

# Academic Calendar

## Overview

The academic calendar indicates key dates and deadlines for important academic requirements and/or activities including, but not limited to, the start and end dates of classes, holidays, exam days, and registration dates.

Set by the University's Faculty Council according to the [Principles for the Development of the Academic Calendar](#), the academic calendar is typically divided into the fall, spring, and summer semesters.

The academic calendar is based on a semester model that contains terms within each semester:

- Fall Semester has two designated terms:
  - Fall Term (formerly known as the "Fall Long Semester") is the primary term for Fall Semester classes
  - Winter Term is an optional period to offer education abroad courses, internships, etc.
- Spring Semester has two designated terms:
  - Spring Term (formerly known as "Spring Long Semester") is the primary term for Spring Semester classes
  - May Term is an optional four-week period for education abroad courses, internships, etc.
- Summer Semester has four designated terms:
  - First Term
  - Second Term
  - Nine-Week Term
  - Summer Term

All classes associated with a semester will start and end within that semester. Tuition calculations, financial aid, and registration processes are based on classes taken during the assigned semester.

The academic calendar published in this catalog reflects approved dates at the time of publication. See <https://registrar.utexas.edu/calendars> for additional information about current, upcoming, and archived academic calendars.

## 2025-2026 Academic Dates and Deadlines

### Fall semester

*August 19, 2025 - January 10, 2026, includes Fall and Winter Terms*

#### Fall Term 2025

*August 25 - December 15, 2025*

Date	Event
July 29	Tuition bills for the fall semester distributed to students electronically
August 15	Orientation for new international students Last day a graduate student may register in absentia
August 20	Fall registration for new undergraduate and all graduate students who have not yet registered (check your registration information sheet for access times)

August 21	Tuition payment deadline is 5:00 p.m. CST for undergraduate students who registered for the fall semester by Friday, July 18
August 22 - 24	Fall registration for all students
August 22	University residence halls open
August 25	First day of classes
August 25 - 28	Fall registration for graduate and law students
August 25 - September 2	Fall registration for all students (will require either department and/or dean's approval)
August 28	4th class day Last day for graduate and law students to add a class Tuition payment deadline is 5:00 p.m. CST for graduate and law students
September 1	Labor Day holiday; no classes held
September 2	6th class day Last day for undergraduate students to add a class
September 10	12th class day Last day to add a class (approval required) Last day to drop a class without permission
	Tuition payment deadline is 5:00 p.m. CST for anyone who registered after July 18 Payment for added classes ("Add Bill") due 11:59 p.m. Any owed balance after this will be automatically placed on an installment plan.
October 16	Payment for remaining tuition balances due by 11:59 p.m. CST
October 27	Last day to apply for an undergraduate degree
November 3 - 14	Spring 2026 registration
November 14	Last day to apply for a graduate degree
November 18	Spring 2026 tuition bills distributed to students
November 19	Last day an undergraduate may: Q-drop a class; withdraw; change a class to pass/fail
November 21	Last day a doctoral candidate may hold a dissertation defense for the Fall 2025 semester
November 24	Last day a graduate student may change registration in a class to or from the credit/no credit basis
November 25 - 30	Fall break/Thanksgiving; no classes held
December 6	Last day to submit master's report, recital, thesis, doctoral dissertation or treatise to the graduate dean
December 8	Last class day

	Last day an undergraduate may, with the required approvals, request a non-academic Q-drop
	Last day an undergraduate may register in absentia
	Last day a graduate student may, with the required approvals, drop a class or withdraw from the university
December 10 - 11	Study days
December 11 - 13 & 15	Final exams
December 15 - 19	Spring 2026 registration period for continuing and readmitted students
December 16	University residence halls close
December 20	Official graduation date (No public exercises)

## Winter Term 2024

Date	Event
December 16, 2025 - January 10, 2026	Winter Term (optional; may be used for courses such as study abroad, etc.)

