

Rutgers University Senate
Academic Standards, Regulations, and Admissions Committee
Response to Charge S-1509
September 2017

S-1509 Default 17-Year Academic Calendar: Review the 17-year default academic calendar drafted by Mary Mickelsen.

Background

One of the legislative powers of the University Senate is to set the University academic calendar. This calendar is followed, with relatively minor variations, by all the schools and colleges of Rutgers-Camden, Rutgers-Newark, and Rutgers-New Brunswick and by three schools in RBHS. It is not followed by either of the medical schools, the dental school, or the School of Health Professions. Issues related to the academic calendar are traditionally considered by the Academic Standards, Regulations, and Admissions Committee (ASRAC).

As part of its responsibility for the academic calendar, the Senate has traditionally prepared a multiyear default University academic calendar. This collection of approved calendars for a number of successive academic years is followed as a default unless the Senate approves changes to a given yearly calendar or calendars before the year(s) in question. Adopting a multiyear default calendar does not restrict the ability of the Senate to revisit any of the future-year calendars at any time.

The most recent default calendar expired several years ago and the Senate was asked to prepare a new one. To start the process, Mary Mickelsen, Administrative Assistant to Senate Executive Secretary Ken Swalagin, prepared a draft 17-year default calendar covering the years 2014-15 through 2030-31. ASRAC was then charged with reviewing the draft calendar, making any needed changes, and presenting the result to the full Senate for approval.

Discussion and Recommendations

ASRAC has reviewed the draft default academic calendar and made a number of changes so that all the yearly calendars reflect all the changes approved by the Senate in recent years; namely,

1. changes to the fall academic calendar in years when Labor Day falls on September 5 or September 7. [See [Response to Charge S-1003, Academic Calendar, Part 2](#), [Follow-Up to Charge S-1003A on Academic Calendar, Part 2](#).] These revisions, which involve changes in designations of class days, were made so that classes meeting on Monday only do not have their first class meeting late in the second week of the semester.
2. moving University Commencement (now only the New Brunswick and RBHS Commencement) to the Sunday immediately following the end of spring final exams.[See [Response to Charge A-0906B, Commencement Dates](#)]

In addition to the above changes already approved by the Senate, ASRAC recommends one further change from the previous default academic calendar; namely, a revision of the fall academic calendar in years when Labor Day falls on September 6, which we shall call case 6. When the Senate approved the changes to the fall calendar for years when Labor Day falls on September 5 or September 7 (cases 5 and 7, respectively), no change to the calendar for case-6 years was made because ASRAC failed to agree on the best calendar for those years. ASRAC has now agreed on a recommended calendar for the case-6 years 2021-2022 and 2027-2028. The fall calendar for these years has the following features:

- Classes begin on Wednesday, September 1.
- There are two changes in the designation of class days: Monday classes meet on Wednesday, September 8, and Wednesday classes meet on Monday, November 29.
- There are no classes on the Wednesday (November 24) before Thanksgiving.
- Classes end on Monday, December 13.
- There are two reading days between the end of classes and the beginning of final exams.
- Final exams end on Thursday, December 23.

ASRAC's recommended default University academic calendar for fall 2014 through spring 2015 is given in the Appendix to this report.

Resolution

Be it resolved that the Rutgers University Senate approves the default University academic calendar given in the Appendix to this report, with the understanding that adoption of this default calendar does not restrict the ability of the Senate to change any future-year academic calendar at any time.

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Appendix: Default University Academic Calendar 2014-15 – 2030-2031

University Academic Calendar – Rutgers University Fall 2014 – Spring 2017

	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017
Fall Semester Begins	Tuesday, September 2	Tuesday, September 1	Tuesday, September 6
Regular Saturday Classes Start	Saturday, September 6	Saturday, September 5	Saturday, September 10
Changes in Designation of Class Days	Tuesday, November 25 (Thursday Classes) Wednesday, November 26 (Friday Classes)	Tuesday, September 8 (Monday Classes) Wednesday, November 25 (Friday Classes)	Tuesday, November 22 (Thursday Classes) Wednesday, November 23 (Friday Classes)
Thanksgiving Recess	Thursday, November 27 – Sunday, November 30	Thursday, November 26 – Sunday, November 29	Thursday, November 24 – Sunday, November, 27
Regular Classes End	Wednesday, December 10	Thursday, December 10	Wednesday, December 14
Reading Days	Thursday, December 11 Friday, December 12	Friday, December 11 Monday, December 14	Thursday, December 15
Final Exams Begin	Monday, December 15	Tuesday, December 15	Friday, December 16
Final Exams End	Monday, December 22	Tuesday, December 22	Friday, December 23

