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 2019

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<td>August 26</td>
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<td>September 2</td>
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<td>Labor Day holiday</td>
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<td>October 12-15</td>
<td>Saturday-Tuesday</td>
<td>Fall Break</td>
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<td>November 27-December 1</td>
<td>Wednesday-Sunday</td>
<td>Thanksgiving Break</td>
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<td>December 6</td>
<td>Friday</td>
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<td>December 9-18</td>
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Spring Semester 2020

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<td>January 13</td>
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<td>January 20</td>
<td>Monday</td>
<td>Martin Luther King Jr. holiday</td>
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<td>March 8-14</td>
<td>Sunday-Saturday</td>
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<td>April 24</td>
<td>Friday</td>
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Summer Semester 2020

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<td>May 18</td>
<td>Monday</td>
<td>First Summer Session begins</td>
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<td>May 25</td>
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<td>Memorial Day holiday</td>
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<td>July 3</td>
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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.