

Academic Calendar 2008-2009

Approved by the AS&E Faculty on 11-30-05

FALL SEMESTER

Aug 27	Wed	New Student Orientation Begins; Matriculation
Aug 31	Sun	Returning Students
Sept 1	Mon	Labor Day (Univ. Hol.) No Classes
Sept 2	Tue	Classes Begin; Ex-College Registration
Sept 16	Tue	Last day for AS&E Students to ADD courses
Oct 7	Tue	Last day for AS&E students (except first-year undergraduates) to DROP courses without record of enrollment. Last day for ALL undergraduates (including first-years) to select PASS/FAIL option
Oct 13	Mon	Columbus Day; (Univ. Hol.) No Classes
Oct 14	Tue	Last day for AS&E students to make up incomplete grades from Spring 2008
Nov 11	Tue	Veterans' Day Observed (Univ. Hol.) No Classes
Nov 12	Wed	Last day for undergraduate first years to DROP courses without record of enrollment
Nov 26	Wed	No Classes
Nov 27	Thu	Thanksgiving (Univ. Hol.) No Classes
Nov 28	Fri	(Univ. Hol.) No Classes
Dec 8	Mon	Classes End; Last day for AS&E undergraduates to WITHDRAW from courses & receive a grade of W
Dec 9-10	T-W	Reading Period
Dec 11	Thu	Final Examinations begin
Dec 18	Thu	Final Examinations end
Dec 24	Wed	University Holiday
Dec 25	Thu	Christmas Day (Univ. Hol.)

SPRING SEMESTER

Jan 1	Thu	New Years Day (Univ. Hol.)
Jan 2	Fri	FALL TERM GRADES DUE
Jan 5	Mon	Grades delivered to Academic Deans
Jan 8	Thu	Academic Standing Committee meeting
Jan 12-13	M-T	New Student Orientation
Jan 14	Wed	Classes Begin; Ex-College Registration
Jan 19	Mon	Martin Luther King Day (Univ. Hol.) No Classes
Jan 21	Wed	Substitute Monday's Schedule on Wednesday
Jan 28	Wed	Last day for AS&E students to ADD Classes
Feb 16	Mon	Presidents' Day Observed (Univ. Hol.) No Classes
Feb 18	Wed	Last day for AS&E students (except first-year undergraduates) to DROP courses without record of enrollment. Last day for ALL undergraduates (including first-years) to select PASS/FAIL option
Feb 19	Thu	Substitute Monday's schedule on Thursday
Feb 25	Wed	Last day for AS&E students to make up incomplete grades from Fall 2008
Mar 14	Sat	Spring Recess begins
Mar 23	Mon	Spring Recess ends; Classes Resume
Apr 1	Wed	Last day for undergraduate first years to DROP courses without record of enrollment

Apr 20	Mon	Patriots' Day Observed (Univ. Hol) No Classes
Apr 27	Mon	Classes End; Last day for AS&E undergraduates to WITHDRAW from courses and receive a grade of W
April 28- 30	T-Th	Reading Period
May 1	Fri	Final Examinations begin
May 8	Fri	Final Examinations end
May 11	Mon	Degree Candidates' Spring Term Grades Due (48 hours after final)
May 11-15	M-F	Senior Week
May 15	Fri	Remaining Grades Due
May 17	Sun	Commencement
May 18	Mon	Residence Halls close for remaining students

SUMMER SESSION 2009

May 20	Wednesday	First Session Starts
May 25	Monday	Memorial Day; Classes Suspended (Univ. Holiday)
June 26	Friday	First Session Ends
June 30	Tuesday	Second Session Starts
July 4	Saturday	Independence Day
August 7	Friday	Second Session Ends

MAJOR HOLY DAYS DURING 2008-2009

Sept 30-Oct 1 (Oct 2)	Tue-Wed Thu	Rosh Hashanah Eidul Fitr (End of Ramadan)	Jewish Muslim
Oct 9	Thu	Yom Kippur	Jewish
Oct 14-15	Tue-Wed	Sukkot	Jewish
Oct 21	Tue	Sh'mini Atzeret	Jewish
Oct 22	Wed	Simchat Torah	Jewish
Oct 28 (Dec 9)	Tue Tue	Diwali Eidul Adha	Hindu Muslim
Apr 9-10	Thu-Fri	Pesach (Passover) (First two days)	Jewish
Apr 15-16	Wed-Thu	Pesach (Passover) (Last two days)	Jewish
May 29	Fri	Shavuot	Jewish

In constructing the academic calendar, religious holy days will not be the sole factor in determining the days on which classes will be held or suspended. However, it is the policy of the faculty:

- i. that students be encouraged to observe their appropriate religious holy days;
- ii. that instructors strive to facilitate this by allowing absence from classes for such purposes, and by trying to ensure that no examinations, written reports, oral reports, other mandatory class assignments are scheduled for or due on such holy days, and
- iii. that instructors provide ample opportunities for such students to make up work missed on such occasions without penalty.

NOTICE: This listing reflects major holy days that occur only when Tufts has regularly scheduled classes for the day during the academic semester. For all other holy days, please refer to the updated religious calendar on the Internet at the website below:

<http://www.interfaithcalendar.org/index.htm>