Spring Semester Begins	Tuesday, January 20	Tuesday, January 19	Tuesday, January 17
Spring Recess Begins	Saturday, March 14	Saturday, March 12	Saturday, March 11
Spring Recess Ends	Sunday, March 22	Sunday, March 20	Sunday, March 19
Regular Classes End	Monday, May 4	Monday, May 2	Monday, May 1
Reading Days	Tuesday, May 5 Wednesday, May 6	Tuesday, May 3 Wednesday, May 4	Tuesday, May 2 Wednesday, May 3
Final Exams Begin	Thursday, May 7	Thursday, May 5	Thursday, May 4
Final Exams End	Wednesday, May 13	Wednesday, May 11	Wednesday, May 10
Commencement	Sunday, May 17	Sunday, May 15	Sunday, May 14

University Academic Calendar – Rutgers University Fall 2017 – Spring 2020

	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
Fall Semester Begins	Tuesday, September 5	Tuesday, September 4	Tuesday, September 3
Regular Saturday Classes Start	Saturday, September 9	Saturday, September 8	Saturday, September 7
Changes in Designation of Class Days	Tuesday, November 21 (Thursday Classes) Wednesday, November 22 (Friday Classes)	Tuesday, November 20 (Thursday Classes) Wednesday, November 21 (Friday Classes)	Tuesday, November 26 (Thursday Classes) Wednesday, November 27 (Friday Classes)
Thanksgiving Recess	Thursday, November 23 – Sunday, November 26	Thursday, November 22 – Sunday, November 25	Thursday, November 28 – Sunday, December 1
Regular Classes End	Wednesday, December 13	Wednesday, December 12	Wednesday, December 11
Reading Days	Thursday, December 14	Thursday, December 13	Thursday, December 12 Friday, December 13
Final Exams Begin	Friday, December 15	Friday, December 14	Monday, December 16
Final Exams End	Friday, December 22	Friday, December 21	Monday, December 23

Spring Semester Begins	Tuesday, January 16	Tuesday, January 22	Tuesday, January 21
Spring Recess Begins	Saturday, March 10	Saturday, March 16	Saturday, March 14
Spring Recess Ends	Sunday, March 18	Sunday, March 24	Sunday, March 22
Regular Classes End	Monday, April 30	Monday, May 6	Monday, May 4
Reading Days	Tuesday, May 1 Wednesday, May 2	Tuesday, May 7 Wednesday, May 8	Tuesday, May 5 Wednesday, May 6
Final Exams Begin	Thursday, May 3	Thursday, May 9	Thursday, May 7
Final Exams End	Wednesday, May 9	Wednesday, May 15	Wednesday, May 13
Commencement	Sunday, May 13	Sunday, May 19	Sunday, May 17

University Academic Calendar – Rutgers University Fall 2020 – Spring 2023

	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
Fall Semester Begins	Tuesday, September 1	Wednesday, September 1	Tuesday, September 6
Regular Saturday Classes Start	Saturday, September 5	Saturday, September 4	Saturday, September 10
Changes in Designation of Class Days	Tuesday, September 8 (Monday Classes) Wednesday, November 25 (Friday Classes)	Wednesday, September 8 (Monday Classes) Monday, November 29 (Wednesday Classes)	Tuesday, November 22 (Thursday Classes) Wednesday, November 23 (Friday Classes)
Thanksgiving Recess	Thursday, November 26 – Sunday, November 29	Wednesday, November 24 – Sunday, November 28	Thursday, November. 24 – Sunday, November, 27
Regular Classes End	Thursday, December 10	Monday, December 13	Wednesday, December 14
Reading Days	Friday, December 11 Monday, December 14	Tuesday, December 14 Wednesday, December 15	Thursday, December 15
Final Exams Begin	Tuesday, December 15	Thursday, December 16	Friday, December 16
Final Exams End	Tuesday, December 22	Thursday, December 23	Friday, December 23

Spring Semester Begins	Tuesday, January 19	Tuesday, January 18	Tuesday, January 17
Spring Recess Begins	Saturday, March 13	Saturday, March 12	Saturday, March 11
Spring Recess Ends	Sunday, March 21	Sunday, March 20	Sunday, March 19
Regular Classes End	Monday, May 3	Monday, May 2	Monday, May 1
Reading Days	Tuesday, May 4 Wednesday, May 5	Tuesday, May 3 Wednesday, May 4	Tuesday, May 2 Wednesday, May 3
Final Exams Begin	Thursday, May 6	Thursday, May 5	Thursday, May 4
Final Exams End	Wednesday, May 12	Wednesday, May 11	Wednesday, May 10
Commencement	Sunday, May 16	Sunday, May 15	Sunday, May 14

