

Common Calendar for IU Regional Campuses

Academic Affairs Committee

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Rationale

- "While respecting the needs of individual campuses, the intent of the policy is to create a **Common Academic Calendar** that facilitates transitions between campuses for both students and faculty. Our **Regional Campus Academic Calendars** already have much in common, including the dates that semesters begin, spring break, and multiple administrative deadlines. With the increase in student enrollment in online classes offered by different campuses, the trial pilot of shared courses between campuses, and hopefully the possibility of shared programs between campuses, there are emerging reasons to consider further alignment."

- Susan Sciame-Giesecke, VP Regional Campuses and Online Education (memo)

Impacts on IU South Bend

- Keep the same fall break.
- Gain back the Monday lost to Labor Day/MLK Day. The semester would end on a Monday, so all days of the week would have the same number of instructional days.
- Ending summer session II early would allow student services more time to enroll and onboard new and first year students.
- IUSB would lose one instructional day, going from 29 to 28 days in a standard two day a week class.
 - HLC requires at least 2000 instructional hours. This plan would give us 2100
 - The semester would end on a Monday. Tuesday would be a study day, then finals would start on Wednesday. That is half a week sooner than we do now, so we'd finish the semester sooner. That would give everyone a little more time to get grades submitted.

Sample for 2023-2024

- Fall 2023: WED, August 21 – MON, December 4
- Fall 2023 (Finals): WED, December 6 – TUE, 12
- Spring 2024: MON, January 8 – MON, April 22
- Spring 2024 (Finals): WED, April 24 – MON, 29
- Summer 1 (2024): MON, May 6 – MON, June 17
- Summer 2 (2024): TUE, June 18 – MON, July 29
 - **Note that these earlier start and end dates reflect where we are in a typical cycle of the academic calendar. IE, Fall and Spring will not always end this early under a common calendar.**