

The 4-1-4 Calendar

In 1969, Whitworth College became one of the first colleges in the country to adopt the 4-1-4 academic calendar. This calendar is favored by many liberal arts colleges due to its flexibility and potential for innovative and short-run, off-campus courses.

The fall semester begins in early September and ends with Christmas vacation. During Jan Term, students take one intensive course. Many students participate in internships or independent studies in their majors during this month. Whitworth has also developed a number of tuition-reciprocity agreements with other colleges on the 4-1-4 calendar; these agreements allow students to experience another college during January without upsetting tuition or financial-aid arrangements.

The spring semester begins in early February and ends in mid-May. A 12-week period of summer instruction is also offered in varied formats, from weekend workshops to six-week traditional lecture courses.