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.

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## Commencement Ceremonies

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Washington University recognizes the individual student’s choice in observing religious holidays (https://bpb-us-w2.wpmucdn.com/sites.wustl.edu/dist/c/2883/files/2021/12/Religious-Holiday-Class-Absence-Policy-Final_November-2021.pdf). Students are encouraged to make arrangements with instructors to complete work missed due to religious observance. Instructors are asked to make every reasonable effort to accommodate such requests.