

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 2024

College of Arts & Sciences, McKelvey School of Engineering, Olin Business School, Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts, and the School of Continuing & Professional Studies

Date	Day	Description
August 26	Monday	First day of classes
September 2	Monday	Labor Day (no classes)
October 5-8	Saturday-Tuesday	Fall Break (no classes)
November 27-December 1	Wednesday-Sunday	Thanksgiving Break (no classes)
December 6	Friday	Last day of classes
December 9-11	Monday-Wednesday	Reading days
December 12-18	Thursday-Wednesday	Final exams

Spring Semester 2025

College of Arts & Sciences, McKelvey School of Engineering, Olin Business School, Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts, and the School of Continuing & Professional Studies

Date	Day	Description
January 13	Monday	First day of classes
January 20	Monday	Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday (no classes)
March 9-16	Sunday-Sunday	Spring Break (no classes)
April 25	Friday	Last day of classes
April 28-30	Monday-Wednesday	Reading days
May 1-7	Thursday-Wednesday	Final exams

Commencement

Date	Day	Description
May 12	Monday	Class of 2025 Commencement

Summer Semester 2025

Date	Day	Description
May 19	Monday	First Summer Session begins
May 26	Monday	Memorial Day (no classes)
July 4	Friday	Independence Day (no classes)
August 14	Thursday	Last Summer Session ends

Washington University recognizes the individual student’s choice in observing religious holidays (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.