

RIT SEMESTER CALENDAR

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Agenda



Luke Skywalker: We will talk about the calendar.

Grounding principles

- ⦿ Hold our students harmless as a result of the calendar conversion
- ⦿ No loss of rigor
 - Maintain as close to 30 weeks of instruction as possible
- ⦿ Establish a January intersession

Original proposal – Fall

class days	Fall					Week
5	26	27	28	29	30	aug 1
8	2	3	4	5	6	sep 2
13	9	10	11	12	13	3
18	16	17	18	19	20	4
23	23	24	25	26	27	5
28	30	1	2	3	4	oct 6
33	7	8	9	10	11	7
38	14	15	16	17	18	8
43	21	22	23	24	25	9
48	28	29	30	31	1	nov 10
53	4	5	6	7	8	11
58	11	12	13	14	15	12
63	18	19	20	21	22	13
65	25	26	27	28	29	14
70	2	3	4	5	6	dec 15
75	9	10	11	12	13	16
	16	17	18	19	20	17
	M	T	W	TH	F	
	15	15	15	15	15	
75	Total class days					
5	Total days no classes (includes labor day)					
0	Total reading days					
5	Total exam days					
85	Total days in semester					
	Start/ End	No classes	Reading day	Final exams	Total class days	RIT holiday

Original proposal – Spring

class days	Spring					Week
5	27	28	29	30	31	jan 1
10	3	4	5	6	7	feb 2
15	10	11	12	13	14	3
20	17	18	19	20	21	4
25	24	25	26	27	28	5
30	3	4	5	6	7	mar 6
35	10	11	12	13	14	7
40	17	18	19	20	21	8
40	24	25	26	27	28	9
45	31	1	2	3	4	apr 10
50	7	8	9	10	11	11
55	14	15	16	17	18	12
60	21	22	23	24	25	13
65	28	29	30	1	2	14
70	5	6	7	8	9	may 15
75	12	13	14	15	16	16
	19	20	21	22	23	17
	M	T	W	TH	F	
	15	15	15	15	15	
75	Total class days					
5	Total days no classes					
0	Total reading days					
5	Total exam days					
85	Total days in semester					
	Start/ End	No classes	Reading day	Final exams	Total class days	

