ACADEMIC CALENDAR
2020–21

FALL 2020*

AUGUST
Transfer Student Orientation (virtual) Monday, Aug. 17
Early drop-off of belongings for residential students Saturday–Monday, Aug. 15–23
Residence halls open for students based on staggered schedule Monday–Wednesday, Aug. 24–26
Final Registration Day Tuesday, Aug. 25
Instruction begins for all students Wednesday, Aug. 26

SEPTEMBER
Labor Day—Classes will be held Monday, Sept. 7
Last day to withdraw from a class and receive 60% tuition credit Tuesday, Sept. 8
Last day to change from audit to credit status Tuesday, Sept. 8
Last day to withdraw from a class and receive 40% tuition credit Monday, Sept. 14
Last day to drop a course and have it deleted from your record Friday, Sept. 18
Last day to withdraw from a class and receive 20% tuition credit— Monday, Sept. 21

No further tuition credit after this date and first day to withdraw and receive a grade of W Friday, Sept. 25 (4:30 p.m.)
University Enrollment Census Saturday, Sept. 26
Degrees awarded to those completing requirements in the summer

OCTOBER
Last day to file January degree applications Friday, Oct. 9
Hawktober Weekend Friday–Sunday, Oct. 16–18

NOVEMBER
Advance registration for full-time undergraduates begins Monday, Nov. 2
Last day to drop a course and receive a grade of W Tuesday, Nov. 3
Last day to change from credit to audit status** Tuesday, Nov. 3
Last day to change to Pass/No Pass or from Pass/No Pass to letter grade Tuesday, Nov. 3
Advance registration for part-time and graduate students begins Thursday, Nov. 5
Thanksgiving recess begins Tuesday, Nov. 24 (10 p.m.)
Residence halls close for the semester Monday, Nov. 30 (8 a.m.)
Classes resume online
All classes, review sessions, office hours, reading days, and final exams through the end of the semester will take place remotely.

DECEMBER
Doctoral Hooding Ceremony, Lincoln Theater Sunday, Dec. 6 (10:30 a.m.)
Last day to resolve I grades from preceding term to avoid change from I to F (undergraduates only) Monday, Dec. 7 (10 p.m.)
Classes end Monday, Dec. 7 (10 p.m.)
Reading Day Tuesday, Dec. 8
Final examinations begin Wednesday, Dec. 9
Note: Final exam schedule includes Saturday as a scheduled exam day.
Final examinations end Monday, Dec. 14 (10 p.m.)
Commencement 2020, XL Center Tuesday, Dec. 15 (noon)
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WINTERTERM 2021

DECEMBER
Winterterm begins (fully online) Saturday, Dec. 26

JANUARY
Winterterm ends Friday, Jan. 15

RESIDENCE HALLS OPEN
Residence halls open Sunday, Jan. 17 (noon)

HOLIDAY DATES
Martin Luther King Day—University Holiday Monday, Jan. 18
Final Registration Day Tuesday, Jan. 19

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Classes begin Wednesday, Jan. 20 (8 a.m.)

DEGREES AWARDED
Degrees awarded to those completing requirements in fall Saturday, Jan. 30

FEBRUARY
Last day to withdraw from class and receive 60% tuition credit Tuesday, Feb. 2
Last day to change from audit to credit status Tuesday, Feb. 2
Last day to withdraw from class and receive 40% tuition credit Tuesday, Feb. 9
Last day to file May degree applications Friday, Feb. 12
Last day to withdraw from a class and receive 20% tuition credit—
No further tuition credit after this date and first day to withdraw
and receive a grade of W Tuesday, Feb. 16

CENSUS DATE
University Enrollment Census Friday, Feb. 26 (4:30 p.m.)

MARCH
Spring recess begins Saturday, March 13
All residence halls will remain open.
Classes resume Monday, March 22 (8 a.m.)

APRIL
Recommended date for new incoming students (first-year students
and transfers) to submit 2021–22 FAFSA to U.S. Department of
Education to ensure adequate time for processing Monday, Feb. 15

WINTERTERM 2021

SPRING 2021*

JANUARY
Residence halls open Sunday, Jan. 17 (noon)
Martin Luther King Day—University Holiday Monday, Jan. 18
Final Registration Day Tuesday, Jan. 19
Classes begin Wednesday, Jan. 20 (8 a.m.)
Degrees awarded to those completing requirements in fall Saturday, Jan. 30

FEBRUARY
Last day to withdraw from class and receive 60% tuition credit Tuesday, Feb. 2
Last day to change from audit to credit status Tuesday, Feb. 2
Last day to withdraw from class and receive 40% tuition credit Tuesday, Feb. 9
Last day to file May degree applications Friday, Feb. 12
Last day to withdraw from a class and receive 20% tuition credit—
No further tuition credit after this date and first day to withdraw
and receive a grade of W Tuesday, Feb. 16

CENSUS DATE
University Enrollment Census Friday, Feb. 26 (4:30 p.m.)

MARCH
Spring recess begins Saturday, March 13
All residence halls will remain open.
Classes resume Monday, March 22 (8 a.m.)

APRIL
Required date for returning students applying for financial aid to submit
2021–22 FAFSA and all other documents to U.S. Department of
Education to ensure adequate time for processing Thursday, April 1
Advance registration for full-time undergraduates begins Thursday, April 1 (8:30 a.m.)
Advance registration for part-time and graduate students begins Tuesday, April 6 (8:30 a.m.)
Last Day to drop a course and receive a grade of W Tuesday, April 6
Last day to change to Pass/No Pass or from Pass/No Pass to letter grade Tuesday, April 6
Last day to change from credit to audit status** Tuesday, April 6
MAY
Classes end Tuesday, May 4 (10 p.m.)
Last day to resolve I grades from preceding term to avoid Tuesday, May 4 (10 p.m.)
   change from I to F (undergraduates only)
Reading Day Wednesday, May 5
Final examinations begin Thursday, May 6 (8 a.m.)
   Note: Final exam schedule includes Saturday as a scheduled exam day.
Final examinations end Wednesday, May 12 (10 p.m.)
Residence halls close for students not receiving May degrees Thursday, May 13 (1 p.m.)
Commencement 2021, XL Center Saturday, May 15 (11 a.m.)
Residence halls close Saturday, May 15 (5 p.m.)

* Arrangements must be made by each faculty member to make up instructional time that may be lost because of emergency closing.

**Students are not eligible to take advantage of special audit fees at this time. In order to be eligible for special audit fees, students must declare audit status when they first register for the course.