MEMORANDUM

TO:             Dr. Julie Harlin
                Faculty Senate

SUBJECT:       2019-20, 2020-21 Texas A&M University Academic Calendars

August 30, 2018

Attached is a draft of the proposed 2019-2020 University Academic Calendar and an abbreviated projection of the 2020-2021 University Academic Calendar. Pursuant to Texas Government Code §662, Texas A&M University will observe 15 holidays in the 2019-20 academic year. These holidays are observed in accordance with TAMU System policy.

Semester start dates are governed by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) Common Calendar and by guidelines established by the TAMU Ad Hoc Committee on the Academic Calendar in 1995. The THECB Common Calendar provides the earliest possible date on which an institution may begin each semester. TAMU rules and guidelines establish the preferred day of the week for beginning semesters, the week classes should begin relative to holidays, when reading days should occur, when final exams should take place, and days on which regular course exams should not be given. Further, “redefined” days have been established to make up contact hours missed on holidays and reading days.

Please review the attached draft proposals. Your feedback is requested before these calendars are submitted to President Young through Provost Fierke for approval. All feedback should be returned to the Office of the Registrar before October 15, 2018 for consideration in the final academic calendar proposal. Once approved, the University Academic Calendar is the basis upon which courses should be scheduled. Failure to do so could impact a student’s ability to receive financial aid.

PLEASE NOTE: This calendar, even following approval, may be impacted by the release of the TAMU System holiday schedule.

If you have any questions or would like additional information about any aspect of the academic calendar, please feel free to contact my office at (979) 845-1145. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Venesa A. Heidick
Registrar
August 14 Wednesday. Graduation application opens for all students planning to graduate in December 2019.

August 23 Friday, 5 p.m. Last day to register for fall semester classes. Refer to [http://finance.tamu.edu/sbs](http://finance.tamu.edu/sbs) for tuition and fee due dates.

August 26 Monday. First day of fall semester classes.

August 30 Friday, 5 p.m. Last day for adding/dropping courses for the fall semester.

September 10 Tuesday. Fall official census date.

September 27 Friday. Last day to apply for all degrees to be awarded in December without a late fee.

September 30 Monday. Undergraduate degree plan approval deadline.

October 14 Monday, noon. Mid-semester grades due.


November 15 Friday, 5 p.m.
- Last day for all students to drop courses with no penalty (Q-drop).
- Last day to change Kinesiology 198/199 grade type for fall 2019.
- Last day to officially withdraw from the University.


November 27 Wednesday. Reading day, no classes.

November 28-29 Thursday-Friday. Thanksgiving holiday.

December 2 Monday. Redefined day, students attend their Friday classes. *Does not apply to programs offered by the College of Nursing.* Pursuant to Student Rule 8.3 ([http://student-rules.tamu.edu/rule08](http://student-rules.tamu.edu/rule08)), no regular course examinations (except for laboratory and one-hour courses) shall be given during the 15th week of classes.

December 3 Tuesday. Redefined day, students attend their Thursday classes. *Does not apply to programs offered by the College of Nursing.* Pursuant to Student Rule 8.3 ([http://student-rules.tamu.edu/rule08](http://student-rules.tamu.edu/rule08)), no regular course examinations (except for laboratory and one-hour courses) shall be given during the 15th week of classes.

December 4 Wednesday. Last day of fall semester classes. Pursuant to Student Rule 8.3 ([http://student-rules.tamu.edu/rule08](http://student-rules.tamu.edu/rule08)), no regular course examinations (except for laboratory and one-hour courses) shall be given during the 15th week of classes.

December 4 Wednesday. Last day to apply for all degrees to be awarded in December.

December 5 Thursday. Reading day, no classes.

December 6, 9-11 Friday, Monday-Wednesday. Fall semester final examinations for all students.

December 12 Thursday, 6 p.m. Grades due for degree candidates.
December 13  Friday.
- Commencement and Commissioning.
- 5 p.m., Last day for December undergraduate degree candidates to apply for Tuition Rebate in Howdy.

December 16  Monday, noon. Final grades for all students due.

December 23 –  Monday-Wednesday. Faculty and Staff holiday.

January 1

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Proposed
January 8       Wednesday. Graduation application opens for all students planning to graduate in May 2020.

January 10     Friday, 5 p.m. Last day to register for spring semester classes. Refer to http://finance.tamu.edu/sbs for tuition and fee due dates.

January 13     Monday. First day of spring semester classes.

January 17     Friday, 5 p.m. Last day for adding/dropping courses for the spring semester.

January 20     Monday. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Faculty and Staff holiday.

January 29     Wednesday. Spring official census date.

February 14    Friday. Last day to apply for all degrees to be awarded in May without a late fee.

March 2        Monday, noon. Mid-semester grades due.

March 9-13     Monday-Friday. Spring break.

March 11-13    Wednesday-Friday. Faculty and Staff holiday.

April 2-17     Thursday-Friday. Preregistration for the 2020 first term, second term, 10-week summer semester and fall semester.

April 10       Friday. Reading day, no classes

April 14       Tuesday, 5 p.m.
    • Last day for all students to drop courses with no penalty (Q-drop).
    • Last day to change Kinesiology 198/199 grade type for spring 2020.
    • Last day to officially withdraw from the University.

