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# Academic Year

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The academic year is divided into two semesters, each approximately 16 weeks in length: the first, beginning near the end of August and ending prior to Christmas; the second, beginning in mid-January and extending to mid-May. A Summer Session begins in May and concludes in August. The UND Summer Session offers a variety of courses, workshops, institutes and special programs of various lengths. See the academic calendar (<https://und.edu/one-stop/academic-calendar/>).