

Opinions across campus

The Academic Calendar and System Committee surveyed faculty, staff and students on the issue of quarters or semesters during late spring and early summer 2007. Here are the results to the question, "**Which of the following statements most closely captures your preference for the academic system?**"

Faculty totals and by college

	All Faculty	Arts & Sciences	Business	Communication	Education	Engineering	Fine Arts	Health & Human Services	Regional Campuses
I prefer the quarter system.	44%	49%	77%	44%	57%	35%	10%	31%	48%
I prefer the semester system.	47%	43%	23%	46%	33%	59%	83%	56%	42%
I have no preference.	8%	8%	0%	10%	10%	7%	8%	14%	10%
	n=421	n=197	n=26	n=41	n=21	n=29	n=40	n=36	n=31

Faculty by number of years teaching at Ohio University

	Faculty w/ 1-5 Years Teaching	6-10 Years	11-15 Years	16-20 Years	20+ Years
I prefer the quarter system.	36%	41%	42%	49%	62%
I prefer the semester system.	54%	54%	55%	35%	30%
I have no preference.	10%	5%	3%	16%	8%
	n=126	n=97	n=67	n=63	n=63

Students by class level

	Freshmen	Sophomores	Juniors	Seniors	Master's	Doctoral
I prefer the quarter system.	68%	76%	76%	72%	42%	30%
I prefer the semester system.	21%	14%	13%	13%	47%	64%
I have no preference.	11%	11%	12%	15%	11%	7%
	n=389	n=352	n=372	n=352	n=151	n=74

Administrators

	Staff
I prefer the quarter system.	34%
I prefer the semester system.	31%
I have no preference.	35%
	n=100

Total respondents

	All Respondents
I prefer the quarter system.	58%
I prefer the semester system.	28%
I have no preference.	14%
	n=2,563

In response to the final item on the survey, 58% (1483) stated they preferred the quarter system, 28% (732) stated they preferred the semester system, and 14% (348) stated they had no preference.