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

**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)**: Monday August 10
- 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
- Withdrawal Period Begins for Fall-1 session (WC grade posted): Friday August 14
- 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
- **Withdrawal Period Begins for Fall 15wk session (WC grade posted)**: Tuesday August 18
- 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

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

Midterm Exam Days for Fall 15wk session

Midterm Grade Input Begins for Fall15wk 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 sessionat 10am

**Fall-1 2020 Session Ends**

Finals Grade Input Begins for Fall-1 sessionat 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

Fall Degree Conferral Postings Completed by the Registrar’s Office

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

Monday November 30

Friday December 11
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 December 4
- Tuesday December 8
- Monday December 14
- Tuesday December 15
- Tuesday December 15
- Wednesday December 16
- December 16-18
- December 22-24
- Tuesday December 22
- Friday December 25
- Monday December 28
- Monday December 28
- Tuesday December 28
- Tuesday December 29
- Monday January 4
- Wednesday January 6
- January 7-8
- Thursday January 7
- 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
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)**

**Final Grade Input Begins for Spring 15wk and Spring-2 sessions**

**Spring Degree Conferral Postings Completed by the Registrar’s Office**

**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

**Summer 11**

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

**Summer 11wk 2021 Session Begins**

Last day to Add a Summer 11wk session course
Last day to Drop a Summer 11wk session course - no grade posted

**Withdrawal Period Begins for Summer 11wk session (WC grade posted)**

No Show Attendance Roster Verification Entries for Summer 11wk session
Memorial Day Holiday (No Classes)
Summer 11wk Classes Resume
Midterm Exam Days for Summer 11wk session
Midterm Grade Input Begins for Summer 11wk at 12 noon
Independence Day Holiday (No Classes)
Summer 11wk Classes Resume
Midterm Grade Input Ends for Summer 11wk session at 10 am

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

Last day of Regular classes Summer 11wk session
Final Exam Period for Summer 11wk session
Finals Grade Input Begins for Summer 11wk at 12 noon

**Summer 11wk 2021 Session Ends**

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

**Summer 2021 Semester Bills Due**  
Friday May 14

**Students with Outstanding Balances Dropped from Rosters - Financial Purge 4pm**  
Tuesday May 18

**Summer-1 2021 Semester Begins**

- Last day to Add a Summer-1 session course  
  **Monday May 24**

- Last day to Drop a Summer-1 session course - no grade posted  
  Tuesday May 25

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

- No Show Attendance Roster Verification Entries for Summer-1 session  
  May 26-June 1

- Memorial Day Holiday (No Classes)  
  Monday June 1

- Summer-1 Classes Resume  
  Tuesday June 7-10

- Midterm Exam Days for Summer-1 session  
  Monday June 7

- 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

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

- 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

**Summer-1 2021 Session Ends**

- Finals Grade Input Ends for Summer-1 at 10am  
  Tuesday June 29

### Summer 2

**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

**Summer-2 2021 Session Begins**

- Last day to Add a Summer-2 session course  
  **Tuesday July 6**

- Last day to Drop a Summer-2 session course - no grade posted  
  Wednesday July 7

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

- 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

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