The Academic Year

The academic year consists of 30 weeks divided into two semesters. Each semester consists of at least 70 instructional days (14 weeks) and 5 exam days (1 week). The Fall Semester begins in August and ends before the Thanksgiving holidays; the Spring Semester begins in February and ends in May. Some academic programs also operate on an accelerated schedule of a 7.5-week session in the fall and a 7.5-week session in the spring. Please check with the department chair to find out which programs run on this accelerated schedule. See the academic calendars provided at the beginning of this catalog.

There will be approximately four to ten weeks between the end of the Fall semester and the beginning of the Spring semester. There is no spring vacation period in March. Instruction is also suspended on holidays, (i.e., Memorial Day, ML King Day, and Independence Day).

Optional summer sessions are offered and are divided into two 5-week sessions or one 11-week session. This offers significant opportunities for entering freshmen and other students who wish to accelerate their studies and satisfy degree requirements. The summer session begins approximately one to two weeks after the conclusion of the Spring Semester.

Fall 2020 Important Dates and Deadlines

Fall 15 weeks Session August 10, 2020 – November 20, 2020
Fall-1 (1st 7.5 weeks Session) August 10, 2020 – September 29, 2020*
Fall-2 (2nd 7.5 weeks Session) *October 1, 2020 – November 20, 2020

Fall 2020 Semester Bills Due Friday July 31
Students with Outstanding Balances Dropped from Rosters – Financial Purge at 4pm Wednesday August 5
Move-In Residency Halls (New Freshmen and Transfers) August 4-5
New Students Welcome Week August 6-9
Move-In Residency Halls (Returning Students based on class level) August 6-8

**Fall 2020 Semester Begins (Fall 15wk and Fall-1 sessions)**

- Last day to Add a Fall-1 session course
- Last day to Drop a Fall-1 session course – no grade posted

**Withdrawal Period Begins for Fall-1 session (WC grade posted)**

- Last day to Drop a Fall 15wk session course – no grade posted
- Last day to Add a Fall 15wk session course

**Withdrawal Period Begins for Fall 15wk session (WC grade posted)**

- No Show Attendance Roster Verification Entries for Fall 15wk & Fall-1 sessions
- Census / Freeze Cut-Off Date
- Midterm Exam Days for Fall-1 session
- Midterm Grade Input Begins for Fall-1 session at 12noon
- Application for December 2020 Graduation Due to Academic Advisor

- Monday August 10
- Monday August 17
- Tuesday August 18
- Monday August 31
- Monday August 31
- Monday August 31
- Friday August 14
- Monday August 17
- Friday August 14
- Monday August 17
- Friday August 28
- Monday August 31
- Monday August 31

- Monday August 10
- Friday August 14
- Monday August 17
- Friday August 28
- Monday August 31
- Monday August 31
Midterm Grade Input Ends for Fall-1 session at 10am

Withdrawal Period Ends for Fall-1 session at 4pm (WC grade posted)

Midterm Exam Days for Fall 15wk session

Midterm Grade Input Begins for Fall 15wk session

Application for May 2021 or August 2021 Graduation Due to Academic Advisor

Last Day of Regular Classes for Fall-1 session

Final Exam Days for Fall-1 session

Midterm Grade Input Ends for Fall 15wk session at 10am

Fall-1 2020 Session Ends

Finals Grade Input Begins for Fall-1 session at 12noon

Fall-2 2020 Session Begins

2021 Section Schedules Due (Winterim & Spring) from Dept Chairs to Provost

Last day to Add a Fall-2 session course

Last day to Drop a Fall-2 session course – no grade posted

Finals Grade Input Ends for Fall-1 session at 10am

Withdrawal Period Begins for Fall-2 session (WC grade posted)

No Show Attendance Roster Verification Entries for Fall-2 session

Teacher Evaluation Period Begins

2021 Course Schedules Available for Preview on Self-Service

Withdrawal Period Ends for Fall-15 session at 4pm (WC grade posted)

Academic Advisement and 2021 Registration Authorization Begins for Students

Midterm Exam Days for Fall-2 session

Midterm Grade Input Begins for Fall-2 session at 12noon

Teacher Evaluation Period Ends

2021 Winterim & Spring Registration Begins for Continuing Students

Midterm Grade Input Ends for Fall-2 session at 10am

Withdrawal Period Ends for Fall-2 session at 4pm (WC grade posted)

Outstanding Incomplete ("I") Grades Converted to “F”s

2021 Winterim & Spring Registration Begins for Incoming Freshmen

Last Day of Regular Classes Fall-15wk and Fall-2 Sessions

Final Exam Week for Fall-15wk and Fall-2 Sessions

Finals Grade Input Begins for Fall-15wk and Fall-2 Sessions at 12noon

Fall 2020 Semester Ends (Fall-15wk and Fall-2 sessions)

