

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.

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.

Fall Semester 2017

Date	Day	Description
August 28	Monday	Classes begin
September 4	Monday	Labor Day holiday
October 14-17	Saturday-Tuesday	Fall Break
November 22-26	Wednesday-Sunday	Thanksgiving Break
December 8	Friday	Last day of classes
December 11-13	Monday-Wednesday	Reading Days
December 14-20	Thursday-Wednesday	Final Examinations

Spring Semester 2018

Date	Day	Description
January 15	Monday	Martin Luther King Jr. holiday
January 16	Tuesday	Classes begin
March 11-17	Sunday-Saturday	Spring Break
April 27	Friday	Last day of classes
April 30 - May 2	Monday-Wednesday	Reading Days
May 3-9	Thursday-Wednesday	Final Examinations
May 18	Friday	Commencement

Summer Semester 2018

Date	Day	Description
May 21	Monday	First Summer Session begins
May 28	Monday	Memorial Day holiday
July 4	Wednesday	Independence Day holiday
August 16	Thursday	Last Summer Session ends

Washington University recognizes the individual student's choice in observing religious holidays that occur during periods when