April 21       Tuesday. Muster. Campus ceremony.

April 27       Monday. Pursuant to Student Rule 8.3 (http://student-rules.tamu.edu/rule08), no regular course examinations (except for laboratory and one-hour courses) shall be given during the 15th week of classes.

April 28       Tuesday.
    • Last day of spring semester classes.
    • Redefined day, students attend their Friday classes. Does not apply to programs offered by the College of Nursing. Pursuant to Student Rule 8.3 (http://student-rules.tamu.edu/rule08), no regular course examinations (except for laboratory and one-hour courses) shall be given during the 15th week of classes.
    • Last day to apply for all degrees to be awarded in May.

April 29       Wednesday. Reading day, no classes.

April 30 – May 1, Thursday-Friday, Monday-Tuesday. Spring semester final examinations for all students.

May 4 -5       Wednesday, 6 p.m. Grades for degree candidates due.

May 6          Thursday-Saturday. Commencement and Commissioning.
May 8        Friday, 5 p.m. Last day for May undergraduate degree candidates to apply for Tuition Rebate in Howdy.

May 11       Monday, noon. Final grades for all students due.

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TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
PROPOSED 2019-2020 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Summer Session 2020*

May 13 Wednesday. Graduation application opens for all students planning to graduate in August 2020.

May 22 Friday, 5 p.m. Last day to register for first term and 10-week semester classes. Refer to http://finance.tamu.edu/sbs for tuition and fee due dates.

May 25 Monday. Memorial Day. Faculty and Staff holiday.

May 26 Tuesday. First day of first term and 10-week semester classes.

May 29 Friday.
  • 5 p.m. Last day for adding/dropping for the first term and the 10-week semester.
  • Official census date for first term and 10-week semester.

June 15 Monday, 5 p.m.
  • Last day for all students to drop courses with no penalty for the first term (Q-drop).
  • Last day to change Kinesiology 198/199 grade type for first term.
  • Last day to officially withdraw from the University for first term.

June 26 Friday. Last day of first term classes.

June 29 Monday.
  • First term final examinations.
  • No 10-week semester classes.
  • 5 p.m., Last day to register for the second term classes. Refer to http://finance.tamu.edu/sbs for tuition and fee due dates.

June 30 Tuesday. First day of second term classes.

July 3 Friday. First term final grades due at noon.

July 3 Friday, 5 p.m.
  • Last day for adding/dropping courses for the second term.
  • Official census date for second term.
  • Last day to apply for degrees to be awarded in August without a late fee.

July 14 Tuesday, 5 p.m.
  • Last day for all students to drop courses with no penalty (Q-drop) for the 10-week semester.
  • Last day to officially withdraw from the University for 10-week semester.

July 20 Monday, 5 p.m.
  • Last day for all students to drop courses with no penalty (Q-drop) for the second term.
  • Last day to change Kinesiology 198/199 grade type for second term.
  • Last day to officially withdraw from the University for second term.

August 3 Monday.
  • Last day of second term and 10-week semester classes.
  • Last day to apply for all degrees to be awarded in August.

August 4-5 Tuesday-Wednesday. Second term and 10-week semester final examinations for all students.

August 6 Thursday, noon. Grades due for degree candidates.
August 7  Friday.  5 p.m., Last day for August undergraduate degree candidates to apply for Tuition Rebate in Howdy.
August 7-8  Friday-Saturday.  Commencement and Commissioning.
August 10  Monday, noon.  Final grades for second term and 10-week semester due.

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PROJECTED ABBREVIATED ACADEMIC CALENDAR, 2020-2021

FALL, 2020*

August 24  Monday. First day of fall semester classes.
November 25 Wednesday. Reading day, no classes.
November 26-27 Thursday-Friday. Thanksgiving holiday.
December 2  Wednesday. Last day of fall semester classes.
December 3  Thursday. Reading day, no classes.
December 4, 7-9 Friday, Monday-Wednesday. Fall semester final examinations for all students.
December 11-12 Friday/Saturday. Commencement and Commissioning.

SPRING, 2021*

January 18 Monday. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Faculty and Staff holiday.
January 19 Tuesday. First day of spring semester classes.
March 15-19 Monday-Friday. Spring Break.
April 2  Friday. Reading day, no classes.
May 4  Tuesday. Last day of spring semester classes. Redefined day.
May 5  Wednesday. Reading day, no classes.
May 6-7, 10-11 Thursday-Friday, Monday-Tuesday. Spring semester final exams for all students.

SUMMER SESSION, 2021*

May 31  Monday. Memorial Day. Faculty and Staff holiday.
June 1  Tuesday. First day of first term and 10-week semester classes.
July 2  Friday. Last day of first term classes.
July 5  Monday. First term final examinations. No 10-week semester classes.
July 6  Tuesday. First day of second term classes
July 4  Sunday. Independence Day.
August 9  Monday. Last day of second term and 10-week semester classes.
August 10-11 Tuesday-Wednesday. Final exams for the second term and 10-week semester.
August 13-14 Friday-Saturday. Commencement and Commissioning.

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