Residence Hall Occupancy Ends (Halls Close at 6pm)

Final Grade Input Ends for Fall-15wk and Fall-2 sessions at 10am

Conferral of Fall Graduates

Wednesday September 9

Friday September 11

September 16-22

Wednesday September 16

Friday September 18

Wednesday September 23

September 24-29

Monday September 28

Tuesday September 29

Thursday September 29

Friday October 2

Tuesday October 6

Tuesday October 6

Tuesday October 6

Wednesday October 7

October 7-9

Monday October 12

Monday October 12

Thursday October 15

Monday October 19

October 22-27

Thursday October 22

Friday October 23

Monday October 26

Tuesday October 27

Thursday October 29

Friday October 30

Monday November 9

Friday November 13

November 16-20

Monday November 16

Friday November 20

Friday November 20
Winterim 2021 Important Dates and Deadlines

Winterim (4 weeks) December 14, 2020 - January 8, 2021

Winterim 2021 Semester Bills Due
Students with Outstanding Balances Dropped from Rosters – Financial Purge at 4 pm

**Winterim 2021 Session Begins**

Last day to Add a Winterim session course
Last day to Drop a Winterim session course - no grade posted

**Withdrawal Period Begins for Winterim session (WC grade posted)**

No Show Attendance Roster Verification Entries for Winterim
Midterm Exam Days for Winterim session
Midterm Grade Input Begins for Winterim at 12 noon
Christmas Holiday (No Classes)
Winterim Classes Resume
Midterm Grade Input Ends for Winterim at 10 am

**Withdrawal Period Ends for Winterim session at 4pm (WC grade posted)**

New Year's Holiday (No Classes)
Winterim Classes Resume
Last day of Regular classes Winterim session
Final Exam Days for Winterim session
Finals Grade Input Begins for Winterim at 12 noon

**Winterim 2021 Session Ends**

Finals Grade Input Ends for Winterim at 10 am

**Spring 2021 Important Dates and Deadlines**

Spring 15 weeks Session February 1, 2021 – May 14, 2021
Spring-1 (1st 7.5 weeks Session) February 1, 2021 – March 23, 2021
Spring-2 (2nd 7.5 weeks Session) March 25, 2021 – May 14, 2021

Spring 2021 Semester Bills Due
Students with Outstanding Balances Dropped from Rosters – Financial Purge 4pm
Move-in Residence Halls (New Students)
Move-in Residence Hall (Returning Students)
Martin Luther King Day Holiday (School Closed)

Spring 2021 Semester Bills Due
Students with Outstanding Balances Dropped from Rosters – Financial Purge at 4 pm

**Spring 2021 Session Begins**

Friday January 1, 2021
Monday January 4
Wednesday January 6
January 7-8
Thursday January 7

**Spring 2021 Session Ends**

Friday January 8
Tuesday January 12
Spring 2021 Semester Begins (Spring 15wk and Spring-1 sessions)
Last day to Drop a Spring-1 session course - no grade posted
Last day to Add a Spring-1 session course

Withdrawal Period Begins for Spring-1 session (WC grade posted)
Last day to Add a Spring 15wk session course
Last Day to Drop a Spring 15wk session course - no grade posted

Withdrawal Period Begins for Spring-15wk session (WC grade posted)
No Show Attendance Roster Verification Entries for Spring 15wk & Spring-1 sessions
Census Freeze Cut Off Date
Application for August or December 2021 Graduation Due to Academic Advisor
Midterm Exam Days for Spring-1 session
Midterm Grade Input Begins for Spring-1 session at 12noon
Midterm Grade Input Ends for Spring-1 Session at 10am

Withdrawal Period Ends for Spring-1 session at 4pm (WC grade posted)
2021 Course Schedules Due (Summer & Fall) from Dept Chairs to Provost
Midterm Exam Days for Spring 15wk session
Midterm Grade Input Begins for Spring 15wk session at 12noon
Midterm Grade Input Ends for Spring 15wk session at 10am
Last Day of Regular Classes Spring-1
Final Exam Days for Spring-1 Session
2021 Course Schedules Available for Preview on Self-Service

Spring-1 2021 Session Ends
Midterm Grade Input Ends for Spring 15wk session at 10am
Finals Grade Input Begins for Spring-1 at 12noon

Spring-2 2021 Session Begins
Academic Advisement and 2022 Registration Authorization Begins for Students
Finals Grade Input Ends for Spring-1 session at 10am
Last Day to Add a Spring-2 session course
Last Day to Drop a Spring-2 session course – no grade posted

Withdrawal Period Begins for Spring-2 session (WC grade posted)
No Show Attendance Roster Verification Entries for Spring-2 session
2021 Summer & Fall Registration Begins for Continuing Students
Teacher Evaluation Period Begins

