

## 8.001 University Calendars

(1) Each university shall operate on a year-round calendar which provides two hundred twenty (220) days of classroom instruction including examinations, or two hundred ten (210) days of instruction excluding examinations. Upon request by the university, exceptions to this requirement may be approved by the Board of Governors and may include, but shall not be limited to, such matters as experimentation, innovation, research, energy conservation or more efficient utilization of resources.

(2) Unless an exception is granted by the Board of Governors, as appropriate, three (3) common entry periods shall be established so that the first day of classes will fall within each of the three (3) periods listed below:

- (a) The first three (3) weekdays after August 22;
- (b) The first three (3) weekdays after January 4;
- (c) The first three (3) weekdays after May 5.

(3) Each calendar shall also include the following:

- (a) Pre-established dates for issuing either certificates, diplomas, or degrees which will permit students to utilize the entry period which minimizes loss of time to students in completing the transfer between programs of institutions;
- (b) A summer program for teachers, school personnel and other students scheduled to begin no earlier than June 15 and close no later than August 15;
- (c) Additional periods throughout the fiscal year in which a student can begin a program.

(4) An official copy of the annual calendar adopted by each university shall be filed with the Board of Governors in a manner prescribed by the Chancellor.

(5) Due to its special structuring of terms, New College of Florida is exempted from the Spring term common entry period specified in Regulations 8.001(2)(b). The institution is to continue to meet other regulation expectations and to continue to work towards smooth transition for new or transfer students.

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