

# 2020-2021 Academic Calendar

## 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

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*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
<b>Fall 2020 Semester Begins (Fall 15wk and Fall-1 sessions)</b>	<b>Monday August 10</b>
Last day to Add a Fall-1 session course	Thursday August 13
Last day to Drop a Fall-1 session course – no grade posted	Thursday August 13
<b>Withdrawal Period Begins for Fall-1 session (WC grade posted)</b>	<b>Friday August 14</b>
Last day to Drop a Fall 15wk session course – no grade posted	Monday August 17
Last day to Add a Fall 15wk session course	Monday August 17
<b>Withdrawal Period Begins for Fall 15wk session (WC grade posted)</b>	<b>Tuesday August 18</b>
No Show Attendance Roster Verification Entries for Fall 15wk & Fall-1 sessions	August 18-21
Census / Freeze Cut-Off Date	Friday August 28
Midterm Exam Days for Fall-1 session	August 31-Sept 4
Midterm Grade Input Begins for Fall-1 session at 12noon	Monday August 31
Application for December 2020 Graduation Due to Academic Advisor	Monday August 31

Midterm Grade Input Ends for Fall-1 session at 10am	Wednesday September 9
<i>Withdrawal Period Ends for Fall-1 session at 4pm (WC grade posted)</i>	<i>Friday September 11</i>
Midterm Exam Days for Fall 15wk session	September 16-22
Midterm Grade Input Begins for Fall 15wk session	Wednesday September 16
Application for May 2021 or August 2021 Graduation Due to Academic Advisor	Friday September 18
Last Day of Regular Classes for Fall-1 session	Wednesday September 23
Final Exam Days for Fall-1 session	September 24-29
Midterm Grade Input Ends for Fall 15wk session at 10am	Monday September 28
<b>Fall-1 2020 Session Ends</b>	<b>Tuesday September 29</b>
Finals Grade Input Begins for Fall-1 session at 12noon	Tuesday September 29
<b>Fall-2 2020 Session Begins</b>	<b>Thursday October 1</b>
2021 Section Schedules Due (Winterim & Spring) from Dept Chairs to Provost	Friday October 2
Last day to Add a Fall-2 session course	Tuesday October 6
Last day to Drop a Fall-2 session course – no grade posted	Tuesday October 6
Finals Grade Input Ends for Fall-1 session at 10am	Tuesday October 6
<i>Withdrawal Period Begins for Fall-2 session (WC grade posted)</i>	<i>Wednesday October 7</i>
No Show Attendance Roster Verification Entries for Fall-2 session	October 7-9
Teacher Evaluation Period Begins	Monday October 12
2021 Course Schedules Available for Preview on Self-Service	Monday October 12
<i>Withdrawal Period Ends for Fall-15 session at 4pm (WC grade posted)</i>	<i>Thursday October 15</i>
Academic Advisement and 2021 Registration Authorization Begins for Students	Monday October 19
Midterm Exam Days for Fall-2 session	October 22-27
Midterm Grade Input Begins for Fall-2 session at 12noon	Thursday October 22
Teacher Evaluation Period Ends	Friday October 23
<b>2021 Winterim &amp; Spring Registration Begins for Continuing Students</b>	<b>Monday October 26</b>
Midterm Grade Input Ends for Fall-2 session at 10am	Tuesday October 27
<i>Withdrawal Period Ends for Fall-2 session at 4pm (WC grade posted)</i>	<i>Thursday October 29</i>
Outstanding Incomplete (“I”) Grades Converted to “F”s	Friday October 30
<b>2021 Winterim &amp; Spring Registration Begins for Incoming Freshmen</b>	<b>Monday November 9</b>
Last Day of Regular Classes Fall-15wk and Fall-2 Sessions	Friday November 13
Final Exam Week for Fall-15wk and Fall-2 Sessions	November 16-20
Finals Grade Input Begins for Fall-15wk and Fall-2 Sessions at 12noon	Monday November 16
<b>Fall 2020 Semester Ends (Fall-15wk and Fall-2 sessions)</b>	<b>Friday November 20</b>
Residence Hall Occupancy Ends (Halls Close at 6pm)	Friday November 20
Final Grade Input Ends for Fall-15wk and Fall-2 sessions at 10am	Monday November 30
Conferral of Fall Graduates	Friday December 11

