



RUTGERS POLICY

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10.2.6 THE ACADEMIC CALENDAR

- A. The University Senate formulates the rules governing the establishment of academic calendars in all divisions of the University. The rules currently in effect were adopted on February 13, 1978, and call for the University Administration to prepare an academic calendar in which the fall semester begins on or after September 1 and concludes before December 25 and the second semester begins no earlier than three weeks after the end of the fall semester and no later than the fourth Monday in January and shall follow the same format as the first semester, except that a reading period of one to two days shall be inserted between the end of classes and the beginning of final examinations; however, this mandate shall not apply to the Rutgers Business School – Newark and New Brunswick, Rutgers Schools of Law – Camden and Newark, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, New Jersey Medical School, Rutgers School of Dental Medicine, School of Nursing (former UMDNJ School of Nursing), School of Health Related Professions, School of Public Health, and the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences. Class days lost due to severe inclement weather may be rescheduled during the spring semester reading period; however, a minimum of two calendar days must remain between the last day of classes and the first day of the examination period. No classes or examinations can be held in any unit on Saturdays or Sundays except for those courses which are normally scheduled on these days; no undergraduate degree courses can be scheduled to meet on Saturdays and/or Sundays unless these courses or other courses similar thereto had been so scheduled in the 1975-76 or 1976-77 academic years, excepting University College or courses offered through continuing education programs.
- B. The Administration is authorized to permit departures from this calendar for cause shown on a school-by-school basis. Such departures shall be promptly reported to the Senate.