## **Academic Calendar**

Every academic year commences on September 1<sup>st</sup> and is completed on August 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year. The educational process of every academic year is organized in two Semesters, the Fall Semester, and the associated Spring one. Each one of them comprises thirteen (13) weeks of class teaching and one examination period (the duration of which is three weeks). Among the various courses, there are some in which the students are tested during the Semester, by progress tests and/or assignments. In this case, students do not take part in the re-sit exams that take place every September.

Fall Semester courses commence in the last week of September and end at mid-January, followed by the first examination period, that of the Fall Semester.

Spring Semester courses start at late-February and end at the beginning of June, followed by the second examination period, that of the Spring Semester.

During July and August, we have the summer vacations period, where there are neither lessons nor examinations. The first Monday of September the resit examination period commences. Its duration is almost four (4) weeks. In fact, the exact dates are determined by an Act of the IHU Senate.

In every Semester, before the beginning of the associated examination period, the students have the right and the opportunity to evaluate their courses and the associated instructors, aiming at the improvement of the quality of their studies. More information is available at the website of IHU Quality Assurance Unit (MODIP) and at the website of our Department.

## **HOLIDAYS**

**Christmas Holidays**: From December 24 to January 7.

**January 30**: The Three Patron Saints of Education Day.

**Shrove Monday**: Forty days before the Easter Sunday.

**March 25**: The Annunciation/National Anniversary of the Greek Revolution against the Turkish Rule.

**Easter Holidays**: From Holy Monday to Saint Thomas Sunday.

May 1: Labour Day.

**Sacred to Holy Ghost**: Fifty days after the Easter Sunday – The day after the Pentecost.

June 29: Serres Liberation Day from the Bulgarian Occupation in 1913.

**October 28:** National Anniversary of the Greek struggle against the Italian Fascists and the Nazis.

**November 17**: Students at the National Technical University of Athens uprising, against the Military Junta in 1973.