

# ACADEMIC CALENDAR DEFINED

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Vanguard University operates on a three 16-week semester academic calendar. The new academic calendar year begins in late August. Each semester may have eight- and five-week mini-terms built within the overall semester. The university's Academic Calendar (<https://catalog.vanguard.edu/calendar/>) can be accessed online.

**Fall Semester** –The semester normally is scheduled from late August to the Christmas Holiday.

- For traditional undergraduate students, a normal load for the fall term is twelve to eighteen credits. Students receiving Cal Grant aid are encouraged to enroll in 15 credits during the Fall and Spring term.
- Students enrolled in Professional Education Programs are required to take a minimum of 9 credits to maintain full-time status each term.
- Students enrolled in Graduate programs are required to take between 6-9 credits to maintain full-time status each term.

**Spring Semester** –The semester normally is scheduled from early January to early May.

- For traditional undergraduate students, a normal load for the fall term is twelve to eighteen credits. Students receiving Cal Grant aid are encouraged to enroll in 15 credits during the Fall and Spring term.
- Students enrolled in Professional Education Programs are required to take a minimum of 9 credits to maintain full-time status each term.
- Students enrolled in Graduate programs are required to take between 6-9 credits to maintain full-time status each term.

**Summer Semester** –The Summer term, which normally is scheduled from mid-May through late August.

- Students in the traditional undergraduate program may enroll in courses during the summer term, but will need to consult their financial aid counselor to see if aid is available.
- Students enrolled in Professional Education programs are required to take a minimum of 9 credits to maintain full-time status each term; covered by financial aid.
- Students enrolled in Graduate programs are required to take between 6-9 credits to maintain full-time status each term; covered by financial aid. Graduate students are encouraged to speak with their program coordinator to determine if summer sessions are required or optional.

