

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).

Proposal (revised):

Having spoken with various administrators on campus (and most persuasively, with Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Cathy Scroggs), it appears that to cancel classes on Monday and/or delay the official start of the fall 2017 semester to Tuesday, August 22nd would cause more issues than it would resolve (examples: need to request a CRR exemption; a thorough revamping of Residential Life move-in dates and activities; students not returning to campus/Columbia until the day of the eclipse; an extra “drinking day”.)

Therefore, Academic Affairs proposes to follow the CRR-mandated start date of Monday, August 21st but allow individual instructors to cancel classes at their own discretion. To that end, for instructors who choose to do so, we will build into the official FS17 calendar the option to use Reading Day (Friday, December 8, 2017) as a make-up day for the missed Monday class. Faculty who use Reading Day for this purpose (and this purpose only) will have to inform their students of this decision no later than the end of the first week of classes in FS2017, that is, by 5 p.m. on August 25th, 2017.

FALL SEMESTER 2017	DAY	DATE
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
SPRING SEMESTER 2018	DAY	DATE
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
SUMMER SESSION 2018		
8-WEEK SESSION 2014	DAY	DATE
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

FIRST 4-WEEK SESSION 2018	DAY	DATE
Classwork begins @ 7:30 a.m.	Monday	June 04
First 4-week session closes @ 5:30 p.m.	Friday	June 29
SECOND 4-WEEK SESSION 2018	DAY	DATE
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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