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

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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

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**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

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**Fall-2 2020 Session Ends**

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

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

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**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*

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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

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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

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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
Winterim 2021 Important Dates and Deadlines

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

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

**Monday October 26**

**Winterim 2021 Session Begins**

**Last day to Add a Winterim session course**

**Monday December 14**

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

**Tuesday December 15**

**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)

**Wednesday December 16**

Winterim Classes Resume
Midterm Grade Input Ends for Winterim at 10 am

**Tuesday December 22**

**Withdrawal Period Ends for Winterim session at 4pm (WC grade posted)**
New Year's Holiday (No Classes)

**Friday January 1, 2021**

Winterim Classes Resume

**Monday January 4**

Last day of Regular classes Winterim session
Final Exam Days for Winterim session
Finals Grade Input Begins for Winterim at 12 noon

**Wednesday January 6**

**Winterim 2021 Session Ends**
Finals Grade Input Ends for Winterim at 10 am

**Thursday January 7**

**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*

**2021 Spring Registration Begins**
Spring 2021 Semester Bills Due
Martin Luther King Day Holiday (School Closed)

**Monday October 26**

**Spring 2021 Semester Bills Due**

Friday January 15

**Martin Luther King Day Holiday (School Closed)**

Monday January 18
Students with Outstanding Balances Dropped from Rosters – Financial Purge 4pm
Move-in Residence Halls (New Students)
Move-in Residence Hall (Returning Students)

**Spring 2021 Semester Begins (Spring 15wk and Spring-1 sessions)**

*Last day to Add a Spring-1 session course*

*Last day to Drop a Spring-1 session course - no grade posted*

**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 Entries by Faculty for Spring 15wk & Spring-1 sessions
No Show Attendance Roster Verification Completed for Spring 15wk & Spring-1
Application for August or December 2021 Graduation Due to Academic Advisor
Census Freeze Cut Off Date
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)**

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

**Spring-1 2021 Session Ends**

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

2021 Summer Course Recommendations Due from Dept Chairs to Provost Office

**Spring-2 2021 Session Begins**

2021 Fall Course Schedule Due from Dept Chairs to Provost Office
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 Student Summer School Demand Web Survey (10 days) Opens
2021 Fall Course Schedules Available for Preview on Self-Service

2021-2022 Academic Advisement and Registration Authorization Begins for Students
Teacher Evaluation Period Begins

**Withdrawal Period Ends for Spring 15wk Session at 4pm (WC grade posted)**

Tuesday January 19
January 26-27
January 28-30

**Monday February 1**

Thursday February 4
Thursday February 4

**Friday February 5**

Tuesday February 9
Tuesday February 9

**Wednesday February 10**

February 10-16
February 17-19
Friday February 19

Monday February 22
February 22-26
Monday February 22
Tuesday March 2

**Thursday March 4**

March 15-19
Monday March 15
Wednesday March 17
March 18-23

**Tuesday March 23**

Tuesday March 23
Wednesday March 24
Thursday March 25

**Thursday March 25**

Friday March 26
Tuesday March 30
Tuesday March 30
Tuesday March 30

**Wednesday March 31**

March 31-April 2
Monday April 5
Monday April 5
Monday April 5

**Wednesday April 7**
Outstanding Incomplete ("I") Grades from Fall 2020 Converted to "F"s

**2021 Fall Registration Begins for Continuing Students**

- Midterm Exam Days for Spring-2 session
- Midterm Grade Input Begins for Spring-2 Session at 12noon
- 2021 Student Summer School Demand Web Survey (10 days) Closes
- Teacher Evaluation Period Ends

Review of Financing Options for Survey Participants for Summer Registration Opens

Mid-term Grade Input Ends for Spring-2 Session at 10am

**2021 Summer Course Schedules Available for Preview on Self-Service**

**2021 Summer Registration Begins**

- 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)**

Friday April 16

**May Commencement**

- Final Grade Input Ends for Spring 15wk and Spring-2 sessions
- Spring Degree Conferral Postings on Transcripts 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 Bridge (5 weeks Session)** June 27, 2021 – July 30, 2021

**Summer 11**

**2021 Summer Registration Begins**

- 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

**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**

**2021 Summer Registration Begins**

- 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

**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 Bridge (5 weeks Session)** June 27, 2021 – July 30, 2021
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 Degree Conferral Postings Completed by the Registrar’s Office

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Summer 1

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

2021 Summer Registration Begins

Summer 2021 Semester Bills Due

Students with Outstanding Balances Dropped from Rosters - Financial Purge 4pm

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

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Monday May 31

Tuesday June 1

June 28-July 1

Monday June 28

Monday July 5

Tuesday July 6

Wednesday July 7

Monday July 19

Friday July 30

Monday August 2-6

Monday August 2

Friday August 6

Tuesday August 10

Friday August 27

Monday April 23

Friday May 14

Tuesday May 18

Monday May 24

Tuesday May 25

Tuesday May 25

Wednesday May 26

May 26-June 1

Monday May 31

Tuesday June 1

Monday June 7-10

Monday June 7

Monday June 14

Tuesday June 15

Monday June 21

June 22-25
Finals Grade Input Begins for Summer-1 at 12noon

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

Tuesday June 22
*Friday June 25*

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

**2021 Summer Registration Begins**
Summer 2021 Semester Bills Due
Students with Outstanding Balances Dropped from Rosters - Financial Purge 4pm
Fourth of July Holiday (No Classes)

**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
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

**Summer Bridge** *(5 week Session) June 26, 2021 – July 30, 2021*

Summer Bridge 2021 Semester Bills Due
Move-in and Orientation

**Summer Bridge 2021 Session Classes Begins**

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

Students with Outstanding Balances Dropped from Rosters - Financial Purge 4pm

Friday June 25

June 26-27

*Monday June 28*

Tuesday June 29

Tuesday June 29

**Monday June 29**

Wednesday June 30
Withdrawal Period Begins for Summer Bridge session (WC grade posted)
No Show Attendance Entries by Faculty for Summer Bridge session
Thursday June 30
June 30-July 1
Friday July 2
June 30-July 5
July 12-14
Monday July 12
Friday July 16

Withdrawal Period Ends for Summer Bridge session at 4pm (WC grade posted)
Last day of Regular classes Summer Bridge session
Tuesday July 20
Tuesday July 27
July 28-30
Wednesday July 28

Summer Bridge 2021 Session Ends
Finals Grade Input Begins for Summer Bridge at 12noon
Friday July 30
Tuesday August 3

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