

Classified Professionals Forum

16-Week Academic Calendar

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16-Week Implementation Team



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Timeline

Spring 2022	Spring 2023	Spring/Summer 2023	Fall 2023	December 2023	March 2024	Spring/Summer 2024	Fall 2024
<p>Innovative Enrollment and Scheduling Workgroup recommended transition to 16-week calendar</p>	<p>President Vitelli announced transition to 16-week calendar recommended by the Innovative Scheduling Workgroup</p>	<p>Cross constituent group selected to serve on 16 week Implementation Team</p>	<p>Visit from IEPI resource team which presented a list of options</p>	<p>Merced College Implementation Team presented a draft 16-week 2025-26 Academic Calendar to President Vitelli</p>	<p>2025-26 Academic Calendar approved by the Board of Trustees</p>	<p>Implementation Team sub groups work on block scheduling, website communication and, student surveys/focus groups</p>	<p>Review operations and how they will transition into the 16-week calendar. Finalize Fall 2025 and Spring 2026 course schedule</p>
							

Factors

- Reviewing of other community college calendars
- Align with UC Merced calendar
- Consistency between Fall and Spring semester
- Create a true 16 week calendar that is not extended
- Allow for consistent on boarding of classes and streamline start and end dates for students
- Ensure time for administrative processes - needed especially for Admissions and Records and Financial Aid

Recommendations

- 16-week calendar includes fall, spring, and summer sessions (no winter session)
- No Spring Break to maintain continuity of semesters due to the variable timing of the traditional spring break
- Two week (minimum) instructional break between each session to allow for administrative processes such as grades, transcripts, financial aid, pre-registration, etc.
- Summer sessions to allow for robust summer offerings including laboratory and clinical classes

Board of Trustees Approved 16-Week Academic Calendar



FALL 2025 SEMESTER

AUGUST 2025						
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SPRING 2026 SEMESTER

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SUMMER 2026 SESSION

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Legal	Holidays	Local
Labor Day		1-Sep-25
Veteran's Day		11-Nov-25
Thanksgiving Day		27-Nov-25
Thanksgiving Friday		28-Nov-25
Christmas Day		25-Dec-25
Winter Break		26-Dec – 01-Jan
New Year's Day		1-Jan-26
Martin Luther King		19-Jan-26
Lincoln Day		13-Feb-26
Washington Day		16-Feb-26
Good Friday		3-Apr-26
Memorial Day		25-May-26
Juneteenth-observed		18-Jun-26
Independence Day-observed		2-Jul-26

Fall 2025 Semester:	85
Fall FLEX	2
Spring 2026 Semester:	86
Spring FLEX	2
Total Instructional Days:	175
Summer Session:	45

Fall 2025:	16 Weeks
Spring 2026:	16 Weeks
Summer 2026:	12 Weeks

APPROVED!

Benefits to Students (and all employees)

- Clear on and off ramps for with 4, 8, 12, and 16 week classes
- Higher success rates with shorter classes
- Students stay on track toward graduation and athletic eligibility
- Majority of MW and TTh class schedules
- Students will have more flexibility with work schedules
- Faculty can utilize Fridays to do outside the classroom work
- Academic year complete at the end of April
- Three and a half months off between Spring and Fall for faculty



No Spring 2025 Pilot in Los Banos

Academic Schedule

- Extra 2 holidays on Mondays would cause MW classes to be different than TTh
 - Example: An ENGL-01A on MW would be longer than a TTh ENGL-01A
- Different start/end dates between Merced and Los Banos would cause confusion
- Inability to offer livestreaming courses from Merced

Events & Meetings

- Graduation in Los Banos would be difficult to plan
- Difficulty in keeping cohort and Area Meetings consistent

Important Deadlines

- Different census/drop dates would cause confusion



Discussion and Questions