

## New Term Code Format for Semester Terms

With the scheduled August 1, 2010 UniverSIS update migration, the Registrar's Office will implement new semester-system term-codes and supporting logic. These new codes will allow the clear and immediate differentiation between quarter-system and semester-system terms.

Currently, the last two digits of the calendar year precede the following quarter-system one-character symbols:

- A = autumn quarter
- W = winter quarter
- S = spring quarter
- U = summer quarter

And so autumn *quarter* 2010 is designated by the term code "10A."

Effective with the UniverSIS migration, the following semester-system two-character codes will be employed in the production environment:

- FS = fall semester
- SS = spring semester
- US = summer semester

And so fall *semester* 2012 will be designated by the term code "12FS."

Medical (MD) semester-system codes will follow this convention:

- FM = fall medical semester
- SM = spring medical semester
- UM = summer medical semester

Law semester-system codes will follow this convention:

- FL = fall law semester
- SL = spring law semester
- UL = summer law semester

Several post-autumn 2012 *quarters* currently exist in UniverSIS using the old term codes. **At a date yet to be determined, these post-summer 2012 quarter-based term codes assigned to any record will be converted to appropriate semester-system values** (e.g., "12A" becomes "12FS"). Advance notice will be issued prior to this purge. New semester terms and codes from Fall Semester 2012 forward will be coded in UniverSIS and stored in the Data Warehouse with the new semester term codes.

The codes used to designate quarter-based terms through the Summer *Quarter* 2012 (12U) will remain unchanged.

A spreadsheet is attached comparing obsolete and to-be-purged quarter-system codes for academic year 2012-2013 with new semester-system code equivalents.

Please review your unit's systems and utilities to ensure compatibility with the new term codes. Refer technical questions and support requests directly to Patricia Krekeler, UCit.

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