University Academic Calendar – Rutgers University Fall 2023 – Spring 2026

	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
Fall Semester Begins	Tuesday, September 5	Tuesday, September 3	Tuesday, September 2
Regular Saturday Classes Start	Saturday, September 9	Saturday, September 7	Saturday, September 6
Changes in Designation of Class Days	Tuesday, November 21 (Thursday Classes) Wednesday, November 22 (Friday Classes)	Tuesday, November 26 (Thursday Classes) Wednesday, November 27 (Friday Classes)	Tuesday, November 25 (Thursday Classes) Wednesday, November 26 (Friday Classes)
Thanksgiving Recess	Thursday, November 23 – Sunday, November 26	Thursday, November 28 – Sunday, December 1	Thursday, November 27 – Sunday, November 30
Regular Classes End	Wednesday, December 13	Wednesday, December 11	Wednesday, December 10
Reading Days	Thursday, December 14	Thursday, December 12 Friday, December 13	Thursday, December 11 Friday, December 12
Final Exams Begin	Friday, December 15	Monday, December 16	Monday, December 15
Final Exams End	Friday, December 22	Monday, December 23	Monday, December 22

Spring Semester Begins	Tuesday, January 16	Tuesday, January 21	Tuesday, January 20
Spring Recess Begins	Saturday, March 9	Saturday, March 15	Saturday, March 14
Spring Recess Ends	Sunday, March 17	Sunday, March 23	Sunday, March 22
Regular Classes End	Monday, April 29	Monday, May 5	Monday, May 4
Reading Days	Tuesday, April 30 Wednesday, May 1	Tuesday, May 6 Wednesday, May 7	Tuesday, May 5 Wednesday, May 6
Final Exams Begin	Thursday, May 2	Thursday, May 8	Thursday, May 7
Final Exams End	Wednesday, May 8	Wednesday, May 14	Wednesday, May 13
Commencement	Sunday, May 12	Sunday, May 18	Sunday, May 17

University Academic Calendar – Rutgers University Fall 2026 – Spring 2029

	2026-2027	2027-2028	2028-2029
Fall Semester Begins	Tuesday, September 1	Wednesday, September 1	Tuesday, September 5
Regular Saturday Classes Start	Saturday, September 5	Saturday, September 4	Saturday, September 9
Changes in Designation of Class Days	Tuesday, September 8 (Monday Classes) Wednesday, November 25 (Friday Classes)	Wednesday, September 8 (Monday Classes) Monday, November 29 (Wednesday Classes)	Tuesday, November 21 (Thursday Classes) Wednesday, November 22 (Friday Classes)
Thanksgiving Recess	Thursday, November 26 – Sunday, November 29	Wednesday, November 24 – Sunday, November 28	Thursday, November 23 – Sunday, November 26
Regular Classes End	Thursday, December 10	Monday, December 13	Wednesday, December 13
Reading Days	Friday, December 11 Monday, December 14	Tuesday, December 14 Wednesday, December 15	Thursday, December 14
Final Exams Begin	Tuesday, December 15	Thursday, December 16	Friday, December 15
Final Exams End	Tuesday, December 22	Thursday, December 23	Friday, December 22

Spring Semester Begins	Tuesday, January 19	Tuesday, January 18	Tuesday, January 16
Spring Recess Begins	Saturday, March 13	Saturday, March 11	Saturday, March 10
Spring Recess Ends	Sunday, March 21	Sunday, March 19	Sunday, March 18
Regular Classes End	Monday, May 3	Monday, May 1	Monday, April 30
Reading Days	Tuesday, May 4 Wednesday, May 5	Tuesday, May 2 Wednesday, May 3	Tuesday, May 1 Wednesday, May 2
Final Exams Begin	Thursday, May 6	Thursday, May 4	Thursday, May 3
Final Exams End	Wednesday, May 12	Wednesday, May 10	Wednesday, May 9
Commencement	Sunday, May 16	Sunday, May 14	Sunday, May 13

University Academic Calendar – Rutgers University Fall 2029 – Spring 2031

	2029-2030	2030-2031
Fall Semester Begins	Tuesday, September 4	Tuesday, September 3
Regular Saturday Classes Start	Saturday, September 8	Saturday, September 7
Changes in Designation of Class Days	Tuesday, November 20 (Thursday Classes) Wednesday, November 21 (Friday Classes)	Tuesday, November 26 (Thursday Classes) Wednesday, November 27 (Friday Classes)
Thanksgiving Recess	Thursday, November 22 – Sunday, November 25	Thursday, November 28 – Sunday, December 1
Regular Classes End	Wednesday, December 12	Wednesday, December 11
Reading Days	Thursday, December 13	Thursday, December 12 Friday, December 13
Final Exams Begin	Friday, December 14	Monday, December 16
Final Exams End	Friday, December 21	Monday, December 23

Spring Semester Begins	Tuesday, January 22	Tuesday, January 21
Spring Recess Begins	Saturday, March 16	Saturday, March 15
Spring Recess Ends	Sunday, March 24	Sunday, March 23
Regular Classes End	Monday, May 6	Monday, May 5
Reading Days	Tuesday, May 7 Wednesday, May 8	Tuesday, May 6 Wednesday, May 7
Final Exams Begin	Thursday, May 9	Thursday, May 8
Final Exams End	Wednesday, May 15	Wednesday, May 14
Commencement	Sunday, May 19	Sunday, May 18