

Reading Days for Final Examinations

The academic calendar is very important to the faculty, and concerns about it have been raised at many of the annual Faculty Senate planning meetings over the past decade. Long standing concerns have included the lack of reading days between the last day of classes and the beginning of final exams, the final exam schedule, and the lack of stability in the academic calendar.

Faculty Senate Resolution to Codify and Expand the Number of Reading Days for Final Exams

Whereas, the faculty have expressed a range of concerns about the academic calendar, which have included explicit concerns about a lack of adequate time for students to read and study in preparation for final exams;

Whereas, students rarely have three consecutive days to read and study following the last day of classes before final exams commence and do not always have two days to read and study before final

Table 2: Last day of classes, reading days, and final exams, earlier academic years

	Fall 2015	Spring 2016	Fall 2016	Spring 2017	Fall 2017	Spring 2018	Fall 2018	Spring 2019
Last day of classes	12/15 (T)	5/11 (W)	12/8 (R)	5/9 (T)	12/8 (F)	5/7 (M)	12/7 (F)	5/10 (F)
Reading days		5/12 (R)	12/9 (F)	5/10 (W)		5/8 9 (T W)		
Weekend Reading days	12/19 20	5/14 15	12/10 11					