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3.4 Calendar of Academic Activities

3.4.1 Semester System

All USG institutions shall be on the semester system (BoR Minutes, December, 1995).

The academic year shall consist of two (2) regular semesters, each not to be less than fifteen (15) calendar weeks in length, excluding registration.

A minimum of 750 minutes of instruction or equivalent is required for each semester credit hour.

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3.4.2 Uniform Academic Calendar

Institutions will have two (2) semesters, each with fifteen (15) instructional weeks.

All institutions, with the exception of the Medical School at the Medical College of Georgia, shall begin and end classes during prescribed periods. The prescribed dates for starting and ending classes can be found in the Academic Affairs Handbook.

Each institution will determine all other necessary dates for the semester, including the possibility of flexible scheduling within and between semesters. Each term must be separated by a minimum of one (1) day.

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3.4.3 Religious Holiday Schedule

Each institution should have a policy regarding special arrangements for students for religious holidays.

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3.4.4 Exceptions

Requests for exceptions to this policy must be submitted in writing to and approved in writing by the USG chief academic officer.

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