

THE ACADEMIC YEAR

The academic year is divided into two semesters, a winter term and summer terms.

Fall and Spring Semesters

The first semester, referred to as the “Fall” semester, begins in late August and ends before the Thanksgiving holiday; the second semester, referred to as the “Spring” semester, begins in January and ends in May. In the Spring semester there is a mid-semester week-long recess as well as a short Easter recess.

Within each semester there are also eight-week terms that fit within the traditional semester dates.

Summer Terms

Summer classes are held throughout the summer in shorter length terms. Faculty-led travel courses as well as a variety of short workshops and institutes on topics of current interest are part of each summer’s offerings.