

ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2026-2027

FALL SEMESTER 2026		
July 29-30	Wednesday-Thursday	Faculty/Staff Institute
July 29	Wednesday	Orientation for New Freshmen Residence halls open for new students
August 2	Sunday	Residence halls open for Cleared Students (must have Clearance Card from Student Affairs)
August 3	Monday	Registration/Clearing of all other student accounts Residence halls open for all other continuing and transfer students (not Cleared)
August 4	Tuesday	Classes Begin Late Registration Begins
August 7	Friday	Last Day to Add Courses
August 13	Thursday	Last Day to Drop a Class Without Penalty
August 27	Thursday	Annual Fall Convocation
September 7	Monday	Labor Day Holiday (No Classes)
September 28 - October 1	Monday-Thursday	Midterm Examinations
October 2	Friday	Deadline for Faculty to submit Midterm Grades
October 6	Tuesday	Graduate and Professional Schools Information Day
October 8	Thursday	Fall Honors Convocation
October 12-October 23	Monday - Friday	Academic Advisement and Pre-registration for Spring 2027 Semester
October 19-October 23	Monday - Friday	Business Week
October 25	Saturday	Baptist Convention Banquet
November 1-7	Sunday-Saturday	Homecoming Week
November 2-6	Monday-Friday	Education Week
November 5	Thursday	Annual Teacher Education Reception
November 7	Saturday	Homecoming Parade and Games
November 15	Sunday	Annual Christmas Concert
November 17	Tuesday	Last day of classes for Fall semester Last day for removal of I and X grades
November 19	Thursday	Final examinations begin
November 21	Saturday	Fall Harvest Worship Service and Rally
November 24	Tuesday	Final examinations end Thanksgiving Recess begins at 5 p.m. Residence halls close
November 30	Monday	Thanksgiving Recess ends at 8 a.m. (For Faculty, Staff and SA return)
December 2	Wednesday	Deadline for Faculty to Submit Final Grades End of Fall 2026 Semester for Faculty (All other employees follow their 2026-2027 work calendar)
December 11	Friday	Christmas Holiday for Staff (Leave begins at 5:00 pm)

SPRING SEMESTER 2027		
January 4	Monday	Faculty and Staff Return: Mid-Year Conference
January 5	Tuesday	Residence Halls open for New and Continuing Students and Clearing Student Accounts and Issuing Registration Permits
January 6	Wednesday	Registration for New/Transfer Spring Semester classes
January 7	Thursday	Classes Begin
January 14	Thursday	President's Information Assembly
January 15	Friday	Last Day to Drop a Course without Penalty
January 18	Monday	<i>Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Observance</i>
February 2-5	Tuesday-Friday	Science in Action Week
February 11	Thursday	Spring Semester Honors Convocation
February 16-February 19	Tuesday-Friday	Religious Emphasis Week
March 1-March 4	Monday - Thursday	Mid-Semester Examinations
March 5	Friday	Mid-Semester Grades Due in Office of Enrollment Management Spring Break Begins after 5:00 p.m. Classes
March 15	Monday	Spring Break Ends at 8:00 a.m.
March 15-March 26	Monday - Friday	Academic Planning, Advisement and Pre-Registration for Summer and Fall Semester 2027
March 17	Wednesday	Career-Fest
March 26	Friday	Easter Recess Begins after 5:00 p.m. Classes
March 29	Monday	<i>Easter Observed – College Closed</i>
March 30	Tuesday	Easter Recess Ends at 8:00 a.m.
April 12	Monday	Charter Day
April 20 - April 23	Tuesday - Friday	Final Examinations for Graduating Seniors
April 22	Thursday	Last day of classes for Spring semester Last day for removal of I and X grades
April 23	Friday	Final Grades for Graduating Seniors due in Office of Enrollment Management
April 26	Monday	Final Examinations Begin
April 29	Thursday	Final Examinations End Residence Halls Close for Non-Graduating Students by 5:00 p.m.
May 1	Saturday	Annual Commencement Convocation Residence Halls Close for Graduating Students after Graduation
May 4	Tuesday	Spring Semester Grades due in the Office of Enrollment Management Last Day of Academic Year for Faculty
May 24-July 9	Monday-Thursday	2027 Summer Session Begin
May 31	Monday	<i>Memorial Day Holiday – College Closed</i>
June 18	Friday	Juneteenth Holiday
July 9	Friday	Grades due in the Office of Enrollment Management and Records