



TO: Dr. Laura Smith-Olinde, President
UALR Faculty Senate

FROM: Joel E. Anderson

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. E. Anderson', written over the printed name.

RE: Proposed Fall Break

DATE: April 30, 2012

This is to inform you that I have approved the proposed Academic Calendar for 2013-2014 which includes a new fall class break. I do this with the understanding that we will continue to have Opening Events before the beginning of the fall semester which will be regarded as a part of the faculty work-year. What this means as a practical matter is that the first two-week paycheck will still be issued at the end of August 31 and the last paycheck will be issued on May 15 even though fall activities may begin before August 16 and Commencement may fall after May 15. Otherwise, we will need to remove days from some other break during the course of the academic year.

It is important to understand that the fall break is for students: Classes will be suspended but administrative and academic offices will all be open for normal university operations. This will be the case for Wednesday of Thanksgiving week: Classes will be suspended but administrative and academic offices will all be open for normal university operations. The Faculty Senate's authority is over the class schedule and other aspects of the academic calendar, not over vacation days or when the university is open or closed.

After we move through the academic calendar for 2013-2014 including the fall break, I ask that the Academic Calendar and Schedule Committee and the Faculty Senate evaluate critically the educational consequences of a fall break and be prepared to revise the approach taken or eliminate the break on the basis of the experience and the evidence.

August 2013 - August 2014

Academic Calendar 2013-2014 [With Fall Break] (Draft 4/13/2012)

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August

19 Fall Classes Begin

24 Saturday Classes Begin

September

2 Labor Day Holiday, University Closed

October

14 Fall Break, No Classes

15 Fall Break, No Classes

November

15 Last Day to Drop an Individual Class and receive a final grade of W, 5pm

27 No Classes

28 Thanksgiving Holiday, No Classes

29 Thanksgiving Holiday, No Classes

30 Thanksgiving Holiday, No Classes

December

1 Thanksgiving Holiday, No Classes

2 Classes Resume

9 Last Day of Classes; Last Day to Withdraw, 5pm

10 Consultation Day; Finals Begin

17 Last Final Exam

19 Commencement - TBD

20 Grades due, 12 noon

January

13 Spring Classes Begin

18 Saturday Classes Begin

20 Martin Luther King, Jr., Holiday; University closed

March

19 Incomplete Deadline for Fall 2013

24 Spring Break - TBD

April

11 Last Day to Drop an Individual Class and receive a Grade of W, 5pm

May

5 Last day of classes; Last day to withdraw from all classes, 5pm

6 Consultation Day; Finals Begin

13 Last Final Exam

16 Commencement - TBD
Grades due, 12 Noon

26 Memorial Day Holiday

27 Summer 1 and 2 Classes Begin

June

23 Summer 2 - last day to drop an individual class and receive a Grade of W

27 Summer 2 Last Day to Withdraw from all Classes, 5pm

30 Summer 2 Last Day of Classes, Final Exams

July

2 Summer 2 Grades due, 12 Noon

4 Independence Day Holiday, University closed

7 Summer 4 Classes Begin

25 Summer 1 Last day to drop an individual class and receive a grade W, 5 p.m.

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- 5 Summer 1 Last Day of Class, Final Exams
- 7 Summer 1 Grades are due by 12 noon
- Summer 4 - Last day to withdraw, 5 p.m.
- 8 Summer 4 Last day of classes
- 12 Summer 4 grades are due by 12 noon
- 13 Incomplete Deadline for Spring 2014
- Summer 4 Grades due by 12 noon

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