Academic calendar proposal for 2002-2003

Fall 2002

Sunday - Friday, August 18 - 23	Orientation week for new students
Monday, August 26	FIRST DAY OF CLASSES
Monday - Friday, August 26 - August 30	Registration continues for undergraduate and graduate students
Monday, September 2	Labor Day (Holiday)
Friday, September 6	Deadline: adding courses without a fee
Friday, September 20	Deadline : late registration or adding courses Deadline: dropping courses without a fee
Friday, September 27	Deadline : changing Spring 2002 "Pass/Fail" to a grade Deadline : Instructors submitting final grades to clear "Incompletes" from Spring 2002 semester
Friday, October 11	Deadline: Mid-semester grades for first-year undergraduate students due Deadline: College course plans due to Vice President for Student Affairs
Monday - Tuesday, October 14 -15	Midterm recess
Wednesday, October 16	All classes normally held on Monday meet; all Wednesday classes canceled (to equalize holidays by days of the week during the semester)

Friday, November 1	 Deadline: last day to drop courses - graduate students and returning undergraduate students Deadline: changing course status to "Pass/Fail" option Deadline: filing of thesis master's candidacy petitions certification of nonthesis master's form for automatic master's in the Office of Graduate Studies for mid-year conferral of degree Deadline: filing Ph.D. candidacy petitions in Office of Graduate Studies for mid-year conferral of degree
Monday, November 4	Deadline: filing application for mid-year degree conferral
Monday - Friday, November 11 - 15	Preregistration begins for currently enrolled undergraduate, graduate and fifth year students for the Spring 2003 semester Deadline: Applying for Spring 2003 conferral of degree
Monday - Wednesday, November 18 - 20	Self-scheduling of Final Examinations in undergraduate courses 12:00 Noon Deadline , Wednesday, November 20
Thursday - Friday, November 28 - 29	Thanksgiving recess
Friday, December 6	LAST DAY OF CLASSES Deadline : last day to drop courses (first semester undergraduate students only) 12:00noon Deadline: submitting theses in the Office of Graduate Studies for mid-year conferral of degree
Saturday - Tuesday December 7 – 10	Self-Scheduled Final Examinations ONLY

Wednesday – Wednesday December 11 – 18 Wednesday, December 18	Self-Scheduled Final Examinations continues 5:00pm Deadline: Return of take home final examinations
Thursday, January 2	5:00pm Deadline: All final grades due in the Office of the Registrar
Length of Fall 2002 semester -	70 days 14 M, T, W, R, F

Spring 2003

Monday, January 13	FIRST DAY OF CLASSES
Monday, January 20	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Holiday)
Monday - Friday, January 13 - 17	Registration continues for undergraduate and graduate students
Friday, January 17	Deadline : resolving grades of "other" from Fall 2002 semester
Friday, January 24	Deadline: adding courses without a fee
Friday, January 31	 Deadline: filing of thesis master's candidacy petitions certification for nonthesis master's form for automatic master's in the Office of Graduate Studies for May 2003 conferral of degree Deadline: filing Ph.D. candidacy petitions in the Office of Graduate Studies for May 2003 conferral of degree
Friday, February 7	Deadline : late registration or adding courses Deadline: dropping courses without a fee
Friday, February 14	Deadline : changing Fall 2002 "Pass/Fail" to a grade Deadline: Instructors submitting final grades to clear "Incompletes" from Fall 2002 semester
Friday, February 21	Majors Day

Friday, February 28	Deadline: Mid-semester grades for first-year undergraduate students due Deadline: College course plans due to Vice President for Student Affairs
Monday - Friday, March 10-14	Mid-term recess
Friday, March 21	Deadline : sophomores filing majors with the Office of the Registrar
Monday, March 31	Deadline : last day to drop courses - graduate students and undergraduate students Deadline: changing course status to "Pass/Fail" option
Monday - Friday, March 31 - April 4	Preregistration begins for currently enrolled undergraduate, graduate and fifth-year students for the Fall 2003 semester
Monday - Wednesday, April 14 - 16	Self-scheduling of Final Examinations in undergraduate courses
Friday, April 25	LAST DAY OF CLASSES Deadline : last day to drop courses (for January 2003 undergraduate student admits only) 12:00noon Deadline : submitting theses in the Office of Graduate Studies for May 2003 conferral of degree
Saturday - Thursday, April 26 - May 1 @12:00noon	Final examinations for all degree candidates
Wednesday - Wednesday, April 30 - May 7	Final examinations for non-graduating students
Saturday, May 3	9:00am Deadline: Grades for all degree candidates due in the Office of the Registrar
Saturday, May 10	NINETIETH COMMENCEMENT

Wednesday, May 14 **9:00am Deadline:** All remaining grades for non-graduating students due in the Office of the Registrar

Friday, June 6

Deadline: resolving grades of "other" from Spring 2003 semester

Length of Spring 2003 semester – 69 days

13M, 14T, 14W, 14R, 14F

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NOTES -

Rosh Hashanah – Sept 7-8 Yom Kippur – Sept 16 Columbus Day - Oct 14 Thanksgiving - Nov 28 Martin Luther King Day – Jan 20 Good Friday – April 18 Easter – April 20 Passover – April 17-18 Spring recess HISD -

Since the district has been typically scheduling this recess beginning with the second Monday of every March until Friday, it appears that using this same scenario, the dates would be March 10 - 14 for 2003. They do not make this decision until six months before the start of the upcoming year. This was verified with HISD Department of Education.

CHANGES -

<u>Thursday - Friday,</u> March 27-28

Spring recess is eliminated

Spring break coincides with the HISD Department of Education

Length of Spring 2003 semester increased by 2 days to 69 days due to elimination of spring break