

Academic Calendar

The academic calendar of Washington University in St. Louis is designed to provide an optimal amount of classroom instruction and examination within a manageable time frame, facilitating our educational mission to promote learning among both students and faculty. Individual schools, particularly our graduate and professional schools, may have varying calendars due to the nature of particular fields of study. Please refer to each school's website for more information.

Fall Semester 2018

Date	Day	Description
August 27	Monday	Classes begin
September 3	Monday	Labor Day holiday
October 13-16	Saturday-Tuesday	Fall Break
November 21-25	Wednesday-Sunday	Thanksgiving Break
December 7	Friday	Last day of classes
December 10-19	Monday-Wednesday	Reading and Exams

Spring Semester 2019

Date	Day	Description
January 14	Monday	Classes begin
January 21	Monday	Martin Luther King Jr. holiday
March 10-16	Sunday-Saturday	Spring Break
April 26	Friday	Last day of classes
April 29 - May 8	Monday-Wednesday	Reading and Exams
May 17	Friday	Commencement

Summer Semester 2019

Date	Day	Description
May 20	Monday	First Summer Session begins
May 27	Monday	Memorial Day holiday
July 4	Thursday	Independence Day holiday
August 15	Thursday	Last Summer Session ends

Washington University recognizes the individual student's choice in observing religious holidays that occur during periods when classes are scheduled. Students are encouraged to arrange with their instructors to make up work missed as a result of religious observance, and instructors are asked to make every reasonable effort to accommodate such requests.