Graduate & Professional Studies Academic Calendar 2025-2026

2025 - Fall Semester

September 1 Monday ** Labor Day - No Classes **

September 4 Thursday Fall Classes Regin - 15 Week 6

September 4 Thursday Fall Classes Begin – 15-Week and Session I
September 13 Friday End of Add/Drop Period 15 Week and Session I

October 1 Wednesday Last Day to Withdraw/Administrative Withdraw from Session I Courses
October 10 Friday Only Monday Classes (Make-up Date Monday, October 13)

October 13 Monday ** Fall Break – No Classes ** (Make-up Date Friday, October 10)

October 14 Tuesday Classes Meet - No Tuesday Classes (Make-up Date Friday, October 17)

October 17 Friday Only Tuesday Classes Meet (Make-up Date Tuesday, October 14)

October 22 Wednesday Last Day of Session I Classes

October 27 Wonday Session I Classes Begin

October 27 Monday Session II Classes Begin

October 28 Tuesday ** Registration for Spring 2026 Opens **
November 3 Monday End of Add/Drop Period Session II Classes

November 21 Friday Last Day to Withdraw/Administrative Withdraw from a 15-Week and Session II Course

Nov 26 - Nov. 30 Wednesday - Sunday ** Thanksgiving Break - No Classes **(Make-up Dates Friday, Dec.5 and 12 Session II Classes)

December 1 Monday Fall Classes Resume

December 5 Friday Only Wednesday Classes Meet (Make-up Date Wednesday, Nov. 26 Session II Classes)
December 12 Friday Only Thursday Classes Meet (Make-up Date Thursday, Nov. 27 Session II Classes)

December 12 Friday Last Day of 15-Week and Session II Classes

December 13 Saturday Christmas Break Begins

December 15 Monday Final Grades Due for 15-Week and Session II Classes

2026- Winter Session

January 3-11 Saturday- Sunday MFA Residency - Newport
January 3 Saturday Winter Session Classes Begin

January 5 Monday End of Add/Drop Period for Winter Session

January 8 Thursday Last Day to Withdraw/Administrative Withdraw from Winter Session

January 11 Sunday Last Day of Winter Session Classes

January 14 Wednesday Final Grades Due for Winter Session Classes

2026 - Spring Semester

January 19 Monday ** Martin Luther King Day – No Classes **

January 20 Tuesday Spring Classes Begin – 15-Week and Session I

January 28 Wednesday End of Add/Drop Period – 15-Week and Session I

February 16 Monday ** President's Day – No Classes ** (Make-up Date Tuesday, February 17)

February 17 Tuesday Only Monday Classes Meet - No Tuesday Classes

February 18 Wednesday Last Day to Withdraw/Administrative Withdraw from Session I Course

March 10 Tuesday Last Day of Session I Classes
March 13 Friday Session I Final Grades Due

March 14-22Saturday - Sunday** Spring Break **March 23MondaySession II Classes BeginMarch 23MondaySpring Classes ResumeMarch 25WednesdaySRyou Student Exposition

March 30 Monday End of Add/Drop Period Session II Classes
March 30 Monday ** Registration for Fall 2026 Opens **

April 2-6 Thursday - Monday ** Easter Break **(Make-up Dates Friday, April 10 and 17 Session II Classes)

April 6 Monday Resident Students Return
April 7 Tuesday Spring Classes Resume

April 10 Friday Only Thursday Classes Meet (Make-up Date Thursday, April 2 Session II Classes)

April 10 Friday Last Day to Withdraw/Administrative Withdraw from a 15-Week Course

April 17 Friday Only Monday Classes Meet (Make-up Date Monday, April 6 Session II Classes)

April 17 Friday Last Day to Withdraw/Administrative Withdraw from a Session II Course

May 8 Friday Last Day of Semester – 15-Week and Session II

May 11 Monday All Final Grades Due

May 14 Thursday University Commencement: Graduate Programs

2026 - Summer Sessions

May 11 Monday 15-Week Session Begins

May 18 Monday Session I Begins

May 18 Monday End of Add/Drop Period 15-Week

May 25 Monday Memorial Day - No Classes (Make-up Date Friday, May 29 Session I)

May 26 Tuesday End of Add/Drop Session I

May 29 Friday Monday Classes Meet-(Make-up Date Friday, May 25)

June 12 Friday Last Day to Withdraw/Administrative Withdraw from Session I Course

June 19 Friday ** Juneteenth Holiday – No Classes**

June 20-28 Saturday-Sunday MFA Residency – Newport
July 2 Thursday Last Day of Session I

July 3 Friday Independence Day Observed – No Classes

July 4 Saturday Independence Day

July 5 Sunday Final Grades Due – Session I

July 6 Monday Session II Begins

July 13 Monday End of Add/Drop Period Session II

July 31 Friday Last Day to Withdraw/ Administrative Withdraw from 15-Week and Session II Course

August 21 Friday Last Day of Semester 15-Week Session and Session II
August 24 Monday Final Grades Due 15-Week Session and Session II