



Spring 2026 Academic Calendar

January

January 7: Spring Faculty and Staff Institute

January 8-9: Advisement and registration for all students. All tuition and fees for Spring 2026 due and payable at the time of registration.

January 11: Final day to pay tuition/fees for Spring 2026 1st 8-week or 16-week courses in full, or to set up a satisfactory payment plan to avoid risk of classes being deactivated.

January 11-16: Late registration with fee assessed.

January 12: First day of classes.

January 12-16: Drop-Add Week for students already registered for current semester (16wk) or 1st 8-week classes; registration for 2nd 8-week classes continues.

January 15: Founders Day & Convocation.

January 16: Last day to add classes for 1st 8-week and 16-week sessions. Final business day to drop a 1st 8-week or 16-week class without financial/academic obligations.

January 19: Martin Luther King's Birthday (University closed).

February

February 9: "X" and "I" grades due in the Office of the Registrar.

February 11: Last day for candidates to file and pay for degrees for Spring 2026 semester graduation

February 13: Lincoln's Birthday (University closed for holiday observance).

February 16: Last day to withdraw from a course in the 1st 8-week session.

February 23: Last day to file for comprehensive examinations and/or portfolios for Master's and specialist degree candidates.

March

March 6: Midterm grades posted by 12 noon.

March 7: 1st 8-week classes end.

March 9: Final grades posted for the 1st 8-week session by 12 noon.

March 9-13: Spring Break.

March 16: Classes resume. 2nd 8-week classes begin.

March 17: Last day to register for 2nd 8-week classes. All tuition fees due and payable at the time of registration.

March 18: Advanced registration for Summer and Fall 2026 semesters begins. All tuition and fees due and payable at the time of registration.

March 23-27: Assessment Week: Major Field Exams, General Education Test, and student surveys.

March 26: Comprehensive examinations for Master's degree candidates (1:00 PM to 5:00 PM CST)

April

April 3: Free Day (University closed).

April 16: Last day to withdraw from a course for the 2nd 8-week and/or 16-week sessions.

April 23: Honors Convocation (11 a.m.; Richardson Auditorium).

May

May 2: Spring 2026 classwork ends.

May 4-7: Spring Final Examinations.

May 9: Spring 2026 Commencement Ceremonies.

May 11: Final grades posted by 12:00 noon.

The Board of Curators approves the academic calendar, which was last revised on February 25, 2025.