

Academic Calendar Resolution

Whereas the Cornell academic calendar has not undergone significant review for several decades, and

Whereas the spring semester contains only one break that is in the latter half of the semester, and

Whereas the early part of the spring semester occurs during the coldest and dreariest part of the year in Ithaca, and

Whereas, the week before spring break appears to be a week of intense student stress, and

Whereas, local public school calendars and Cornell's calendar do not align,

Therefore be it resolved that the University Faculty Senate adopt the proposed academic calendar, as illustrated for 2012/2013 below.

- Fall schedule includes 68 days of instruction and 12 Mondays
- Spring schedule includes 69 days of instruction and 13 Mondays
- Thirteen study and exam days
 - Five study days (including a Sunday break in the middle of exams in the fall and a Friday break in the middle of exams in the spring)
 - Eight days of exams (including Saturday in Fall and Saturday and Sunday in Spring)

Fall 2012

Event	Fall 2012
Classes begin (Tuesday)	August 28
Labor Day (no classes Monday)	September 3
Fall Break (no classes Monday and Tuesday)	October 8-9
Thanksgiving Break (no classes Wednesday through Friday)	November 21-23
Classes end (12:05 p.m. Saturday)	December 8
Study Days (Saturday through Tuesday)	December 8-11
Exams begin (Wednesday)	December 12
Study day (Sunday)	December 16
Exams end (Thursday)	December 20

Spring 2013

Event	Spring 2013
Martin Luther King Day	January 21
Classes begin (Wednesday)	January 23
February break (no classes Monday and Tuesday)	February 18-19
Spring break (no classes Monday through Friday)	April 1-April 5
Classes end (Wednesday)	May 8
Study Days (Thursday through Sunday)	May 9-12
Exams begin (Monday)	May 13
Study day (Friday)	May 17
Exams end (Tuesday)	May 21
Senior Days (Wednesday through Friday)	May 22-24
Commencement (Sunday)	May 26