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Fall classes begin Sept. 4 at 5 p.m.

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Fall semester classes at Oakland University begin at 5 p.m. Tuesday, September 4. The start time was changed from the customary 7:30 a.m. to accommodate more student events associated with Welcome Week.

"Typically, the university begins classes at 7:30 a.m. on the day after Labor Day," said Registrar Steve Shablin. "But in order to provide time for additional student programs prior to the start of classes, such as New Student Convocation, we changed the start time to 5 p.m. We also have to provide the necessary number of meeting times and days for faculty to teach their classes. If we had started classes Wednesday morning, the Tuesday evening classes would have had one less meeting."

Some of the events planned for September 4 include a **New Student Programs** orientation table outside South Foundation Hall from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., prize drawings, health and insurance information at **Graham Health and Counseling Center** from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., breakfast for Connections students in the Gold Rooms of the **Oakland Center** from 10 a.m. to noon, **Student and Greek Organizations** Welcome to OU Festival outside the north side of O'Dowd Hall from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Playfair and PAUSE Picnic in the **Recreation and Athletic Center** from noon to 3 p.m., **Student Program Board** Open House outside the north side of O'Dowd Hall from noon to 5 p.m., New Student Convocation at the **Recreation and Athletic Center** from 3 to 5 p.m. and a Residence Halls DessertFest in the Hamlin Hall courtyard from 5 to 7 p.m.

For more on OU's academic calendar and other important dates, registration information and a schedule of classes, visit the **Registrar's Office** Web site

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