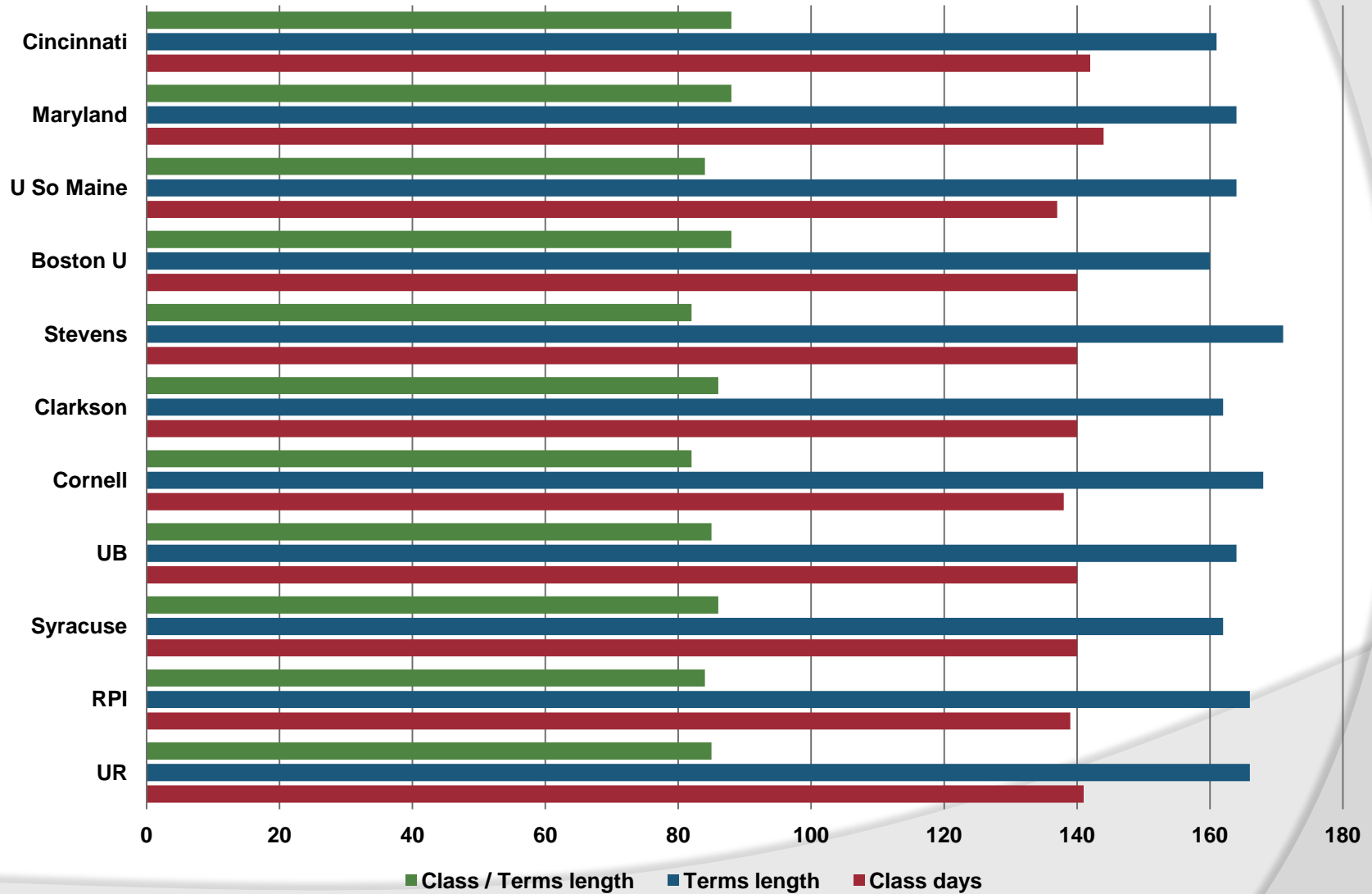
Concerns

- ⦿ No reading days before final exams + final exams on commencement day
- ⦿ No mid-semester fall break
- ⦿ Labor day break during first week of classes in fall
- ⦿ No senior week
- ⦿ 14-week vs. 15-week semesters
- ⦿ 15-week, 3-week, 5-week & 10-week terms

Principles

- ⦿ Five-day exam period
- ⦿ Late May commencement timeframe to maximize intersession
- ⦿ Balance between MWF and T-Th
- ⦿ 41.27976190478-week faculty contracts
- ⦿ W-F Thanksgiving holiday
- ⦿ 5-day spring break

Background



Fall break; labor, reading, exam days

School	Fall break days	Labor day	Reading days (F, S)	Exam days (F, S)
U of R	2	Yes	3, 2	4+Sat, 6
RPI	1	Yes	2, 2	5, 5
Syracuse	Thanksgiving week	Yes	0, 1	5, 5
Buffalo	1 (Thursday)	Yes	0, 2	6, 6
Cornell	2	Yes	3, 3	7, 7
Clarkson	2	No	0, 0	5, 5
Stevens	1	Yes	0, 1	9, 9 + Sat/Sun + review
BU	2	No	0, 0	4, 5
U So Maine	2	Yes	0, 0	5+Sat, 5+Sat
Cincinnati	1	Yes	0, 0	5, 4+Sat/Sun
Maryland	0	Yes	1, 1	5, 5

