




PRESIDENTIAL POLICY MEMORANDUM NO. 228 Revision 1

To: Virginia Tech Faculty and Students
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Subject: Revision to the University Calendar Criteria

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The University Council approved resolution CUSP 2016-17I designating Labor Day as a non-class day and re-stating the number of class days as 71 days in the fall term and 72 days in the spring term.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the University Calendar criteria be revised as follows:

- Labor Day be stipulated as a non-class day.
- Restate the number of class days in a term to 71 days in the fall and 72 days in the spring.
- Summer term to be defined as one term that may be divided into a variety of different periods in addition to the traditional Summer I and Summer II schedules.
- All other calendar criteria remain as previously stated:
 - The Fall Commencement Ceremony shall be scheduled after the completion of final exams whenever possible.
 - Fall semester shall include a long weekend break in October to allow a short break.
 - The fall semester shall contain a one-week break for the Thanksgiving holiday. The spring semester shall contain a one-week break approximately half-way through spring semester.
 - No class days are held on Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
 - There shall be at least two days between the end of spring semester examinations and the spring commencement. This necessitates a Saturday examination day.

Invent the Future

- There shall be no scheduling of Spring Commencement on the same weekend as Commencement at Radford University.
- There will be no classes on Memorial Day and Independence Day.

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- Stipulates Labor Day as non-class day
- Formally there was a requirement for an equal number of days in the fall and spring terms. This revision re-states the number of class days as 71 in the fall term and 72 in the spring term.

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