

Harvard Announces Coordinated Academic Calendar

Harvard President Drew Faust today (Jan. 15) announced the adoption of a coordinated academic calendar that synchronizes the academic schedules of Harvard's 13 Schools.

The new calendar, which will take effect for the 2009-2010 academic year, is an important step toward enhancing and facilitating intellectual exchange among faculties and across traditional academic boundaries. It will also improve student access to University-wide resources and make it easier for students to take classes in more than one School.

Starting in September 2009, the changes to the calendar affecting all Schools will include:

- Fall terms beginning in early September with exams completed in December before winter recess
- Spring terms starting in late January with Commencement scheduled for the end of May (the first May Commencement to be held in 2010)
- Coordinated Thanksgiving and Spring breaks
- A three-week optional session in January

While the coordinated calendar will serve as the framework for all Harvard Schools, small variances may continue to exist for specific parts of programs that are not open for cross-registration and that have specific accreditation, clinical, or other curricular requirements. Variances will be highlighted on individual School Web sites, as they are finalized.

The optional January session may be used at the discretion of each School to encourage individual interests outside the University or provide enhanced educational opportunities such as study abroad, lab experiences, internships, and mini-courses. A copy of the coordinated calendars for the academic years 2009-2010 through 2015-2016, as well as the 2009-10 undergraduate academic calendar, can be viewed below.

Harvard University

Coordinated Academic Calendar*

2009-2015

	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
First Day Fall term Classes	Sept. 2 (W)	Sept. 2 (Th)	Sept. 6 (Tu)	Sept. 4 (Tu)	Sept. 3 (Tu)	Sept. 2 (Tu)	Sept. 2 (W)
<i>Holiday - Columbus Day ♦</i>	<i>Oct. 12 (M)</i>	<i>Oct. 11 (M)</i>	<i>Oct. 10 (M)</i>	<i>Oct. 8 (M)</i>	<i>Oct. 14 (M)</i>	<i>Oct. 13 (M)</i>	<i>Oct. 12 (M)</i>
<i>Holiday - Veterans' Day ♦</i>	<i>Nov. 11 (W)</i>	<i>Nov. 11 (Th)</i>	<i>Nov. 11 (F)</i>	<i>Nov. 12 (M)</i>	<i>Nov. 11 (M)</i>	<i>Nov. 11 (Tu)</i>	<i>Nov. 11 (W)</i>
Thanksgiving Recess Begins	Nov. 26 (Th)	Nov. 25 (Th)	Nov. 24 (Th)	Nov. 22 (Th)	Nov. 28 (Th)	Nov. 27 (Th)	Nov. 26 (Th)
Thanksgiving Recess Ends	Nov. 29 (Su)	Nov. 28 (Su)	Nov. 27 (Su)	Nov. 25 (Su)	Dec. 1 (Su)	Nov. 30 (Su)	Nov. 29 (Su)
First Day of Winter Recess	Dec. 22 (Tu)	Dec. 22 (W)	Dec. 22 (Th)	Dec. 22 (Sa)	Dec. 21 (Sa)	Dec. 20 (Sa)	Dec. 22 (Tu)
Last Day of Winter Recess	Jan. 3 (Su)	Jan. 2 (Su)	Jan. 1 (Su)	Jan. 1 (Tu)	Jan. 1 (W)	Jan. 1 (Th)	Jan. 3 (Su)
First Day Optional Winter Session	Jan. 4 (M)	Jan. 3 (M)	Jan. 2 (M)	Jan. 2 (W)	Jan. 2 (Th)	Jan. 2 (F)	Jan. 4 (M)
<i>Holiday - Martin Luther King Day</i>	<i>Jan. 18 (M)</i>	<i>Jan. 17 (M)</i>	<i>Jan. 16 (M)</i>	<i>Jan. 21 (M)</i>	<i>Jan. 20 (M)</i>	<i>Jan. 19 (M)</i>	<i>Jan. 18 (M)</i>
Last Day Optional Winter Session	Jan. 24 (Su)	Jan. 23 (Su)	Jan. 22 (Su)	Jan. 27 (Su)	Jan. 26 (Su)	Jan. 25 (Su)	Jan. 24 (Su)
First Day Spring term Classes	Jan. 25 (M)	Jan. 24 (M)	Jan. 23 (M)	Jan. 28 (M)	Jan. 27 (M)	Jan. 26 (M)	Jan. 25 (M)
<i>Holiday - Presidents' Day ♦</i>	<i>Feb. 15 (M)</i>	<i>Feb. 21 (M)</i>	<i>Feb. 20 (M)</i>	<i>Feb. 18 (M)</i>	<i>Feb. 17 (M)</i>	<i>Feb. 16 (M)</i>	<i>Feb. 15 (M)</i>
Spring Recess Begins	Mar. 13 (Sa)	Mar. 12 (Sa)	Mar. 10 (Sa)	Mar. 16 (Sa)	Mar. 15 (Sa)	Mar. 14 (Sa)	Mar. 12 (Sa)
Spring Recess Ends	Mar. 21 (Su)	Mar. 20 (Su)	Mar. 18 (Su)	Mar. 24 (Su)	Mar. 23 (Su)	Mar. 22 (Su)	Mar. 20 (Su)
<i>Holiday - Memorial Day</i>	<i>May 31 (M)</i>	<i>May 30 (M)</i>	<i>May 28 (M)</i>	<i>May 27 (M)</i>	<i>May 26 (M)</i>	<i>May 25 (M)</i>	<i>May 30 (M)</i>
COMMENCEMENT	May 27 (Th)	May 26 (Th)	May 24 (Th)	May 30 (Th)	May 29 (Th)	May 28 (Th)	May 26 (Th)

* The Harvard University Coordinate Academic Calendar addresses all programs where cross-registration is permitted. There may be variances in the calendar for those programs that have courses not open to cross-registration and that require a different schedule due to specific accreditation, clinical, or other curricular requirements.

♦ Some holidays may be used for instructional days in specific programs that need the additional days to meet accreditation, clinical, or other curricular requirements. Individual school websites should be consulted for specific calendar details.



2009-2010 Undergraduate Academic Calendar



September						
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October						
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November						
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December						
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January						
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February						
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March						
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April						
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May						
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Classes Begin/End	Holiday Observed	Break	Reading Period	Exam Period	Optional Winter Session	Commencement
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