## Winterim 2021 Important Dates and Deadlines

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

Winterim 2021 Semester Bills Due	Friday December 4
Students with Outstanding Balances Dropped from Rosters – Financial Purge at 4 pm	Tuesday December 8
<b>Winterim 2021 Session Begins</b>	<b>Monday December 14</b>
Last day to Add a Winterim session course	Tuesday December 15
Last day to Drop a Winterim session course - no grade posted	Tuesday December 15
<b>Withdrawal Period Begins for Winterim session (WC grade posted)</b>	<b>Wednesday December 16</b>
No Show Attendance Roster Verification Entries for Winterim	December 16-18
Midterm Exam Days for Winterim session	December 22-24
Midterm Grade Input Begins for Winterim at 12 noon	Tuesday December 22
Christmas Holiday (No Classes)	Friday December 25
Winterim Classes Resume	Monday December 28
Midterm Grade Input Ends for Winterim at 10 am	Monday December 28
<b>Withdrawal Period Ends for Winterim session at 4pm (WC grade posted)</b>	<b>Tuesday December 29</b>
New Year's Holiday (No Classes)	Friday January 1, 2021
Winterim Classes Resume	Monday January 4
Last day of Regular classes Winterim session	Wednesday January 6
Final Exam Days for Winterim session	January 7-8
Finals Grade Input Begins for Winterim at 12 noon	Thursday January 7
<b>Winterim 2021 Session Ends</b>	<b>Friday January 8</b>
Finals Grade Input Ends for Winterim at 10 am	Tuesday January 12

## Spring 2021 Important Dates and Deadlines

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*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	Friday January 15
Students with Outstanding Balances Dropped from Rosters – Financial Purge 4pm	Tuesday January 19
Move-in Residence Halls (New Students)	January 26-27
Move-in Residence Hall (Returning Students)	January 28-30
Martin Luther King Day Holiday (School Closed)	Monday January 18

**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 12 noon

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

**Monday February 1**

Thursday February 4

Thursday February 4

**Friday February 5**

Monday February 8

Monday February 8

**Tuesday February 9**

February 9-12

Friday February 19

Friday February 19

February 22-26

Monday February 22

Tuesday March 2

**Thursday March 4**

Friday March 12

March 15-19

Monday March 15

Wednesday March 17

March 18-23

Monday March 22

**Tuesday March 23**

Wednesday March 24

Wednesday March 24

**Thursday March 25**

Monday March 29

Tuesday March 30

Tuesday March 30

Tuesday March 30

**Wednesday March 31**

March 31-April 2

**Monday April 5**

Monday April 5

**Wednesday April 7**

Friday April 9

April 15-20

Thursday April 15

Friday April 16

Thursday April 22

Friday May 7

Final Exam Week for Spring 15wk and Spring-2 sessions	May 10-14
Final Grade Input Begins for Spring 15wk and Spring-2 sessions	Monday May 10
Residence Hall Occupancy Ends (Halls Close at 6pm)	Friday May 14
<b>Spring 2021 Semester Ends (Spring 15wk and Spring-2 sessions)</b>	<b>Friday May 14</b>
<b>MAY COMMENCEMENT</b>	<b>TBD</b>
Final Grade Input Ends for Spring 15wk and Spring-2 sessions	Wednesday May 19
Spring Degree Conferral	Friday May 28

## Summer 2021 Important Dates and Deadlines

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*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*