## Spring semester

*January 12 - June 3, 2026, and includes Spring and May Terms*

## Spring Term 2026

*January 12 - May 4, 2026*

Date	Event
January 6	Tuition payment deadline is 5:00 p.m. for undergraduate students
	Orientation for new international students
January 8	Spring 2025 registration for new undergraduate and all graduate students who have not yet registered (check your registration information sheet for access times)
January 8 - 11	Spring 2026 registration for all students
January 9	University residence halls open
January 12	First day of classes
January 12 - 15	Spring 2025 registration for graduate and law students
January 12 - 20	Spring registration for undergraduate students
January 15	4th class day
	Last day for graduate and law students to add a class
	Tuition payment deadline is 5:00 p.m. CST for graduate and law students
January 19	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; no classes held
January 20	6th class day
	Last day for undergraduate students to add a class
January 28	12th class day

	Last day to drop a class without permission
	Last day to drop a class without permission
	Tuition payment deadline is 5:00 p.m. CST for undergraduate, graduate, and law students
	Payment for added classes ("Add Bill") due 11:59 p.m. Any owed balance after this will be automatically placed on an installment plan.
March 13	Payment for remaining tuition balances due by 11:59 p.m. CST
March 16 - 21	Spring Break
March 24	Last day to apply for an undergraduate degree
April 6 - 17	Summer 2026 and Fall 2026 registration for continuing and readmitted students
April 10	Last day to apply for a graduate degree
	Last day a doctoral candidate may hold a dissertation defense for the Spring 2026 semester
April 13	Last day a graduate student may change registration in a class to or from the credit/no credit basis
April 15	Last day an undergraduate may: Q-drop a class; withdraw; change a class to pass/fail
April 24	Last day to submit a master's report, recital, thesis, doctoral dissertation, or treatise to the graduate dean
April 27	Last class day
	Last day a graduate student may, with the required approvals, drop a class or withdraw from the university
	Last day an undergraduate may, with the required approvals, request a non-academic Q-drop
	Last day an undergraduate may register in absentia
April 28 & 29	Study days
April 30, May 1 - 2 & 4	Final exams
May 5	Summer 2026 tuition bills distributed to students
	University residence halls close
May 9	University commencement (official graduation date)

## May Term 2025

Date	Event
May 5 - June 3	May Term (optional; may be used for courses such as study abroad, etc.)
May 25	Memorial Day; no classes held

## Summer Semester

June 4 - August 17, 2026, includes First Term, Second Term, Nine-week Term, and Summer Term

Date	Event
May 20	Tuition payment deadline is 5:00 p.m. CST for undergraduate students
June 4	First day of classes for First Term, Nine-week Term, and Summer Term
June 9	Last day to drop a class without permission for First Term, Nine-week Term, and Summer Term
	2nd payment deadline is 5:00 p.m. CST for undergraduate students
	Payment deadline is 5:00 p.m. CST for graduate and law students
	Payment for added classes ("Add Bill") due for First Term, Nine-week Term, and Summer Term
June 19	Juneteenth holiday; no classes held
June 25	Last day to change a class to pass/fail for First Term, Nine-week Term, and Summer Term
July 9	Last class day for First Term
	Last day an undergraduate or graduate student may, with the required approvals, drop a First Term class
July 10 - 11	Final exams for First Term
July 13	First day of classes for Second Term
July 16	Last day to drop a class without permission for Second Term
	3rd and final tuition payment deadline is 5:00 p.m. CST for undergraduate, graduate, and law students
	Payment for added classes ("Add Bill") due for Second Term
July 17	Last day to apply for undergraduate or law degree
July 29	Last class day for Nine-week Term
	Last day an undergraduate or graduate student may, with the required approvals, drop a Nine-week Term class
	Tuition bills for the fall semester distributed to students electronically
July 29 - 30	Final exams for Nine-week Term
July 30	Last day to change a class to pass/fail for Second Term
July 31	Last day to apply for a graduate degree
	Last day a doctoral candidate may hold a dissertation defense for the Summer 2025 semester
August 14	Last class day for Second Term and Summer Term

Last day an undergraduate or graduate student may, with the required approvals, drop a Second or Summer Term class or withdraw

	Last day to submit a master's report, recital, thesis, doctoral dissertation, or treatise to the graduate dean
August 15 & 17	Final exams for Second Term and Summer Term
August 17	Official graduation date (no public exercises)