

UMass Academic Calendar

Fall 2016

First day of classes	Tuesday	September	6
Last day to Add or Drop with no record - Undergraduate, Graduate, Stockbridge, Continuing Education	Monday	September	19
Holiday – Columbus Day	Monday	October	10
Monday class schedule will be followed	Tuesday	October	11
Last day to Drop with “DR”-Graduate	Monday	October	17
Mid-Semester Date (Last day to Drop with ‘W’ and select ‘P/F’ - Undergraduate, Stockbridge, CPE)	Thursday	October	20
Registration begins for Spring 2017	Monday	November	7
Holiday – Veteran’s Day	Friday	November	11
Friday class schedule will be followed	Wednesday	November	16
Thanksgiving recess begins	Sunday	November	20
Classes Resume	Monday	November	28
Last day of classes	Wednesday	December	14
Reading day	Thursday	December	15
Final examinations begin	Friday	December	16
Second reading day	Saturday	December	17
Last day of final examinations	Thursday	December	22
Snow day for exams, semester ends	Friday	December	23
Final grades due by Noon	Tuesday	January	3
Number of class meetings: MTuWThF: 13			

TEACHING CALENDARS – Fall 2016

MWF SCHEDULE

<u>Meeting #</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Meeting #</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	Wed. Sept. 7	21	Mon. Oct. 24
2	Fri. Sept. 9	22	Wed. Oct. 26
3	Mon. Sept. 12	23	Fri. Oct. 28
4	Wed. Sept. 14	24	Mon. Oct. 31
5	Fri. Sept. 16	25	Wed. Nov. 2
6	Mon. Sept. 19	26	Fri. Nov. 4
7	Wed. Sept. 21	27	Mon. Nov. 7
8	Fri. Sept. 23	28	Wed. Nov. 9
9	Mon. Sept. 26	29	Mon. Nov. 14
10	Wed. Sept. 28	30	Wed. Nov. 16 (Fri. Schedule)
11	Fri. Sept. 30	31	Fri. Nov. 18
12	Mon. Oct 3	32	Mon. Nov. 28
13	Wed. Oct. 5	33	Wed. Nov. 30
14	Fri. Oct. 7	34	Fri. Dec. 2
15	Tue. Oct. 11 (Mon. Schedule)	35	Mon. Dec. 5
16	Wed. Oct. 12	36	Wed. Dec. 7
17	Fri. Oct. 14	37	Fri. Dec. 9
18	Mon. Oct. 17	38	Mon. Dec. 12
19	Wed. Oct. 19	39	Wed. Dec. 14
20	Fri. Oct. 21		

TuTh SCHEDULE

<u>Meeting #</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Meeting #</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	Tues. Sept. 6	15	Thurs. Oct. 27
2	Thurs. Sept. 8	16	Tues. Nov. 1
3	Tues. Sept. 13	17	Thurs. Nov. 3
4	Thurs. Sept. 15	18	Tues. Nov. 18
5	Tues. Sept. 20	19	Thurs. Nov. 10
6	Thurs. Sept. 22	20	Tues. Nov. 15
7	Tues. Sept. 27	21	Thurs. Nov. 17
8	Thurs. Sept. 29	22	Tues. Nov. 29
9	Tues. Oct. 4	23	Thurs. Dec. 1
10	Thurs. Oct. 6	24	Tues. Dec. 6
11	Thurs. Oct. 13	25	Thurs. Dec. 8
12	Tues. Oct. 18	26	Tues. Dec. 10
13	Thurs. Oct. 20		
14	Tues. Oct. 25		

University Policy on Class Absence for Religious Observances:

Instructors must accept a student's assertion of the need to be absent from class for religious reasons, but students are required to notify instructors **in advance** that they will miss class in order to observe a religious holiday. University policy and Massachusetts state law require faculty to offer make-up assignments or exams to students who are absent for religious observance. In the event of a dispute between a student and a faculty member, either party should contact the instructor's department head or the Ombuds Office at 545-0867.

As an aid to curriculum planning, the following partial list of religious observances for the Fall 2016 semester is listed below. Faculty should also consult links to more complete listing of Days of Religious Observance available at http://www.umass.edu/religious_affairs/calendars/, the Web site for the Office of Religious and Spiritual Life. Please note that Jewish, Baha'i, and some Muslim religious observances begin at sundown of the previous day.

MAJOR DAYS OF RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE - Fall 2016

Eid al-Adha (Day of Sacrifice)/M	September 12-13	(Mon-Tue)
Navaratri/H	October 1	(Sat)
Al-Hijra (Islamic New Year)/M	October 2	(Sun)
Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year)/J	October 3-4	(Mon-Tue)
Ashura/M	October 11	(Tue)
Dasara/Dussehra/H	October 11	(Tue)
Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement)/J	October 12	(Wed)
Sukkot (Festival of Tabernacles)/J	October 17-23	(Mon-Sun)
Shemini Atzeret/ Simhat Torah//J	October 24-25	(Mon-Tue)
Diwali/Deepavali/H/B/S/Ja	October 30	(Sun)
Birth of the Bab/Ba	November 1	(Tue)
Birth of Bahá'u'lláh/Ba	November 2	(Wed)
Bodhi Day (Enlightenment)/B	December 8	(Thur)
Mawlid an Nabi/M	December 12	(Mon)
Hanukkah/J	Dec 25-Jan 1	(Sun-Sun)
Christmas (Birth of Jesus)/C (Legal Holiday)	December 25	(Sun)

B=Buddhist; Ba=Baha'I; C=Christian; H=Hindu; J=Jewish; Ja=Jain; M=Muslim; S=Sikh