Withdrawal Period Ends for Spring 15wk Session at 4pm (WC grade posted)
Outstanding Incomplete ("I") Grades Converted to “F”s
Midterm Exam Days for Spring-2 session
Midterm Grade Input Begins for Spring-2 Session at 12noon
Teacher Evaluation Period Ends
Mid-term Grade Input Ends for Spring-2 Session at 10am
Last Day of Regular Classes for Spring 15wk and Spring-2 sessions
Final Exam Week for Spring 15wk and Spring-2 sessions
Final Grade Input Begins for Spring 15wk and Spring-2 sessions
Residence Hall Occupancy Ends (Halls Close at 6pm)

**Spring 2021 Semester Ends (Spring 15wk and Spring-2 sessions)**

**MAY COMMENCEMENT**
Final Grade Input Ends for Spring 15wk and Spring-2 sessions
Spring Degree Conferral

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**Summer 2021 Important Dates and Deadlines**

**Summer 11 weeks Session**  May 24, 2021 – August 6, 2021
**Summer - 1 (1st 5 weeks Session)**  May 24, 2021 – June 25, 2021
**Summer - 2 (2nd 5 weeks Session)**  July 6, 2021 – August 6, 2021

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**Summer 11**  
(11 weeks Session)  May 24, 2021 – August 6, 2021

Summer 2021 Semester Bills Due  
Students with Outstanding Balances Dropped from Rosters - Financial Purge 4pm

**Summer 11wk 2021 Session Begins**  
Monday May 24

Last day to Add a Summer 11wk session course  
Wednesday May 26

Last day to Drop a Summer 11wk session course - no grade posted  
Wednesday May 26

Withdrawal Period Begins for Summer 11wk session (WC grade posted)  
Thursday May 27

No Show Attendance Roster Verification Entries for Summer 11wk session  
Monday May 31

Memorial Day Holiday (No Classes)  
Tuesday June 1

Summer 11wk Classes Resume  
June 28-July 1

Midterm Exam Days for Summer 11wk session  
Monday June 28

Midterm Grade Input Begins for Summer 11wk at 12 noon  
Monday June 28

Independence Day Holiday (No Classes)  
Tuesday July 6

Summer 11wk Classes Resume  
Wednesday July 7

Midterm Grade Input Ends for Summer 11wk session at 10 am  
Monday July 19

Withdrawal Period Ends for Summer 11wk session at 4pm (WC grade posted)  
Friday July 30

Last day of Regular classes Summer 11wk session  
Monday August 2-6

Final Exam Period for Summer 11wk session  
Friday August 6

Finals Grade Input Begins for Summer 11wk at 12 noon  
Monday August 2

Finals Grade Input Ends for Summer 11wk at 10 am  
Tuesday August 10
Summer 1

**Summer-1 2021 Semester Begins**
- Last day to Add a Summer-1 session course
- Last day to Drop a Summer-1 session course - no grade posted

**Withdrawal Period Begins for Summer-1 session (WC grade posted)**
- No Show Attendance Roster Verification Entries for Summer-1 session
- Memorial Day Holiday (No Classes)

**Summer-1 Classes Resume**
- Midterm Exam Days for Summer-1 session
- Midterm Grade Input Begins for Summer-1 session at 12noon
- Midterm Grade Input Ends for Summer-1 session at 10am

**Withdrawal Period Ends for Summer-1 session at 4pm (WC grade posted)**
- Last day of Regular classes Summer-1 session
- Final Exam Days for Summer-1 session
- Finals Grade Input Begins for Summer-1 at 12noon

**Summer-1 2021 Session Ends**
- Finals Grade Input Ends for Summer-1 at 10am

Summer 2

**Summer-2 2021 Session Begins**
- Last day to Add a Summer-2 session course
- Last day to Drop a Summer-2 session course - no grade posted

**Withdrawal Period Begins for Summer-2 session (WC grade posted)**
- No Show Attendance Roster Verification Entries for Summer-2 session
- Midterm Exam Days for Summer-2 session

**Summer-2 2021 Session Ends**
- Finals Grade Input Ends for Summer-2 at 10am
Midterm Grade Input Begins for Summer-2 session at 12noon
Midterm Grade Input Ends for Summer-2 session at 10am

**Withdrawal Period Ends for Summer-2 session at 4pm (WC grade posted)**
Last day of Regular classes Summer-2 session
Final Exam Days for Summer-2 session
Finals Grade Input Begins for Summer-2 at 12noon

Summer-2 2021 Session Ends
Finals Grade Input Ends for Summer-2 at 10am

Monday July 19
Monday July 26
Tuesday July 27
Monday August 2
August 3-6
Tuesday August 3
Friday August 6
Tuesday August 10

****End of 2020-2021 Academic Year Calendar Dates****