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Academic Year

Calendar Year: Berkeley College's calendar includes four terms organized on the quarter system. The fall quarter begins in September, followed by the winter quarter in January, the spring quarter in April, and the summer quarter in July.

An academic year (three consecutive quarters) is typically comprised of three terms totaling 36 weeks, and a full-time student is expected to complete a minimum of 36 quarter credit hours (in most cases a minimum of nine 4 quarter credit courses) in that time. Academic years that span a summer quarter—three consecutive quarters consecutively including a summer quarter—are comprised of 35 weeks.

*Beginning June 6, 2016, pending regulatory approval, the College will adopt a semester-based calendar. Certain Health Studies clinical programs for continuing students, however, will remain on the quarter system.

The campuses are closed on some legal holidays. The current **academic calendar** specifies the exact dates.

The Quarter System: Courses are evaluated in terms of quarter hours of credit, except for certain courses in the School of Health Studies that are measured in clock hours.

Class Hours: Generally, instructional hours are from 8:00 a.m. through 11:00 p.m. on weekdays and from 9:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. on weekends.

Students enrolled in the **Medical Assistant, Patient Care Technician, Practical Nurse, Surgical Processing Technician, and Surgical Technology** programs should refer to their respective Student Handbook Supplements for program-specific class and clinical rotation hours.