

## USG Calendar Policies - Comparison

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<p>The academic year shall consist of two (2) regular semesters, each not to be less than fifteen (15) calendar weeks in length, excluding registration.</p>	<p>The academic year shall consist of two regular semesters, each not to be less than 15 calendar weeks in length (minimum of 75 class days per semester, excluding registration and final examination periods).</p>
<p>A minimum of 750 minutes of instruction or equivalent is required for each semester credit hour.</p>	<p>A minimum of 750 minutes of instruction or equivalent is required for each semester credit hour.</p>
<p>All institutions, with the exception of the Medical School at the Medical College of Georgia, shall begin and end classes during prescribed periods. The prescribed dates for starting and ending classes can be found in the Academic Affairs Handbook.</p>	<p>The starting and ending dates for each semester shall be determined by the Chancellor and observed by all institutions.</p> <p>All institutions (with the exception of the Medical School at the Medical College of Georgia) shall begin and end classes during prescribed periods.</p> <p>Each semester shall have an earliest starting date and a latest starting date.</p> <p>Each semester shall have an earliest ending date and a latest ending date.</p>
<p>Each institution will determine all other necessary dates for the semester, including the possibility of flexible scheduling within and between semesters. Each term must be separated by a minimum of one (1) day.</p>	<p>Each institution will determine all other necessary dates for the semester, including the possibility of flexible scheduling within and between semesters.</p>
<p>Each institution should have a policy regarding special arrangements for students for religious holidays.</p> <p><b>** INTERPRETATION:</b> Decisions as to which religious holidays are covered by this policy are left to the discretion of the administrators of individual System institutions since the characteristics of the student body and faculty may vary considerably among institutions. The intent and spirit of the policy should be honored by making special arrangements for individuals where such an action is deemed to be best for the institution as a whole.**</p>	<p>Institutions in the System shall not schedule semester registration or the first day of classes on dates that conflict with major religious holidays (BR Minutes, Aug. 26, 1977, p. 4).</p>

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