The academic year generally includes a Fall and Spring semester although some academic programs require summer enrollment as well. The Fall semester begins near the end of August and ends near the middle of December. The two to three-week Winter Break is followed by the Spring semester, which starts near the beginning of January and ends in early May. Summer sessions are offered from the middle of May to the middle of August. Immigration regulations require international students in F-1 and J-1 status to enroll in classes on a full-time basis every Fall and Spring semester (12 credit hours for undergraduate students, 10 credit hours for law students, 9 credit hours for graduate students, and 6 credit hours for doctoral students). In addition, F-1 and J-1 students who begin their degree programs in the summer are required to be enrolled full-time in that first semester as well. Students in academic programs that require summer enrollment are also required by immigration regulations to be enrolled full-time during the Summer term. F-1 students cannot count more than 1 online class or 3 online credits per semester toward the full-time status requirement. J-1 students cannot count any online classes toward the full-time status requirement. Students must check with each academic department/school for individual credit requirements. All new international students must enroll in the Fall semester so they can attend the Comprehensive International Student Orientation. The Spring schedule is not conducive to supporting the special arrival and adjustment needs of new international students with classes beginning 1-2 days after the University re-opens from Winter Break. In addition, there are no academic orientations held for spring or summer admits for most programs which makes the academic adjustment especially difficult for international students. The only exception to the Fall enrollment requirement is for Handong Exchange Students who must attend Regent in the Spring and for transfer students who have already attended another U.S. institution and already have the F-1 or J-1 immigration status.

For the upcoming Academic Calendar please see the Registrar’s Office website at:
http://www.regent.edu/admin/registrar/academiccalendar.cfm