

SPECIAL REPORT

of the

ACADEMIC MATTERS COUNCIL

concerning the

2015-2016 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

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UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2015-16			
FALL 2015			
First Day of classes	Tuesday	September	8
Last day to add or drop any class with no record - Undergraduate, Graduate, Stockbridge, CPE	Monday	September	21
Holiday - Columbus Day	Monday	October	12
Monday class schedule will be followed	Tuesday	October	13
Last day to Drop with "DR" - Graduate	Monday	October	19
Mid-Semester Date (Last day to Drop with 'W' and select 'P/F' - Undergraduate, Stockbridge, CPE)	Thursday	October	22
Holiday – Veterans' Day	Wednesday	November	11
Registration begins for Spring 2016	Thursday	November	12
Thanksgiving recess begins after last class	Wednesday	November	25
Classes resume	Monday	November	30
Last day of classes	Friday	December	11
Reading Period begins	Saturday	December	12
Reading Period ends	Sunday	December	13
Final examinations begin	Monday	December	14
Last day of final examinations	Saturday	December	19
Snow day for Dec. 19 exams, semester ends	Monday	December	21
Final grades due by Midnight	Monday	December	28
Number of class meetings: MTuWThF: 13			
WINTER 2015/2016			
First Day of classes	Monday	December	21
Last day to add/drop	Wednesday	December	23
Holiday Break starts	Thursday	December	24
Classes resume	Saturday	December	26
Holiday Break starts	Thursday	December	31
Classes resume	Saturday	January	2
Last day to drop with "W"	Monday	January	4
Last day of classes	Saturday	January	16
Final grades due	Wednesday	January	20
SPRING 2016			
First day of classes	Tuesday	January	19
Last day to add or drop any class with no record - Undergraduate, Graduate, Stockbridge, CPE	Monday	February	1
Holiday - Presidents' Day	Monday	February	15
Monday class schedule will be followed	Tuesday	February	16
Last day to Drop with "DR" - Graduate	Monday	February	29
Mid-Semester Date (Last day to Drop with 'W' and select 'P/F' - Undergraduate, Stockbridge, CPE)	Thursday	March	3
Spring recess begins after last class	Saturday	March	12
Classes resume	Monday	March	21
Registration begins for Fall 2016	Monday	April	4
Holiday - Patriot's Day	Monday	April	18
Monday class schedule will be followed	Wednesday	April	20
Last day of classes	Wednesday	April	27
Reading Day	Thursday	April	28
Final examinations begin	Friday	April	29
Second Reading Day	Sunday	May	1
Final examinations resume	Monday	May	2
Last day of final examinations, semester ends	Thursday	May	5
Graduate and Undergraduate Commencements	Friday	May	6
Stockbridge Commencement	Saturday	May	7
Final grades due by Midnight	Tuesday	May	10
Number of class meetings: MTuWThF: 13			
SUMMER 2016			
First day of classes - Session One	Monday	May	16
Last day to add/drop any Session One class	Friday	May	20
Holiday - Memorial Day	Monday	May	30
Last day to drop with "W" any Session One class	Friday	June	3
Last day of classes - Session One	Friday	June	24
Holiday - Independence Day	Monday	July	4
Session One final grades due	Wednesday	July	6
First day of classes - Session Two	Monday	July	11
Last day to add/drop any Session Two class	Friday	July	15
Last day to drop with "W" any Session Two class	Friday	July	29
Last day of classes - Session Two; Summer Term ends	Friday	August	19
Remaining Summer grades due	Tuesday	August	30