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semester

se-mes-ter [semester semesters] BrE [sɪ'mestə(r)] *NAmE* [sɪ'mestər] one of the two periods that the school or college year is divided into

• the spring/fall semester

see also term

compare [†]trimester

Word Origin:

early 19th cent.: from German Semester, from Latin semestris 'six-monthly', from sex 'six' + mensis 'month'.

noun

Example Bank:

- His fall-semester grades were abysmal.
- I spent a semester at the University of Madrid.
- I spent an entire semester studying Chomsky.
- I was finishing my last semester in college and trying to look for a job.
- The course is worth 40 semester credit hours.
- The new semester started on February 3.
- The semester break had begun.
- The total curriculum is 54 semester hours.
- a class I took last semester
- students completing all eight semesters of the program
- the end of the first-semester course

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semes ter /sə'mestə, sı'mestə \$ -ər/ BrE * AmE * noun [countable]

- [Date: 1800-1900, Language: German; Origin: Latin semestris 'half-yearly', from sex 'six' + mensis 'month']
- one of the two periods of time that a year at high schools and universities is divided into, especially in the US:
 - the fall semester
- \Rightarrow [†]term¹(5), [†]quarter¹(8)

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