Model 1 – Fall

class days	Fall					Week
2				22	23	aug 1
7	26	27	28	29	30	2
11	2	3	4	5	6	sep 3
16	9	10	11	12	13	4
21	16	17	18	19	20	5
26	23	24	25	26	27	6
31	30	1	2	3	4	oct 7
34	7	8	9	10	11	8
39	14	15	16	17	18	9
44	21	22	23	24	25	10
49	28	29	30	31	1	nov 11
54	4	5	6	7	8	12
59	11	12	13	14	15	13
64	18	19	20	21	22	14
66	25	26	27	28	29	15
71	2	3	4	5	6	dec 16
74	9	10	11	12	13	17
	16	17	18	19		
	M	T	W	TH	F	
	14	15	15	15	15	

74	Total class days
6	Total days no classes (includes labor day)
1	Total reading days
5	Total exam days
86	Total days in semester

Start/ End	No classes	Reading day	Final exams	Total class days	RIT holiday
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Model 1 - Spring

class days	Spring					Week
1	20	21	last class 22	finals 23	24	jan 1
6	27	28	29	30	31	2
11	3	4	5	6	7	feb 3
16	10	11	12	13	14	4
21	17	18	19	20	21	5
26	24	25	26	27	28	6
31	3	4	5	6	7	mar 7
36	10	11	12	13	14	8
41	17	18	19	20	21	9
41	24	25	26	27	28	10
46	31	1	2	3	4	apr 11
51	7	8	9	10	11	12
56	14	15	16	17	18	13
61	21	22	23	24	25	14
66	28	29	30	1	2	may 15
71	5	6	7	8	9	16
74	12	13	14	15	16	17
	19	20	21	22	convocation	
	memorial					
	M	T	W	TH	F	
	15	15	15	14	15	
74	Total class days					
5	Total days no classes					
1	Total reading days					
5	Total exam days					
85	Total days in semester					
	Start/ End	No classes	Reading day	Final exams	Total class days	Interession days

Model 1 summary

- Mid-semester fall break + Thanksgiving
- Labor day RIT holiday
- One reading day + Saturday and Sunday
- 5 exam days
- Almost same number of weekdays
- Thursday, Friday semester start days
- 74 class days / semester
- New faculty contracts and student orientation activities may need adjustment

Model 2 – Fall

class days	Fall					Week
5	26	27	28	29	30	aug 1
10	2	3	4	5	6	sep 2
15	9	10	11	12	13	3
20	16	17	18	19	20	4
25	23	24	25	26	27	5
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73	9	10	11	12	13	16
	16	17	18	19		17
	M	T	W	TH	F	
	15	15	15	14	14	
73	Total class days					
5	Total days no classes					
1	Total reading days					
5	Total exam days					
84	Total days in semester					
	Start/ End	No classes	Reading day	Final exams	Total class days	

