

## 2021-2022 Academic Calendar Summary (as of 9/10/2019)

### **Fall**

Classes begin: Thursday, August 19<sup>th</sup>

Classes end: Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup>

Holidays: Monday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, November 27<sup>th</sup>

Study/Calendar Balance Day: Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup>

Finals (5 days): Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup> –Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup>

Commencement: TBA, Saturday or Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> or December 19<sup>th</sup>

Grades due: Tuesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at noon.

Term close anticipated: TBA (Generally 2 business days after the Grades Due date)

### **Spring**

Classes begin: Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup>

Classes end: Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>

Holiday: Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup>

Spring Break: Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>

Finals (5 days): Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup>

Commencement: Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>

Grades due: Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at noon

Term close anticipated: TBA (Generally 2 business days after the Grades Due date)

### **Summer A & C**

Classes begin: Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup>

Classes end Summer A: Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>

Classes end Summer C: Saturday, July 23<sup>th</sup>

Holidays: Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup>

Summer Commencement: Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>

Grades due: Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at noon

Term close anticipated: TBA (Generally 2 business days after the Grades Due date)

### **Summer B**

Classes begin: Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup>

Classes end: Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup>

August 2021						
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November 2021						
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December 2021						
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March 2022						
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April 2022						
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May 2022						
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June 2022						
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July 2022						
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August 2022						
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H = Holiday

C = Commencement

 = Start of Term

 = Study Days

Fall	8/19-12/10 (exams: 12/13-12/17)	80
Spring	1/10-5/2 (exams: 5/3-5/7)	80
Summer A	5/16-6/25	30
Summer B	6/27-8/7	30
Summer C	5/16-7/23	

fall	80	220
spring	80	220
summer	60	0
	<u>220</u>	<u>220</u>

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## Justification for Academic Calendar 2021-22: IAT Proposed Version 1

The Faculty Senate Institutional Affairs Team would like to provide this explanation and justification for the proposed calendar for Academic Year 2021-22 that starts the Fall semester on August 19 and contains a non-class day on September 7, November 12, and November 24. We understand that the President's Cabinet had questions about reasons for the "study days" indicated on the calendar and the start date of the semester.

First, the term "study day" may not be the best nomenclature for the non-class days indicated in the Fall semester on September 7, November 12, and November 24 because those days serve a dual purpose of balancing the number of M/W and T/R classes and increasing class attendance at scheduled courses. We recognize the appearance of a "study day" in September seems strange, but in order to balance the number of Tuesdays, removing one Tuesday in the semester is required. The November 12 "study day" is also not necessarily just for study because this day balances the number of Fridays in the semester.

Many faculty at FGCU feel strongly that keeping the days of the week equal in their academic semesters is important for student success and ensures a consistent learning environment for all students, especially in large enrollment general education laboratory classes like Chemistry and Biology. When there equal numbers of days of the week (15 each per semester), labs can be scheduled equally across different sections of the same course. And when there is inconsistency (13 Mondays, 16 Tuesdays, 15 Wednesdays, 15 Thursdays, 14 Fridays, for example), it may become common practice to take the lowest number of available days for labs or classes and offer that lowest common denominator to all courses, thus diminishing the opportunity for learning for all students.

The major factor that impacts the number of days of the week per semester is official holidays. Labor Day is always a Monday. Veteran's Day occurs on November 11, so its day of the week varies. In 2021, Veteran's Day falls on a Thursday. The Thanksgiving holiday takes out a Thursday and Friday, and in 2021 we propose having no class on the preceding Wednesday as well, since this is a balancing measure that also allows students a chance to travel home for the holiday. These holidays determine how we must distribute days of the week over the semester. Balancing the number of days of the week per semester is also the reason for the Thursday start of the semester.

When the faculty members of the Institutional Affairs Team reviewed this draft calendar for 2021-22 and found that there were too many Tuesdays and Fridays, we agreed that the best time to remove a Tuesday would not be following a Monday which had classes. The reason is we believe removing a Tuesday after a Monday which had classes would encourage too many students to opt to miss scheduled classes on that Monday. This was the logic behind removing the Tuesday adjacent to a Monday holiday. We also like the idea of helping to correct the imbalance caused by the Monday holiday early in the semester to keep M/W and T/R classes in sync. Likewise, since we need to remove a Friday, it makes sense to remove November 12 when many students may decide to miss classes that day rather than come back after the Thursday, November 11 Veteran's Day holiday.

In short, we are trying to provide the best learning experience for students. One that gives them an equal amount of class time no matter what day of the week their class is scheduled. We also think that it may help student morale to have these days at different points in the semester rather than clustering them at the end of the semester. And finally, we have tried to locate the non-class days in places where they will lessen the impact of occasions where students are often inclined not to attend class (e.g., Wednesday before Thanksgiving or Friday after a Thursday holiday).

We agree that the name “study day” may not be communicating the intent for these non-class days early in the semester and propose to rename those that occur earlier to “Hurricane Make-Up days”, which also serves the additional purpose of helping to cushion any changes to schedule due to weather events in the summer and fall.

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## Guidelines for developing the Academic Calendar for Florida Gulf Coast University

Item	Guideline	Source
1	One (1) college credit is based on the learning expected from the equivalent of fifteen (15) fifty-minute periods of classroom instruction. Also known as a contact hour, example semester computation for a 3 credit hour course is as follows: 37.50 hours or 2250 meeting minutes per term.	Florida Rule 6A-10.033 Postsecondary Instructional Unit Definitions (The rule SUS is using until one is passed specifically for SUS in the near future.)
2	Unless an exception is granted by the Board of Governors, as appropriate, three (3) common entry periods shall be established so that the first day of classes will fall within each of the three (3) periods listed below. Note: Exceptions have been granted in the past with justification. Fall: The first three (3) weekdays after August 22; Spring: The first three (3) weekdays after January 4; Summer: The first three (3) weekdays after May 5.	BOG Regulation 8.001 University Calendars
3	Minimum of 210 Instructional Days per year not including examinations or 220 Days including examinations annually.	BOG Regulation 8.001 University Calendars
4	Not exceed an average of 75 instructional days per Fall and Spring semesters and the period for testing, advisement and other scheduled assignments shall not exceed an average of 10 days per semester.	Faculty CBA (Article 9.2, Section B (2))
5	Fall & spring semesters will hold a minimum of 5 days of finals (exams).	Registrar's Office and Academic Affairs
6	HR needs the end of Summer semester not to overlap the beginning of an annual contract year.	Human Resources
7	Bureaucratic days (Tuesdays on Mondays, etc.) may be used but caution is advised as they may cause difficulties for students as well as programming issues for the Student Information System (Banner) and Series 25 (scheduling & event software).	Registrar's Office and Campus Reservations
8	Office of the Registrar needs a minimum of 3-5 days between semesters in which to close the term, update student academic history and notify students in a timely manner. Most university offices that deal with students need a minimum of three days prior to a start of a term to accommodate student needs.	Student Affairs, Advising, Registrar's Office, Student Financial Services, Admissions and Colleges.
9	Housing <i>prefers</i> a start date of Monday for residence students for all semesters, particularly Fall terms. Additionally, Housing would like a day between the last day of final exams and the commencement date.	Student Affairs (Housing)
10	Adjustments after the calendar is published are to be made with extreme caution. In the past, changes caused issues for Housing, Athletics, Financial Aid, Faculty, Students and Parents who base some of their decisions on posted calendar dates.	Registrar's Office and all listed areas.