

**PROPOSED REGISTRAR'S CALENDAR**  
2005-2006 Academic Year

**SEMESTER I, 2005 - 2006**

New Students Arrive	Saturday, September 3
"Week One" for New Students	Saturday, September 3 – Wednesday, Sept. 7
<b>Registration</b>	Tuesday, September 6
Drop/Add Day	Wednesday, September 7
<b>CLASSES BEGIN</b>	<b>Thursday, September 8</b>
<i>Family Weekend/Homecoming</i>	<i>Friday, September 30 – Sunday, October 2</i>
<b>FALL BREAK</b>	<b>Starts Saturday, October 15 – Tuesday, October 18</b>
<b>THANKSGIVING BREAK</b>	<b>Starts Wednesday, November 23 – Sunday, November 27</b>
<i>Christmas Festival</i>	<i>Thursday, December 1 – Sunday, December 4</i>
Last day of classes	Tuesday, December 13
Reading Day	Wednesday, December 14
<b>Final Exam week</b>	<b>Thursday, December 15 – Wednesday, December 21</b>

**INTERIM, 2006**

<b>Interim 2006</b>	<b>Tuesday, Jan. 3 – Saturday, Jan. 28</b>
<b>CLASSES BEGIN</b>	<b>Tuesday, January 3</b>
<b>Interim Exams</b>	<b>Saturday, January 28</b>

**SEMESTER II, 2005 - 2006**

<b>CLASSES BEGIN</b>	<b>Monday, February 6, 2006</b>
<b>SPRING BREAK</b>	<b>Starts Saturday, March 25-Sunday, April 2</b>
<b>Easter Break</b>	<b>Starts Friday, April 14- Monday, April 17</b>
Honors Day	Friday, May 5
Last day of classes	Monday, May 15
Reading Day	Tuesday, May 16
Final Exam Week	Wednesday, May 17 – Tuesday, May 23
<b>SENIOR GRADES DUE</b>	<b>24 HOURS AFTER EXAM PERIOD</b>
Alumni Weekend	Friday, May 26 – Sunday, May 28
Baccalaureate/Commencement	Sunday, May 28

**SUMMER SCHOOL 2006**

**Term I: Monday, June 5 – Thursday, July 13**

**Term II: Monday, July 17 – Wednesday, August 23**

(28 days per term)

Rationale: the 05-06 Calendar

1. Semester I: 38 MWF; 26 TTh classes  
Semester II: 38 MWF; 26 TTh classes
2. Interim: 20 days (day 20 = Exams)
3. A reading day is built into both semesters.
4. Fall + Thanksgiving Breaks = a total of 5 weekdays
5. Spring + Easter Breaks = a total of 7 weekdays, including Good Friday and Easter Monday
6. Fall Semester ends Dec. 21; January Interim starts Jan. 3; Commencement is on a Sunday.
7. The break between Semester I and Interim is 12 days.  
The break between Interim and Semester II is 8 days.

**Additional information:**

Six days are scheduled for exams for both semesters.

Fall Break has been moved to Oct. 15-18. This responds to the wish that our break should not overlap MEA weekend in the public schools, for reasons related to recruitment of new students. A call to the Northfield School District office confirmed that MEA break is always scheduled the third Thursday and Friday of October (October 20-21 in 2005).

Several people have expressed the wish that St. Olaf's spring break coincide with that of the Northfield Public Schools, when possible. This is the case with the proposed calendar for 05-06.

The 05-06 calendar includes a Saturday morning exam period for Interim, a departure from our usual practice during Interim, but a normal feature of our semester schedule. Though a Saturday exam time for Interim may require alternate arrangements for the exam for some athletes who have a game on that day, multiple advantages outweigh this one disadvantage. For example, ending Interim on Saturday is advantageous for the St. Olaf Choir and the St. Olaf Band students. The Music Department tries to limit the number of days of semester II classes missed by the Choir to 5. The proposed Interim schedule for 05-06 would result in only 5 missed days, assuming a tour length of 16 days. The Band would not miss any class days, assuming a tour length of 9 days.

**PROPOSED REGISTRAR'S CALENDAR  
2006 - 2007 Academic Year**

**SEMESTER I, 2006 - 2007**

New Students Arrive	Saturday, Sept. 2
"Week One" for New Students	Saturday, Sept. 2 – Wednesday, Sept. 6
<b>Registration</b>	Tuesday, September 5
Drop/Add Day	Wednesday, September 6
<b>CLASSES BEGIN</b>	<b>Thursday, September 7</b>
<i>Family Weekend/Homecoming</i>	October 6-8
<b>FALL BREAK</b>	<b>Begins Saturday, Oct. 14 – Tues., Oct. 17</b>
<b>THANKSGIVING BREAK</b>	<b>Begins Wednesday, Nov. 22 – Sun., Nov. 26</b>
<i>Christmas Festival</i>	<i>Thursday, November 30 – Sunday, Dec. 3</i>
Last day of classes	Tuesday, December 12
Reading Day	Wednesday, December 13
<b>Final Exam week</b>	<b>Thursday, Dec. 14– Wednesday, Dec. 20</b>

**INTERIM, 2007**

Interim 2007	Tuesday, January 2--Saturday, Jan. 27
<b>CLASSES BEGIN</b>	<b>Tuesday, January 2</b>
<b>Interim Exams</b>	<b>Saturday, January 27</b>

