

## Academic Calendar 2017-2018

### **NOTE: Unique issue for fall semester start date:**

The CRR (Collected Rules and Regulations) determined start date for the AY17-18 calendar coincides with a rare event: a total solar eclipse, the epicenter of which (in terms of viewing conditions) is more or less Columbia, MO.

A number of major events aimed at both campus and non-campus audiences are being planned around the eclipse. (Our very own Angela Speck is spearheading these efforts; she will provide more information during discussion on FC.) It has been proposed that we cancel classes, either for the entire day or at least for the prime viewing times for the eclipse (@noon – 2 pm).

For discussion:

For the start date of the Fall 2017 calendar, should we:

1. Cancel classes entirely and allow instructors an optional reschedule date on Reading Day? This would make the first official day of classes for FS17 Tuesday, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>.
2. Cancel classes for the greater portion of the eclipse (say, 12-2 p.m.) and again allow those instructors whose classes are cancelled an optional reschedule date on Reading Day?
3. Go ahead with the CRR-mandated start date of Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup> but allow individual instructors to cancel classes at their own discretion, with an optional reschedule date on Reading Day?
4. Go ahead with the CRR-mandated start date of Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup>; allow individual instructors to cancel classes at their own discretion, but without the possibility of a reschedule date on Reading Day? (Note: instructors may still reschedule an extra meeting time online or find other ways to cover the missed materials.)

<b>FALL SEMESTER 2017</b>	<b>DAY</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Classwork begins @ 8:00 a.m.	Monday	August 21
Labor Day Holiday (no classes)	Monday	September 04
Thanksgiving recess begins @ close of day*	Saturday	November 18
Classwork resumes @ 8:00 a.m.	Monday	November 27
Classwork ends @ close of day*	Thursday	December 07
Reading Day	Friday	December 08
Final examinations begin	Monday	December 11
Fall semester closes @ 5:30 p.m.	Friday	December 15
Commencement	Friday/Saturday	December 15 & 16
Grades Due	Tuesday	December 19
<b>SPRING SEMESTER 2018</b>	<b>DAY</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Martin Luther King Holiday (no classes)	Monday	January 15
Classwork begins @ 8:00 a.m.	Tuesday	January 16
Spring Recess begins @ close of day*	Saturday	March 24
Classwork resumes @ 8:00 a.m.	Monday	April 2
Classwork ends @ close of day*	Thursday	May 03
Reading Day	Friday	May 04
Final examinations begin	Monday	May 07
Spring semester closes @ 5:30 p.m.	Friday	May 11
Commencement	Friday, Saturday, Sunday	May 11, 12 & 13
Grades Due	Tuesday	May 15
<b>SUMMER SESSION 2018</b>		
<b>8-WEEK SESSION 2014</b>	<b>DAY</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Classwork begins @ 7:30 a.m.	Monday	June 04
Independence Day recess (no classes)	Wednesday	July 04
8-week session closes @ 5:30 p.m.	Friday	July 27
Grades Due	Tuesday	July 31

<b>FIRST 4-WEEK SESSION 2018</b>	<b>DAY</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Classwork begins @ 7:30 a.m.	Monday	June 04
First 4-week session closes @ 5:30 p.m.	Friday	June 29
<b>SECOND 4-WEEK SESSION 2018</b>	<b>DAY</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Classwork begins @ 7:30 a.m.	Monday	June 02
Independence Day recess (no classes)	Friday	July 04
Second 4-week session closes @ 5:30 p.m.	Friday	July 27

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