observance of religious holidays. The following guidelines apply:

- Students, upon prior notification to their instructors, shall be excused from class or other scheduled academic activity to observe a religious holy day of their faith.
- Students shall be permitted a reasonable amount of time to make up the material or activities covered in their absence.
- Students shall not be penalized due to absence from class or other scheduled academic activity because of religious observances.



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- If a faculty member is informed of or is aware that a significant number of students are likely to be absent from class because of a religious observance, the faculty member should not schedule a major exam or other academic event at that time.
- A student who is to be excused from class for a religious observance is not required to provide a second party certification of the reason for the absence.
- Furthermore, a student who believes that he or she has been unreasonably denied an education benefit due to religious beliefs or practices may seek redress through the student grievance procedure.



UF Historical Precedence for Consideration

- Try to Start on Monday
- Housing Prep Time Needed Between Fall & Summer
- Try to Keep 5 Years Advanced Approved
- Avoid Spring Semester starting on Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> –
   Because of Conflicts with Preview/ Regular Registration

