

**SPECIAL REPORT**  
**of the**  
**ACADEMIC MATTERS COUNCIL**  
**concerning the**  
**2008-2009 ACADEMIC CALENDAR**

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UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2008-09

**FALL 2008**

First day of classes	Tuesday	September 2
Last day to add or drop any class with no record - Undergraduate, Graduate, Stockbridge, Continuing Education	Monday	September 15
Holiday - Columbus Day	Monday	October 13
Monday class schedule will be followed	Tuesday	October 14
Last day to drop any class with "DR" - Graduate	Tuesday	October 14
Mid-Semester Date (Last day to drop with 'W' - Undergraduate, Stockbridge, Continuing Education)	Monday	October 27
Registration begins	Wednesday	November 5
Holiday - Veterans Day	Tuesday	November 11
Tuesday class schedule will be followed	Wednesday	November 12
Thanksgiving recess begins after last class	Wednesday	November 26
Classes resume	Monday	December 1
Last day of classes	Friday	December 12
Reading Period begins	Saturday	December 13
Reading Period ends	Sunday	December 14
Final examinations begin	Monday	December 15
Last day of final examinations	Saturday	December 20
Snow day for Dec. 20 exams, semester ends	Monday	December 22
Final grades due 12:00 noon	Wednesday	December 31

Number of class meetings: MTuWThF: 14

**WINTERSESSION 2009**

First day of classes	Monday	January 5
Last day to add/drop any class	Tuesday	January 6
Last day to drop any class with "W"	Wednesday	January 14
Holiday - Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday	Monday	January 19
Last day of classes	Friday	January 23
Snow Day for final exams	Saturday	January 24
Final grades due 12:00 noon	Wednesday	January 28

**SPRING 2009**

First day of classes	Monday	January 26
Last day to add or drop any class with no record - Undergraduate, Graduate, Stockbridge, Continuing Education	Monday	February 9
Holiday - Presidents' Day	Monday	February 16
Last day to drop any class with "DR" - Graduate	Friday	March 6
Spring recess begins after last class	Saturday	March 14
Classes resume	Monday	March 23
Mid-Semester Date (Last day to drop with 'W' - Undergraduate, Stockbridge, Continuing Education)	Tuesday	March 24
Registration begins	Monday	April 6
Holiday - Patriots' Day	Monday	April 20
Founders Day (Classes Meet)	Wednesday	April 29
Monday class schedule will be followed	Tuesday	April 21
Last day of classes	Tuesday	May 12
Reading Day	Wednesday	May 13
Final examinations begin	Thursday	May 14
Second Reading Day	Saturday	May 16
Final examinations resume	Monday	May 18
Last day of final examinations, semester ends	Thursday	May 21
Graduate and Stockbridge Commencements	Friday	May 22
Undergraduate Commencement	Saturday	May 23
Holiday - Memorial Day	Monday	May 25
Final grades due 12:00 noon	Tuesday	May 26

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**SUMMER SESSION 2009**

First day of classes - First Session	Monday	June 1
Last day to add/drop any First Session class	Friday	June 5
Last day to drop with "W" any First Session class	Friday	June 19
No Classes	Friday	July 3
Holiday - Independence Day	Saturday	July 4
Last day of classes - First Session	Thursday	July 9
First day of classes - Second Session	Monday	July 13
First Session final grades due 12:00 noon	Tuesday	July 14
Last day to add/drop any Second Session class	Friday	July 17
Last day to drop with "W" any Second Session class	Friday	July 31
Last day of classes; Summer Session ends	Wednesday	August 19
Second Session final grades due 12:00 noon	Monday	August 24

2 masquerade days in Fall; one in Spring.

- Allows you to get 14 of each class day in each semester
- Requires last day of classes in Spring semester to be a day later, and therefore Spring final exams also end a day later with a different pattern.
- Allows continuous lab setups, ensuring each lab day meets once before the next lab setup would be required.

Possible elimination of listing Counselling week start and end, and instead list as "Spring registration begins for University courses" (or "Fall..." as appropriate in April).

**MOVED: That the Faculty Senate adopt the 2008-2009 Academic Calendar, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 05-038E. 43-05**