

# The Semester System

The academic year is divided into two semesters and one summer session. The fall semester begins in late August and ends in December. The spring semester begins in January and ends in May. The fall and spring semesters also contain split terms of eight weeks each. The first begins on the same day as the full term and concludes eight weeks later. The second split term begins in the ninth week and concludes with the full term final dates. The summer session consists of two five-week terms. The first term begins in May and ends in July; the second term begins in July and ends in August (see the "Academic Calendar"). Semesters for students enrolled in the Stillman Accelerated Management Program (STAMP) follow the split term dates described above. Those courses follow the split term scheduling in which the first split term begins on the same day as the full term and runs for eight weeks. The second split term begins in the ninth week and runs for eight weeks. A schedule for this program may be requested from the Dean of Business or the Director of STAMP.

Credit for courses completed is awarded in semester hours. The number of semester credit hours awarded for a course generally represents the number of hours that course meets each week. For example, a 3-credit hour course meets for three hours each week for one semester. There are exceptions to the general rule, which may include military science, laboratories, and other courses.