

UFV Guidelines for Setting the Academic Schedule

The sessional dates are created based on the following:

- The annual academic schedule will begin with the start of the Fall semester and conclude with the end of the Summer semester.
- A Semester begins on the first Calendar day of the month and ends on the last Calendar day of the month. Class start and end dates are listed in the calendar of Sessional Dates.
- Applied and Technical Studies and Continuing Studies programs set their sessional dates according to their mandate and needs, but will generally parallel the semester system where possible.
- There will be a minimum of 63 days of instruction and a maximum of 65 days of instruction in each of the Fall and Winter Semesters (not including Saturdays). Within these limits, and where possible, the schedule should balance the days of the week, Monday to Friday, available for instruction.
- Courses taught regularly on Saturdays during Fall and Winter will normally meet 13 times for at least 3.0 hours per week (for a 3 credit course).
- There will be a minimum of one (1) calendar day between the last day of classes and the first day of final exams. Where the last day of classes in Fall and Winter semesters falls on a Friday, Exams will begin on the following Monday.
- There will be an 8 day (Sunday through Sunday) reading break in the Winter Semester, which includes the BC Family Day holiday. There is to be no formal instruction or examination activities during this period unless it is part of a Decanally approved specialty program.
- There will be a Summer semester with three main parts. The Full Session will have a minimum of 62 days of instruction. There will be two intensive summer sessions (Early and Late) with a minimum of 31 days of instruction each.
- There will be normally be 10 days for final exams in each of the Fall and Winter terms. All days of the week, except Sundays and statutory holidays, will be used.
- There will be up to 8 days for final exams for the Full Summer session. All days of the week, except Sundays and statutory holidays, will be used.
- There will be up to 4 days for final exams for each of the Early and Late summer sessions. All days of the week, except Sundays and statutory holidays, will be used.
- Administrative dates, such as Convocation and statutory holidays will be shown in the calendar of sessional dates, but will not be subject to approval by Senate.
- For all semesters, students and academic staff are expected to be available for the full set of sessional dates until the final exam schedule is published.