

ACADEMIC CALENDAR DEFINED

Vanguard University operates on a three 16-week semester term academic calendar. The new academic calendar year in late August; and may have eight- and five-week mini session built within the overall term. The university's Academic Calendar (<https://catalog.vanguard.edu/calendar/>) can be accessed online.

Fall Semester Term –The semester normally is scheduled from late August to the Christmas Holiday.

- For traditional undergraduate students, a normal load for the fall term is twelve to eighteen credits. Students receiving Cal Grant aid are encouraged to enroll in 15 credits during the Fall and Spring term.
- Students enrolled in the Professional and Non-Traditional Programs are required to take a minimum of 9 credits to maintain full-time status each term.
- Students enrolled in the Graduate programs are required to take between 6-9 credits to maintain full-time status each term.

Spring Semester Term –The semester normally is scheduled from early January to early May.

- For traditional undergraduate students, a normal load for the fall term is twelve to eighteen credits. Students receiving Cal Grant aid are encouraged to enroll in 15 credits during the Fall and Spring term.
- Students enrolled in the Professional and Non-Traditional Programs are required to take a minimum of 9 credits to maintain full-time status each term.
- Students enrolled in the Graduate programs are required to take between 6-9 credits to maintain full-time status each term.

Summer Semester Term –The Summer term, which normally is scheduled from mid-May through early July.

- Students enrolled in the traditional undergraduate students may enroll in courses during the summer term, but will need to consult their financial aid counselor to see if aid is available.
- Students enrolled in the Professional and Non-Traditional Programs are required to take a minimum of 9 credits to maintain full-time status each term; covered by financial aid.
- Students enrolled in the Graduate programs are required to take between 6-9 credits to maintain full-time status each term; covered by financial aid. Graduate students are encouraged to speak with their program coordinator to determine if summer sessions are required or optional.