**SEMESTER II, 2006 - 2007**

<b>CLASSES BEGIN</b>	<b>Monday, February 5, 2007</b>
<b>SPRING BREAK</b>	<b>Begins Saturday, March 24 – Sunday, April 1. Classes resume Monday, April 2, 2007.</b>
<b>EASTER BREAK</b>	<b>Begins Friday, April 6- (Good Friday) - Monday, April 9. Classes resume Tuesday, April 10, 2007.</b>
Honors Day	Friday, May 4
Last day of classes	Monday, May 14
Reading Day	<b>Tuesday, May 15</b>
Final Exam Week	Wednesday, May 16 – Tuesday, May 22
<b>SENIOR GRADES DUE</b>	<b>24 HOURS AFTER EXAM PERIOD</b>
Alumni Weekend	Friday, May 25 – Sunday, May 27
Baccalaureate/Commencement	Sunday, May 27

**SUMMER SCHOOL 2007**

**Term I: Monday, June 4 – Thursday, July 12 (No class Wednesday, July 4)**

**Term II: Monday, July 16 – Wednesday, August 22**

(28 days per term)

### **Rationale: the 06-07 Calendar**

1. Semester I: 38 MWF; 26 TTh classes
2. Semester II: 38 MWF; 26 TTh classes
3. Interim: 20 days (day 20 = Exams)
4. A reading day is built into both semesters.
5. Fall + Thanksgiving Breaks = a total of 5 weekdays
6. Spring + Easter Breaks = a total of 7 weekdays, including Good Friday and Easter Monday
7. Fall Semester ends Wednesday, Dec. 20 (one day earlier than is typical); January Interim starts Jan. 2; Commencement is on a Sunday.

The January 2 start day for Interim runs against the CEPC guideline for the start of interim, but the alternative, starting on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, results in a more sprawling interim and creates a problem for semester II. The simple adjustment of interim enables me to accommodate all of the needs of Music, Athletics, the Easter weekend, and reading day for semester II.

8. The break between Semester I and Interim is 12 days.
9. The break between Interim and Semester II is 8 days.

### **Additional information:**

Six days are scheduled for exams for both semesters.

Fall Break is scheduled Sat.-Tues., Oct. 14-17, so as to avoid overlap with MEA weekend (Oct. 19 and 20).

Spring Break is scheduled during the week when the Northfield Public Schools normally schedule their spring break.

Once again, as in 05-06, Interim exam falls on a Saturday. As in 05-06, using Saturday create a more compact interim has many advantages for semester II.

Under this calendar, the St. Olaf Choir would miss five class days at the beginning of second semester for tour, assuming a tour of 16 days. The Band would miss no class days, assuming a tour length of 9 days. The athletic teams would not need to miss classes before spring break or be on campus during spring break.

**Academic Year Calendar Guidelines**  
 Approved by CEPC, 10/27/94;  
 Revised 12/7/94, 4/12/95 and 2/24/2000

1. *Lengths of Semesters.* Each semester shall include at least 38 MWF and 26 TTh teaching days.
2. *Length of Interim.* January Interim shall include 20 days of classes (twentieth day for exams).
3. *Reading Days.* Fall and Spring Semester shall each include one Reading Day.
4. *Breaks in Fall Semester.* Breaks in Fall Semester shall include at least five weekdays. Fall Break shall occur in mid-October and shall include at least two consecutive weekdays. Thanksgiving Break shall include at least Thursday (Thanksgiving) and Friday.
5. *Breaks in Spring Semester.* Breaks in Spring Semester shall include at least six weekdays. Spring Break shall include Monday through Friday. Easter Break shall include Easter and, where possible, Good Friday.
6. *Term Boundaries.*
  - Fall Semester shall end no later than December 21.  
*Exception.* Fall Semester may end on December 22 only in years in which Labor Day falls on September 7.
  - January Interim shall start on or after January 3.  
*Exception.* January Interim may begin on January 2 only in non-leap years in which June 1 falls on a Sunday.
  - Graduation shall be on a Sunday.
7. *Breaks Between Terms.* The break between Fall Semester and Interim (i.e., Christmas Break) shall include at least twelve calendar days. The break between Interim and Spring Semester shall include at least seven calendar days.

**Additional Considerations to be Taken into Account**  
 compiled by Mary Cisar, Registrar, based on input from calendar readers  
 Fall, 2003 (updated 11-21-03)

1. Homecoming is the weekend (F-Sun.) with a home football game that is closest to the halfway point between the beginning of the semester and fall break.
2. Fall Break does not fall on the Monday and Tuesday following the third Thursday and Friday of October (to avoid having break the same weekend as the Admissions fall weekend for prospective students, which is always MEA weekend = 3<sup>rd</sup> Th and F of October).
3. Whenever possible, Spring Break falls at the same time as the Northfield Public Schools' break, which is always the last week of March or the week that straddles March and April.
4. Good Friday should be reserved as a no-class day.
5. The number of missed days of class by the St. Olaf Choir is, ideally, no more than 5 (the choir leaves right after the exam at the end of Interim and is gone X days), and in no case more than 8.
5. 6 days are needed for final exams in both semesters.