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## **Academic Policy ACADEMIC CALENDAR**

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The following guidelines for determining the University academic calendar are in adherence with Policy 2002-04: Common Academic Calendar of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE), which established uniform dates for the following events:

- Start of classes in the fall semester.
- End of classes and/or final exams in the fall semester.
- Start of classes in the spring semester.
- Beginning of spring break.
- End of spring break.
- End of classes and/or final exams in the spring semester.

### **Fall Semester**

1. Starting Date: Determined by the PASSHE Common Academic Calendar.
2. Fall Break: A 4-day break starting after the last class on Friday through Tuesday will be scheduled in the 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> week of the semester. Classes resume at 8 a.m. the following Wednesday.
3. Thanksgiving Recess: A 5-day weekend starting after the last class on the Tuesday evening prior to the holiday. Classes resume at 8 a.m. the following Monday.
4. Ending Date: Determined by the PASSHE Common Academic Calendar.

### **Spring Semester**

1. Starting Date: Determined by the PASSHE Common Academic Calendar.
2. Spring Recess: Determined by the PASSHE Common Academic Calendar.
3. Ending Date: Determined by the PASSHE Common Academic Calendar.

### **Summer Sessions**

The University offers a wide variety of classes in a series of time periods between May commencement and the start of the fall semester.

## **Winter Session**

The Winter Session affords students the opportunity to complete additional coursework during the traditional break between the fall and spring semesters. It also permits intensive study opportunities in special settings that would not usually be possible during the academic year.

The Winter Session is a commuting situation only. No University housing is available.