

Academic Calendar Realignment Overview

Beginning with the 2021-22 academic year, the University of La Verne will make important changes to its academic calendar.

As part of the academic calendar realignment, the current 16-week semester and 10-week term calendar will be permanently replaced with a 17-week semester (fall and spring) with two 8-week sessions embedded. Each 17-week semester, including fall, will contain a one-week break in academic instruction, scheduled to fall between the two 8-week sessions.

The current 10-week summer session will move to an 8-week summer session (with two 4-week mini-sessions akin to the January intersession for traditional undergraduate students). The January intersession will remain unchanged.

The new calendar will create flexibility for students by allowing cross-registration across 8-week sessions and the 17-week semesters in a Department of Education-compliant calendar. Students will be able to take offerings across campuses and delivery modes.

Traditional undergraduate semester students will be eligible to enroll in courses offered through regional campuses, La Verne Online, and the Campus Accelerated Program for Adults (CAPA). Regional campuses and La Verne Online students will be eligible to enroll in courses at the La Verne Campus. In some programs, the new calendar gives adult learners and graduate students an additional period of enrollment during the academic year to accelerate their time to degree.

Due to accreditation requirements and the need for graduating students to prepare for the bar exam, the College of Law (COL) calendar will have slightly different start dates, spring break, and finals week, but students will still be able to cross-register in dual degree programs each semester.

The Masters of Science Physician Assistant Practice program will remain on its current trimester calendar, which allows students to complete their clinical rotations and is in line with accreditation standards.

Information on the academic calendar realignment is available on the university website at univ.lv/calendar.

Frequently Asked Questions for Students

What are the benefits of the changes to the academic calendar?

The new calendar creates flexibility by allowing students to cross-register across 8-week sessions and the 17-week semesters in a Department of Education-compliant calendar. Students will be able to take offerings across campuses and delivery modes, in some cases allowing students to accelerate their time to degree.

What is the new terminology for the academic calendar?

Moving forward, “term” will be used in line with the Department of Education’s definition and the fall and spring terms will include a 17-week semester, the 18-week law semester, and two 8-week sessions.

The fall term will be inclusive of the Fall Law Semester, Fall Semester, and Fall Sessions 1 and 2. Spring term is inclusive of Spring Law Semester, Spring Semester (including January Intersession), and Spring Sessions 1 and 2. Summer term will have the Summer Session and two 4-week mini-sessions. See Appendix A.

When will these changes go into effect?

The new academic calendar will go into effect in the fall 2021 term, which begins on August 16, 2021, with the start of the College of Law semester.

How will the new academic calendar be different from the current academic calendar?

For most students on the semester calendar, not much will change, other than having the flexibility to enroll in a greater variety of courses across the La Verne Campus, regional campuses, and online.

Students at regional campuses, in online programs, and in College of Business and Public Management graduate programs will see important changes. Those include a shift to standardized 8-week sessions (instead of 10-weeks), all in-person classes will be hybrid with a mix of face-to-face and online instruction, and the requirement for students to register for multiple sessions before the start of each new academic term.

What are the dates for the new academic calendar?

See Appendix A.

Will my classes be different in the new academic calendar?

Possibly. All in-person classes offered for the 8-week sessions will now be hybrid. That means that a majority of each class will be taught face-to-face, and 30 percent (for graduate) or 40 percent (for undergraduate) will be taught online. The online portion of those classes will be asynchronous, guided by faculty-designed online assignments rather than through remote Zoom or Webex meetings. Courses in fully online-only programs will remain fully online.

I am a student in the College of Law. What does this mean for me?

There will be no significant changes to the College of Law Semester. The college will continue to have an 18-week semester. Students may cross-enroll between the law semester, the semester, and session programs.

I am a graduate student in the College of Arts and Sciences. What does this mean for me?

There will be no significant changes to the academic semester for graduate programs within the College of Arts and Sciences, with the exception of the addition of a one-week break during the fall semester. The Masters of

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Science Physician Assistant Practice program will remain on its current trimester calendar, which allows students to complete their clinical rotations and is in line with accreditation standards.

I am a traditional undergraduate student on the La Verne Campus. What does this mean for me?

Except for the addition of a one-week fall break, there will be no significant changes to the academic semester for traditional undergraduate students on the La Verne Campus. The January intersession will remain in place. The new academic calendar will allow traditional undergraduate students to have greater flexibility to enroll in some online classes or in hybrid classes offered at regional campus locations. Traditional undergraduate students should work with their advisors to discuss whether these options are appropriate.

I am an adult learner in the Campus Accelerated Program for Adults (CAPA). What does this mean for me?

Students in CAPA will see minor changes. Those include a shift from two 8-week cycles to two standardized 8-week sessions for each of the fall and spring terms, the availability of an 8-week session during summer term, and the option to enroll in classes offered at other regional campuses. Students can continue to enroll in semester-based classes on the La Verne Campus. Courses in online-only programs will remain fully online.

I am an undergraduate student enrolled through the Regional and Online Campuses, including La Verne Online. What does this mean for me?

Students at regional campuses and La Verne Online will see important changes. Those include a shift from: (a) totally face-to-face classes to hybrid with increased online components for coursework as part of the conversion; (b) the 10 week sessions to two standardized 8-week sessions for both the fall and spring terms (c) the 10-week summer session to an 8-week summer session; and (d) the requirement to register for multiple sessions before the start of each new academic term. Courses in online-only programs will remain fully online and be offered as 8-week sessions.

