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Introduction of the “Quarter System” (a 4-term system)

Education and International Office

Purpose of the "Quarter System"

To improve the quality of education by promoting students' independent learning experiences, such as studying abroad, volunteer work, and attending intensive courses in a short period, Hiroshima University starts the "Quarter System" (a 4-term system) in 2015.

※In 2015, some subjects will be conducted twice a week, and will be completed in 8 weeks. By taking classes intensively in a short period of time, the quality of education will be improved.

Major Features of the "Quarter System" (1)

(1) The School Year Calendar (class schedule)

Along with the introduction of the "Quarter System" in 2015, there will be four terms. The present class periods of the first semester and the second semester will each be divided into two terms. Courses will be provided in 2015 based on the following school calendar.

Semester Classification	Term	Class Period
The First Semester	The 1st Term	April 8 (Wed.) - June 10 (Wed.) Class make-up days: June 9 (Tues.), 10 (Wed.)
	The 2nd Term	June 11 (Thur.) - August 11 (Tues.) Class make-up days: August 10 (Mon.), the 11th (Tues.)
The Second Semester	The 3rd Term	October 1 (Thur.) - December 2 (Wed.) Class make-up days: December 1 (Tues.), the 2nd (Wed.)
	The 4th term	December 3 (Thur.) - February 15 (Mon.) Class make-up days: February 12 (Fri.), the 15th (Mon.)

※There will be no make-up days when classes are cancelled due to weather problems, etc.

Major Features of the "Quarter System" (2)

(2) Class Styles

Term Classes: Term classes will be conducted twice a week, and completed in 8 weeks.

Semester Classes: Semester classes will be conducted once a week, and completed in 16 weeks.

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Major Features of the "Quarter System" (3)

The registration procedure for 2015 (Fiscal year 2015-16)

Class		Period of Registration
The First Semester The 1st Term The 2nd Term Intensive Courses	Liberal Arts Education	April 3 AM0:00 –April 14 PM11:59 ※It is not possible to register in the adjustment period (April 12 AM0:00 – PM11:59).
	Specialized Education	April 3 AM0:00 –April 14 PM11:59
The 2nd Term	Liberal Arts Education Specialized Education	June 9 AM0:00 –June 17 PM11:59
The Second Semester The 3rd Term The 4th Term Intensive Courses	Liberal Arts Education	September 24 AM0:00 – October 7 PM11:59 ※It is not possible to register in the adjustment period (October 5 AM0:00 – PM11:59)
	Undergraduate Specialized Education	September 24 AM0:00 – October 7 PM11:59
	Graduate Specialized Education	September 24 AM0:00 – October 8 PM11:59
The 4th Term	Liberal Arts Education Specialized Education	December 1 AM0:00 – December 9 PM11:59

Major Features of the "Quarter System" (4)

(4) The Time for Receiving Course Grades

Course grades will be issued only two times a year: September and March.

Class	The Time for Receiving Grades
The First Semester The 1st Term The 2nd Term Intensive Courses	At the beginning of September.
The Second Semester The 3rd Term The 4th Term Intensive Courses	At the beginning of March.

Q & A

Q1. How often will classes meet in the “Quarter System” (the 4-term system)?

A1. Instead of meeting once per week (as is done in the semester system), classes will meet twice per week. Term courses will finish in 8 weeks, including the final examination.

Q2. On which days of the week will classes meet?

A2. Basically, classes will meet on one of the following two pairs of days: Monday and Thursday, OR Tuesday and Friday. Also, there will be Wednesday courses, which will meet for two consecutive class periods.

Q3. Will there still be semester courses?

A3. Even with the official introduction of the system in 2016, some courses will be offered on a semester basis. The reason for this is that some courses are better conducted in a semester system.

Q & A

Q4. How long is each class period?

A4. Each class will last 90 minutes, just like in the present system.

Q5. When are final exams?

A5. Final exams will be given in the 16th class of each course.

Please check the MOMIJI Exam Information Site concerning the exam schedule, or ask the teacher of the course.

Q6. Do times for tuition payments change in the new system?

A6. Tuition payment periods will remain the same. Students will pay tuition per half year as before.

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The Quarter System will begin from the 2015-16 Academic Year.

For information about the Quarter System, please visit the Hiroshima University Momiji site below.

<https://momiji.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/momiji-top/en/learning/quarter-system.html>



The screenshot shows the Momiji Top website interface. The main content area is titled "Introduction of 'Quarter System (4 semester system)'" and contains text explaining the purpose of the system and major changes to the school year calendar. A table is included to detail the semester classification, term, and class period.

Semester classification	term	Class Period
The First semester	The 1st term	April 8 (Wed) - June 10 (Wed) Class occasional day: June 9 (Tue), 10 (Wed)
	The 2nd term	June 11 (Thu) - August 11 (Tue) Class occasional day: August 10 (Mon), the 11th (Tue)
The Second semester	The 3rd term	October 1 (Thu) - December 2 (Wed) Class occasional day: December 1 (Tues), the 2nd (Wed)
	The 4th term	December 3 (Thu) - February 15 (Mon) Class occasional day: February 12 (Fri), the 15th (Mon)

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