Model 2 – Spring

class days	Spring					Week	
5	27	28	29	30	31	jan	1
10	3	4	5	6	7	feb	2
15	10	11	12	13	14		3
20	17	18	19	20	21		4
25	24	25	26	27	28		5
30	3	4	5	6	7	mar	6
35	10	11	12	13	14		7
40	17	18	19	20	21		8
40	24	25	26	27	28		9
45	31	1	2	3	4	apr	10
50	7	8	9	10	11		11
55	14	15	16	17	18		12
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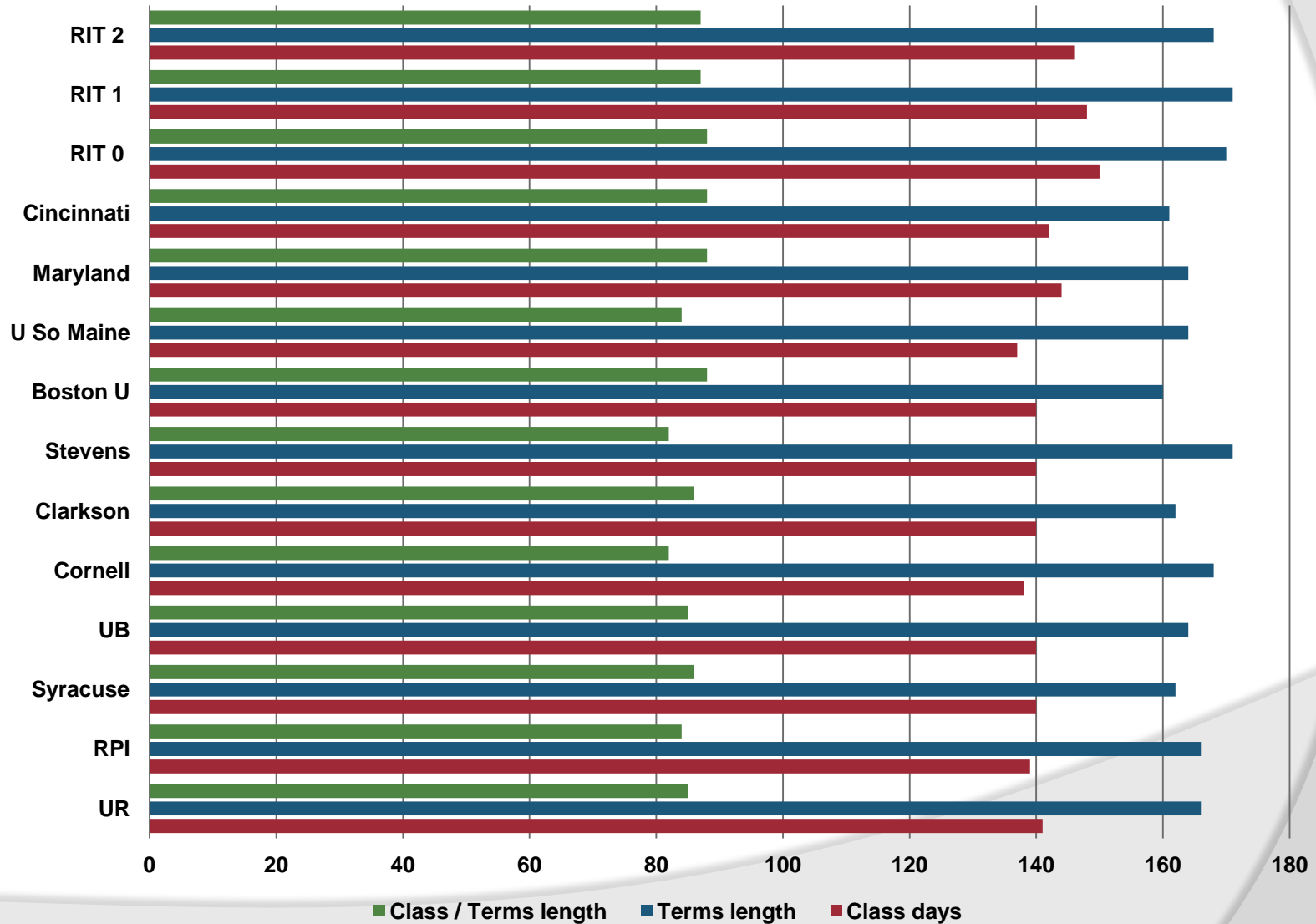
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	Start/ End	No classes	Reading day	Final exams	Total class days
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Model 2 summary

- Mid-semester fall break
- No labor day holiday
- One reading day in addition to Saturday and Sunday
- 5 exam days
- Almost same number of weekdays
- Both semesters start on Monday
- 73 class days / semester

How these compare?



Recent feedback

- ⦿ Intersession may not work for all types of courses
- ⦿ Five-week winter break is too long
- ⦿ Proposed semesters are too long
- ⦿ Full reading week before finals
- ⦿ Weeklong Thanksgiving break
- ⦿ Course scheduling framework

Closing thoughts

- ⦿ Requests (39 days)
 - 5-day fall break
 - 5-day spring break
 - 5-day senior week
 - 3-day Thanksgiving break
 - 1 Labor day
 - 5 reading days in fall
 - 5 reading days in spring
 - 5 days of finals in fall
 - 5 days of finals in spring
- ⦿ Beware of a calendar's vicissitudes
- ⦿ Once agreement is reached, we need to generate the following 3 calendars



“Search for your feelings
Luke... you know them to be
true.”