Official University Holidays (Offices closed/no classes):
2016: September 5; November 23-25; December 26-31
2017: January 1; April 14; May 29 and July 4.
Faculty/Staff Conference Week: August 8 - 12

Fall Semester 2016 – 76 class days – 5 exam days
Final Registration before classes begin...........................................August 12
New Student Survival Weekend......................................................August 13
Matriculation Ceremony (11a.m.)...................................................August 13
Residence halls open (8a.m.)...........................................................August 14
Classes begin.................................................................................August 15
Last day to complete registration/add classes.........................August 24
Labor Day (no classes, residence halls remain open)...............September 5
Last day to drop course without “WD”..............................September 13
Homecoming (classes held as scheduled).............................October 7 - 8
Mid-term .....................................................................................October 10 –14
Last day to drop course without “F”....................................October 21
Early registration begins.................................................................October 24
Thanksgiving holiday (no classes).............................November 23 - 25
Residence halls open (1 p.m.).......................................................November 27
Classes end..................................................................................December 2
Commencement (11 a.m.).................................................................December 10
Residence halls close (2 p.m.).........................................................December 10

Spring Semester 2017 – 74 class days – 5 exam days
Final Registration before classes begin......................................January 6
Residence halls open (8a.m.)..........................................................January 8
Classes begin................................................................................January 9
Martin Luther King Day (special activities)..............................January 16
Last day to complete registration/add classes...............................January 18
Last day to drop course without “WD”........................February 7
Lincoln Day/Founders Day (special activities)..............................February 13
Mid-term ......................................................................................Feb. 27 – March 3
Last day to drop course without “F”................................March 17
Residence halls close (5 p.m.)..........................................................March 17
Spring break (no classes).............................................................March 20 – 24
Residence halls open (1 p.m.)........................................................March 26
Early registration begins.................................................................March 27
Good Friday (no classes).................................................................April 14
Classes end..................................................................................April 28
Final exams..................................................................................May 1 - 5
Commencement (11 a.m.).................................................................May 6
Residence halls close (2 p.m.)........................................................May 6

Summer Term 2017 .................................................................May 8 – July 28
Memorial Day (no classes)..............................................................May 29
Independence Day (no classes).....................................................July 4

During the 12-week summer term, classes may meet 3 weeks, 4 weeks, etc., as long as the required number of contact hours is met.