# 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

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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

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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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**Monday October 1**

Thursday October 1

Friday October 2

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

2021 Winterim Registration Begins
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

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

**Important Dates**

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

**2021 Fall Registration Begins for Continuing Students**  
Monday April 12

Midterm Exam Days for Spring-2 session  
April 15-20

Midterm Grade Input Begins for Spring-2 Session at 12noon  
Thursday April 15

2021 Student Summer School Demand Web Survey (10 days) Closes  
Thursday April 15

Teacher Evaluation Period Ends  
Friday April 16

Review of Financing Options for Survey Participants for Summer Registration Opens  
Friday April 16

Mid-term Grade Input Ends for Spring-2 Session at 10am  
Thursday April 22

2021 Summer Course Schedules Available for Preview on Self-Service  
Friday April 23

**2021 Summer Registration Begins**  
Monday April 23

Withdrawal Period Ends for Spring-2 session at 4pm (WC grade posted)  
Wednesday April 28

Last Day of Regular Classes for Spring 15wk and Spring-2 sessions  
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

**Spring 2021 Semester Ends (Spring 15wk and Spring-2 sessions)**  
Friday May 14

**May Commencement**  
Saturday May 15

Final Grade Input Ends for Spring 15wk and Spring-2 sessions  
Wednesday May 19

Spring Degree Conferral Postings on Transcripts Completed by the Registrar’s Office  
Friday June 4

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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

*Summer Bridge (5 weeks Session)*  June 27, 2021 – July 30, 2021

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

**2021 Summer Registration Begins**  
Monday April 23

Summer 2021 Semester Bills Due  
Friday May 14

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

**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

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) Monday June 1

Midterm Grade Input Begins for Summer 11wk at 12 noon 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

Summer 1

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

2021 Summer Registration Begins Monday April 23

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 Monday May 24

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

Withdrawal Period Begins for Summer-1 session (WC grade posted) Wednesday May 26

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

Withdrawal Period Ends for Summer-1 session at 4pm (WC grade posted) Tuesday June 15

Last day of Regular classes Summer-1 session Monday June 21
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

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**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

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**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  

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

Wednesday June 30

No Show Attendance Entries by Faculty for Summer Bridge session

Wednesday June 30

Fourth of July Holiday (No Classes)

June 30-July 1

No Show Attendance Roster Verification of Entries for Summer Bridge session

Friday July 2

Midterm Exam Days for Summer Bridge session

June 30-July 5

Midterm Grade Input Begins for Summer Bridge session at 12noon

July 12-14

Midterm Grade Input Ends for Summer Bridge session at 10am

Monday July 12

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

Friday July 16

Last day of Regular classes Summer Bridge session

Tuesday July 20

Final Exam Days for Summer Bridge session

Tuesday July 27

Finals Grade Input Begins for Summer Bridge at 12noon

July 28-30

**Summer Bridge 2021 Session Ends**

Wednesday July 28

Finals Grade Input Ends for Summer Bridge at 10am

**Friday July 30**

Tuesday August 3

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