### Summer 11

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

Summer 2021 Semester Bills Due	Friday May 14
Students with Outstanding Balances Dropped from Rosters - Financial Purge 4pm	Tuesday May 18
<b>Summer 11wk 2021 Session Begins</b>	<b>Monday May 24</b>
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
<b>Withdrawal Period Begins for Summer 11wk session (WC grade posted)</b>	<b>Thursday May 27</b>
No Show Attendance Roster Verification Entries for Summer 11wk session	May 27-June 1
Memorial Day Holiday (No Classes)	Monday May 31
Summer 11wk Classes Resume	Tuesday June 1
Midterm Exam Days for Summer 11wk session	June 28-July 1
Midterm Grade Input Begins for Summer 11wk at 12 noon	Monday June 28
Independence Day Holiday (No Classes)	Monday July 5
Summer 11wk Classes Resume	Tuesday July 6
Midterm Grade Input Ends for Summer 11wk session at 10 am	Wednesday July 7
<b>Withdrawal Period Ends for Summer 11wk session at 4pm (WC grade posted)</b>	<b>Monday July 19</b>
Last day of Regular classes Summer 11wk session	Friday July 30
Final Exam Period for Summer 11wk session	Monday August 2-6
Finals Grade Input Begins for Summer 11wk at 12 noon	Monday August 2
<b>Summer 11wk 2021 Session Ends</b>	<b>Friday August 6</b>
Finals Grade Input Ends for Summer 11wk at 10 am	Tuesday August 10

## Summer 1

*(1st 5 weeks Session) May 24, 2021 – June 25, 2021)*

Summer 2021 Semester Bills Due	Friday May 14
Students with Outstanding Balances Dropped from Rosters - Financial Purge 4pm	Tuesday May 18
<b>Summer-1 2021 Semester Begins</b>	<b>Monday May 24</b>
Last day to Add a Summer-1 session course	Tuesday May 25
Last day to Drop a Summer-1 session course - no grade posted	Tuesday May 25
<i>Withdrawal Period Begins for Summer-1 session (WC grade posted)</i>	<i>Wednesday May 26</i>
No Show Attendance Roster Verification Entries for Summer-1 session	May 26-June 1
Memorial Day Holiday (No Classes)	Monday May 31
Summer-1 Classes Resume	Tuesday June 1
Midterm Exam Days for Summer-1 session	Monday June 7-10
Midterm Grade Input Begins for Summer-1 session at 12noon	Monday June 7
Midterm Grade Input Ends for Summer-1 session at 10am	Monday June 14
<i>Withdrawal Period Ends for Summer-1 session at 4pm (WC grade posted)</i>	<i>Tuesday June 15</i>
Last day of Regular classes Summer-1 session	Monday June 21
Final Exam Days for Summer-1 session	June 22-25
Finals Grade Input Begins for Summer-1 at 12noon	Tuesday June 22
<b>Summer-1 2021 Session Ends</b>	<b>Friday June 25</b>
Finals Grade Input Ends for Summer-1 at 10am	Tuesday June 29

## Summer 2

*(2nd 5 weeks Session) July 6, 2021 – August 6, 2021*

Summer 2021 Semester Bills Due	Friday June 25
Students with Outstanding Balances Dropped from Rosters - Financial Purge 4pm	Tuesday June 29
Fourth of July Holiday (No Classes)	Monday July 5
<b>Summer-2 2021 Session Begins</b>	<b>Tuesday July 6</b>
Last day to Add a Summer-2 session course	Wednesday July 7
Last day to Drop a Summer-2 session course - no grade posted	Wednesday July 7
<i>Withdrawal Period Begins for Summer-2 session (WC grade posted)</i>	<i>Thursday July 8</i>
No Show Attendance Roster Verification Entries for Summer-2 session	July 8-13
Midterm Exam Days for Summer-2 session	July 19-22

Midterm Grade Input Begins for Summer-2 session at 12noon	Monday July 19
Midterm Grade Input Ends for Summer-2 session at 10am	Monday July 26
<i>Withdrawal Period Ends for Summer-2 session at 4pm (WC grade posted)</i>	<i>Tuesday July 27</i>
Last day of Regular classes Summer-2 session	Monday August 2
Final Exam Days for Summer-2 session	August 3-6
Finals Grade Input Begins for Summer-2 at 12noon	Tuesday August 3
<b>Summer-2 2021 Session Ends</b>	<b>Friday August 6</b>
Finals Grade Input Ends for Summer-2 at 10am	Tuesday August 10

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