I am a graduate student in the College of Business and Public Management. What does this mean for me?

Students who are currently on the 10-week calendar, which includes graduate students in the College of Business and Public Management at the La Verne Campus, regional campuses, and online, will see important changes. Those include a shift from 10 to 8-week sessions (limited classes may be offered on the 17-week semester), more available sessions per academic year, increased online components for coursework for all in-person classes, and the requirement to register for multiple sessions before the start of each new academic term. Courses in online-only programs will remain fully online.

I am a graduate student in the LaFetra College of Education. What does this mean for me?

There will be no significant changes to the academic semester for graduate students in the LaFetra College of Education at the La Verne Campus, with the exception of a new one-week break during the fall semester.

Students who are currently on the 10-week calendar, which include graduate students in the LaFetra College of Education at regional campuses, will see important changes. Those include a shift from 10 to 8-week sessions (limited classes may be offered on the 17-week semester), more available sessions per academic year, increased online components for coursework, and the requirement to register for multiple sessions before the start of each new academic term.

What impact will this have on my financial aid?

Students will still have the opportunity to qualify for federal, state, and university aid as they did before the calendar realignment. Students' financial aid eligibility will be based on their class registration for the entire term of enrollment, which means that part-time and full-time status will be calculated based on the total

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number of units enrolled in a semester and both embedded sessions during the fall and spring, or the session and mini-sessions in the summer. Students who are in session-based programs should register for both Session 1 and Session 2 at the same time, since they will become eligible for funds for the entire term including both sessions when they begin Session 1. Make sure to file your FAFSA as usual, and do not hesitate to contact finaid@laverne.edu if you have any questions or need assistance.

What impact will this have on my tuition?

The academic calendar realignment will not affect tuition rates.

Will this change the add/drop deadlines?

For the 8-week sessions, the add/drop dates will be at the end of the first week of instruction. For the 4-week intersession and summer mini-sessions, the add/drop dates will be at the end of the third day of instruction. The semester add/drop dates will remain the same, at the end of the sixth day of instruction.

Will this change how I register for classes?

Yes. All students will register for a full fall, spring, and summer term. This means either for an entire semester, or for the two 8-week sessions embedded in the fall and spring semesters. Students will also register for the two 4-week summer mini sessions embedded in the summer term. For example, when registering for the fall term, students on the 8-week session calendar would register for Fall Session 1 and Fall Session 2 at the same time.

Will this accelerate my time to degree completion?

In some programs, the new calendar will give regional campus, online students, and graduate students an additional period of enrollment during the academic year to accelerate their time to degree.

Will I lose any credits as a result of the academic calendar realignment?

No. All of your current class credits will remain unchanged.

Will we still have winter break and spring break?

Yes. Students will have winter break and spring break. In addition, students on the semester and session calendar will also have a one week break during the fall term. The one-week fall and spring breaks will be timed to occur mid-semester, between the two 8-week sessions. Law Semester will observe a spring break but the dates will be different than the other semester and session spring break.

What are the academic holidays?

Holidays observed will be per the University of La Verne Holiday Schedule produced by the Office of Human Resources. The holidays are: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Presidents' Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Thanksgiving Friday. In addition, Good Friday and Veterans Days will be academic holidays. While classes will not meet on these days, independent asynchronous learning activities will need to be assigned given the reduction of face-to-face or remote synchronous class time via Zoom or Webex.

Classes will be in session for Monday-Wednesday and Saturday of Thanksgiving week. Winter holidays will continue to be observed but do not impact the academic calendar.

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Will the requirements for my major change?

No, the major requirements will not be impacted by the new calendar. Students can view the academic catalog at laverne.edu/catalog for details on requirements for degrees.

Who can I talk to if I still have questions?

Students with questions are welcome to connect with the following offices with questions:

- Class scheduling and progress to degree? Academic Advising, laverne.edu/advising or your assigned academic advisor.
- Funding your education with federal, state, and institutional aid? The Office of Financial aid, laverne.edu/financial-aid.
- Making your tuition payments? Student Accounts, laverne.edu/accounts.

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Appendix A: Academic Year 2021-22 Calendar Dates

Term	Name	Date	Length
Fall	Fall Law Semester	August 16, 2021 to December 19, 2021	18 weeks
Fall	Fall Semester	August 23, 2021 to December 19, 2021	17 weeks
Fall	Fall Session 1	August 23, 2021 to October 17, 2021	8 weeks
Fall	Fall Break	October 18-22 (for fall semester and sessions)	1 week
Fall	Fall Session 2	October 25, 2021 to December 19, 2021	8 weeks
Spring	January Intersession	January 3, 2022 to January 30, 2022	4 weeks
Spring	Spring Law Semester	January 10, 2022 to May 14, 2022	18 weeks
Spring	Spring Semester	January 31, 2022 to May 29, 2022	17 weeks
Spring	Spring Session 1	January 31, 2022 to March 27, 2022	8 weeks
Spring	Spring Break	March 28-April 1 (for spring semester and sessions)	1 week
Spring	Spring Session 2	April 4, 2022 to May 29, 2022	8 weeks
Summer	Summer Session	June 6, 2022 through July 31, 2022	8 weeks
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer Mini Session 1: June 6 to July 3 • Summer Mini Session 2: July 5 to July 31 	4 weeks 4 weeks

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