

# Semester on a Page

## Spring 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JANUARY 2022 23 Wintersession end	24 Classes begin	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	FEBRUARY 1	2	3	4 Add/Drop ends	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Midterms	MARCH 1 Midterms	2 Midterms	3 Midterms	4 Midterms	5 Recess
6 Recess	7 Recess	8 Recess	9 Recess	10 Recess	11 Recess	12 Recess
13 Recess	14 Classes resume	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	APRIL 1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 Classes end	23
24	25 Reading Period Senior Thesis deadline	26 Reading Period	27 Reading Period	28 Reading Period	29 Reading Period	30 Reading Period
MAY 1 Reading Period	2 Reading Period	3 Reading Period Dean's Date	4 Take-Home Final Exams begin	5	6 Final Exams begin	7
8	9 Take-Home Final Exams deadline	10	11	12 Final Exams end	13	14

## Academic Planning Guidelines: Using the Course Syllabus to Organize Your Learning

1. Use the syllabus to familiarize yourself with the instructor's objectives and the key themes and concepts of the course to stimulate your prior knowledge. Use these to guide notetaking, reading, and studying.
2. Understand the expectations of the professor and how you will be evaluated. Tailor your learning methods to the kinds of knowledge and skills you are expected to demonstrate.
3. Put into your calendar the most crucial dates/deadlines for the course (i.e. midterms, papers, presentations, final projects, final exam) and other critical commitments.
4. If several crucial dates converge, set personal deadlines before actual due dates so that you can complete all assignments on time. Plan backwards from these dates and deadlines. Mark dates when you will BEGIN your tasks. Create your own intermediate "due dates" if possible.
5. Note course reading assignments and try to stay on schedule. Devote at least some time to each class regularly—it is easier to keep up than it is to catch up. (Make personal deadlines to stay on top of the reading and other tasks. Consider utilizing the Weekly Planner Template located on our [Resources, Handouts, and Advice for Undergraduates](#)<sup>1</sup> webpage.)
6. After methodically planning for success, follow your plan and continue to use the syllabus as a road map for the semester. Refer to the weekly topics in your course syllabi on a regular basis to guide your reading, notetaking, and studying. Use Principedia to get class-specific advice.
7. Attend an [Advanced Academic Strategies Workshop](#)<sup>2</sup> on time management, efficient reading and notetaking, exam prep, overcoming procrastination, and other topics.
8. Meet with a McGraw Learning Consultant to adjust and improve your plan as needed and to develop a strategic approach to any one—or all of—your courses.
9. Visit our [Learning Strategies Consultations](#)<sup>3</sup> webpage for further information and to schedule a consultation.

1. <https://mcgraw.princeton.edu/undergraduates/resources-handouts-advice>
2. <https://mcgraw.princeton.edu/undergraduates/academic-strategy-workshops>
3. <https://mcgraw.princeton.edu/undergraduates/learning-strategy-consultations>