



Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

CHED MEMORANDUM ORDER
NO. 17
Series of 1996

SUBJECT : ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR SCHOOL YEAR (SY)
1996-1997

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In accordance with the pertinent provisions of Republic Act (RA) No. 7722, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Act of 1994," the Academic Calendar for School Year (SY) 1996-1997 for the tertiary level is hereby promulgated, thus:

A. As a general rule, the opening of classes for all Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) shall not be earlier than the first Monday of June nor later than the 4th Monday of the same month each year.

B. For SY 1996-1997, the following dates and periods shall be observed, to wit:

- 1) The tertiary SY 1996-1997 will begin on Monday, 17 June 1996, and will end on 22 March 1997. Collegiate school days shall consist of not less than eighteen (18) weeks per semester and six (6) weeks for summer classes, excluding Christmas, semestral and summer breaks. The said school days shall include examination days and class days which may be suspended due to natural or man-made causes.
 - a. The first semester will start on 17 June 1996 and will end on 19 October 1996;
 - b. The second semester will start on 04 November 1996 and will end on 22 March 1997; and
 - c. Summer classes will start on 07 April 1997 and will end on 17 May 1997.
- 2) The Christmas break will begin on 23 December 1996 and will end on 05 January 1997.

C. In addition to the regular and special public holidays recognized by law (Sections 26 and 27, Chapter 7, Administrative Code of 1987), HEIs may observe school holidays, provided that the minimum collegiate school days within a semester or summer stated in B.1 hereof are strictly followed and provided, furthermore, that a minimum of seventeen (17) student contact hours, inclusive of examinations, shall be observed for a one-unit collegiate academic credit.

D. HEIs, including those offering graduate and doctoral programs, following the trimestral system may establish their own school calendars and opening days, informing, however, the Commission and the concerned Higher Education Regional Office (HERO) of their particular schedules, and provided that the minimum class hours and class days requirement herein set forth are met.

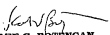
E. The SY 1996-1997 Academic Calendar and the distribution of class days by weeks/months per semester and summer are hereby enclosed for the guidance of all concerned.

SO ORDERED.

Pasig City, Philippines, March 7, 1996



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1996-1997 COLLEGIATE CALENDAR

JUNE 1996

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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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JULY 1996

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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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AUGUST 1996

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SEPTEMBER 1996

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OCTOBER 1996

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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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NOVEMBER 1996

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First Semester June 17, 1996 - October 19, 1996

Vacation October 20 - Nov. 03, 1996 = 15 days

Second Semester Nov. 04, 1996 - March 22, 1997

Vacation March 23 - April 06, 1997 = 19 days

Summer April 07, 1997 - May 17, 1997

Vacation May 18 - June 08, 1997 = 17 days

June
12 Independence Day (Legal Holiday)

July
25 National Heroes Day (Regular Holiday, fixed)

November
01 All Saints Day
30 Bonifacio Day (Regular Holiday, fixed)

December
22 Christmas Vacation Begins
25 Christmas Day (Regular Holiday, fixed)
30 Rizal Day (Regular Holiday, fixed)
31 Last Day of the Year (Special Holiday, fixed)

January
01 New Year's Day (Regular Holiday, fixed)
06 Classes Resume

February
25 People's (EDSA) Day

March
27 Maundy Thursday (Legal Holiday)
28 Good Friday (Legal Holiday)

April
07 Summer Classes Begin
09 Arayay; Kagitingan (Regular Holiday, fixed)

May
01 Labor Day (Regular Holiday, fixed)
17 Summer Classes End (34th day)
18-24 Higher Education Week

DECEMBER 1996

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JANUARY 1997

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FEBRUARY 1997

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MARCH 1997

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APRIL 1997

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MAY 1997

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