

**SPECIAL
REPORT OF
THE
RULES COMMITTEE**
**concerning a third revision to the
2020-2021 ACADEMIC CALENDAR**

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After consultations among administrators, Student Government Association and Graduate Student Senate leadership, faculty, and academic advisers, the Rules Committee presents this proposal for additional changes to the 2020-21 Academic Calendar. They provide for delaying the start of the spring 2021 term by two weeks, again holding classes on Monday holidays and eliminating spring break in light of the continuing need to discourage travel during the Covid-19 epidemic, and providing instead two "Wellness Wednesdays" to provide midweek breaks.

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2020-21			
FALL 2020			
First Day of classes	Monday	August	24
Labor Day – CLASSES WILL BE HELD	Monday	September	7
Last day to add or drop any class with no record - Undergraduate, Graduate, Stockbridge, UWW	Monday	September	7
Columbus Day – CLASSES WILL BE HELD	Monday	October	12
Last day to Drop with "DR" – Graduate (including UWW)	Friday	October	16
Last day to Drop with 'W' and select 'P/F' - Undergraduate, Stockbridge, UWW Ugrad	Friday	October	16
Registration begins for Spring 2021	Monday	November	2
Veterans Day – CLASSES WILL BE HELD	Wednesday	November	11
Thanksgiving recess begins following end of classes	Friday	November	20
Last day of classes	Friday	November	20
Reading Day	Friday	November	27
Reading Day	Saturday	November	28
Final examinations begin; Exams to be administered remotely	Monday	November	30
Last day of final examinations, semester ends	Friday	December	4
Final grades due by Midnight	Monday	December	14
Number of class meetings: MTuWThF: 13			
WINTER 2020/2021			
First Day of classes	Monday	December	7
Last day to add/drop	Wednesday	December	11
Holiday	Friday	December	25
Last day to drop with "W" or "DR" and select 'P/F'	Thursday	December	31
Holiday	Friday	January	1
Last day of classes	Saturday	January	16
Final grades due	Wednesday	January	20
SPRING 2021			
First day of classes	Monday	February	1
Last day to add or drop any class with no record - Undergraduate, Graduate, Stockbridge, UWW)	Friday	February	12
Presidents' Day - Classes will be held	Monday	February	15
Wellbeing Wednesday Observed - No Classes	Wednesday	February	24
Wednesday Class schedule followed	Monday	March	1
Last day to Drop with a "DR" - Graduate (Including UWW(CPE))	Monday	March	29
Last day to Drop with "W" and select "P/F" - Undergraduate, Stockbridge, UWW (CPE) Ugrad	Monday	March	29
Registration begins for Fall 2021	Monday	April	5
Wellbeing Wednesday Observed - No Classes	Wednesday	April	14
Patriot's Day - Classes will be held	Monday	April	19
Wednesday class schedule will be followed	Tuesday	April	20
Last day of classes	Tuesday	May	4
Reading Day	Wednesday	May	5
Final examinations begin	Thursday	May	6
Reading Day	Saturday	May	8
Last day of final examinations, semester ends	Wednesday	May	12
Graduate and Undergraduate Commencements (Virtual or In Person)	Friday	May	14
Stockbridge Commencement (Virtual or In Person)	Saturday	May	15
Final grades due by Midnight	Monday	May	17
Number of class meetings: MTuWThF: 13			

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UWW SUMMER 2021			
First day of classes - Session One	Monday	May	17
Last day to add/drop any Session One class	Friday	May	21
Holiday - Memorial Day	Monday	May	31
Last day to drop with "W" or "DR" and select 'P/F' any Session One class	Wednesday	June	9
Last day of classes - Session One	Friday	June	25
Holiday - Independence Day observed	Monday	July	5
First day of classes - Session Two	Tuesday	July	6
Session One final grades due	Wednesday	July	7
Last day to add/drop any Session Two class	Monday	July	12
Last day to drop with "W" or "DR" and select 'P/F' any Session Two class	Wednesday	July	28
Last day of classes - Session Two; Summer Term ends	Friday	August	13
Remaining Summer grades due	Wednesday	August	18
UNIVERSITY SUMMER 2021			
First day of classes	Monday	May	17
Last day to add/drop	Friday	May	21
Holiday – Memorial Day	Monday	May	31
Holiday – Independence Day observed	Monday	July	5
Last day to drop with "W" or "DR"	Friday	July	9
Last day of classes	Friday	August	13
Final grades due	Wednesday	August	18