Policy Summary

All University System of Georgia institutions follow a semester schedule, with the starting and end dates set by the system Chief Academic Officer.

Full Policy Text

Fall Semesters

Regular Session

First day of class--the 3rd Monday in August
(The first day of class can be as early as August 15 and as late as August 21. The first day of class is also the 1st Mon of the Fall Semester)

Labor Day Holiday*--Labor Day
Mid-point--October 15th.
(If this date should fall on a Saturday or Sunday, the midpoint for the semester will be the following Monday.)

Thanksgiving break*--From Tues before Thanksgiving thru Sat after Thanksgiving

Last day of class--The 16th Fri

Finals--The 16th Sat to the 17th Fri

Minimester I Session

First day of class--The 1st Mon

Labor Day holiday*--Labor Day
Minimester II Session

First day of class--The 9th Mon

Extra Tues class--The 11th Fri

Thanksgiving break*--From Tues before Thanksgiving to Sat after Thanksgiving

Last day of class--The 16th Fri
(Note: The clock for Fall Sat-only minimester II courses will be adjusted to have the required minutes in six meetings.)

Final exams--The 16th Sat to the 17th Fri

Administration of Policy

Mandating Authority:
Board of Regents Policy Manual

Responsible Office(s):
Academic Deans and Department Chairs (see individual colleges)
Office of the Registrar, 2nd floor Sparks Hall, 3-2275

Responsible Executive(s):

Policy History

Approving Body: Senate

Rationale or Purpose

As part of a project to simplify and coordinate deadlines, the Fall W day (and many other deadlines) were moved to the first day of the month. Fall 08 was the first semester with the W day on Oct 1. Faculty and students felt that Oct 1 was too early in the semester. They requested that it be moved back to where it was before, Oct 15.

Additional Information

Approved and made effective by University Senate 10/23/2008
Additional Helpful Resources