

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

2024-2025 Academic Calendar ¹

The academic calendar reflects important dates for all Vanguard academic programs. It is based on a 16 week semester term (15 weeks of classes and one week of finals) with two, 8-week and three, 5-week sub-terms therein. This calendar is subject to change by the University Administration.

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For table of add/drop dates and holidays by academic term and sub-term, projected for the next five years, visit the Office of the Registrar webpage (<https://www.vanguard.edu/academics/registrar/semester-calendar/>).

FALL SEMESTER, 2024

Month	Date	Event
Aug.	22-25	New Student Orientation (Traditional Undergraduates)
	26	Academic Term Begins, Monday
	26	Session Begins for 16-Week Session, 5-Week Session One, and 8-Week Session One
Sept.	27	Convocation, Tuesday
	30	Last Day to Add New Courses: 5-Week and 8-Week, Session Once
	2	Labor Day Holiday (No Classes, University Offices Closed), Monday
	2	Labor Day Observed (Professional Education Only - Class in Session, Offices Closed)
	6	Last Day to Add New Courses: 16-Week Session
	6	Last Day to Drop Courses Without Appearing on Transcript: 16-Week, 5-Week and 8-Week Session One
Oct.	13	Last Day to Drop Course without Academic Penalty: 5-Week, Session One
	20	Last Day to Drop Course without Academic Penalty: 8-Week, Session One
	29	5-Week Session One End
	30	5-Week Session Two Start
	4	Last Day to Add New Courses: 5-Week, Session Two
	11	Last Day to Drop Courses without Appearing on Transcript: 5-Week, Session Two
	18	Last Day to Drop Course without Academic Penalty: 16-Week Session and 5-Week Session Two
	20	8-Week Session One End
	21	8-Week Session Two Start

	25	Last Day to Add New Courses: 8-Week, Session Two
Nov.	1	Last Day to Drop a Course without Appearing on Transcript: 8-Week, Session Two
	3	5-Week Session Two End
	4	5-Week Session Three Start
	8	Last Day to Add New Courses: 5-Week, Session Three
	11-14	Academic Registration for All Continuing Students
	15	Last Day to Drop Courses without Appearing on Transcript: 5-Week Session Three
	15	Last Day to Drop Course without Academic Penalty: 8-Week Session 2
	27-29	Thanksgiving Holiday (No Classes, Offices Closed)
	22	Last Day to Drop Course without Academic Penalty: 5-Week Session Three
Dec.	8	5-Week Session Three End
	10-13	Final Examinations, Tuesday-Friday
	15	Last Day of Fall Term, 16-Week Session and 8-Week Session Two End
	25- Jan. 1	Christmas Holiday Break (University Offices Closed)

SPRING SEMESTER, 2025

Month	Date	Event
Jan.	3	University Offices Re-Open
	3-5	New Student Orientation (Traditional Undergraduates)
	6	Academic Term Begins, Monday
	6	Session Begins for 16-Week Session, 5-Week Session One, and 8-Week Session One
	10	Last Day to Add New Courses: 5-Week and 8-Week Session One
	20	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday (No Classes, University Offices Closed), Monday
	20	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday, (Professional Education Only - Classes in session, Offices Closed), Monday
	17	Last Day to Add New Courses: 16-Week Session
	17	Last Day to Drop Course without Appearing on Transcript: 16-Week, 5-Week and 8-Week, Session One



	24	Last Day to Drop Courses without Academic Penalty: 5-Week, Session One
	31	Last Day to Drop Courses without Academic Penalty: 8-Week, Session One
Feb.	9	5-Week Session One End
	10	5-Week Session Two Start
	14	Last Day to Add New Courses: 5-Week Session Two
	17	President's Day Holiday (No Classes, University Offices Closed), Monday
	17	President's Holiday (Professional Education Only - Classes in session, Offices Closed)
	21	Last Day to Drop Courses without Appearing on Transcript: 5-Week, Session Two
	2	Last Day to Drop a Course without Academic Penalty: 16-Week Session and 5-Week Session Two
Mar.	2	8-Week Session One End
	3	8-Week Session Two Start
	7	Last Day to Add New Courses: 8-Week, Session Two
	14	Last Day to Drop Courses without Appearing on Transcript: 8-Week, Session Two
	16	5-Week Session Two End
	17-23	Spring Recess (No Classes, Offices Open), Monday-Friday
	24	5-Week Session Three Start
	28	Last Day to Drop Course without Academic Penalty: 8-Week Session Two
	29	Last Day to Add New Courses: 5-Week Session Three
Apr.	4	Last Day to Drop Course without Appearing on Transcript: 5-Week Session Three
	7-11	Academic Registration for All Continuing Students
	11	Last day to drop course with academic penalty: 5-Week, Session Three
	18	Good Friday, No Classes, University Closed
	22	Awards Chapel
	24	Baccalaureate Chapel
	25-30	Final Examinations, Friday-Wednesday
	27	5-Week Session Three End
May	1	Commencement, Thursday

4 Last Day of Spring Term, 16-Week Session and 8-Week Session Two End

SUMMER TERM, 2025

Month	Date	Event
May	5	Academic Term Begins, Monday
	5	Session Begins for 16-Week Session, 5-Week Session One, and 8-Week Session One
	9	Last Day to Add New Courses: 5-Week and 8-Week Session One
	16	Last Day to Add New Courses: 16-Week Session
	16	Last Day to Drop Courses without Appearing on Transcript: 16-Week, 5-Week and 8-Week Session One
	23	Last Day to Drop Courses without Academic Penalty: 5-Week Session One
	26	Memorial Day Observed (No Classes, Office Closed)
	26	Memorial Day Observed, (Professional Education Only - Classes in session, Offices Closed), Monday
	30	Last Day to Drop without Academic Penalty: 8-week Session One
June	8	5-Week Session One End
	9	5-Week Session Two Start
	13	Last Day to Add New Courses: 5-Week Session Two
	19	Juneteenth (19th), No Classes, University Closed
	20	Last Day to Drop Courses without Appearing on Transcript: 5-Week Session Two
	27	Last Day to Drop without Academic Penalty: 16-Week and 5-Week Session Two
	29	8-Week Session One End
	30	8-Week Session Two Start
July	4	Independence Day (No Classes, University Offices Closed)
	4	Independence Day Observed, (Professional Education Only - Classes in Session, Offices Closed)
	4	Last Day to Add New Courses: 8-Week Session Two
	11	Last Day to Drop Course without Appearing on Transcript: 8-Week Session Two
	13	5-Week Session Two End
	14	5-Week Session Three Start



	18	Last Day to Add New Courses: 5-Week Session Three
	25	Last Day to Drop Courses without Appearing on Transcript: 5-Week Session Three
	25	Last day to Drop without Academic Penalty: 8-Week Session Two
Aug.	1	Last Day to Drop Course without Academic Penalty: 5-Week Session Three
	17	5-Week Session Three End
	24	Last Day of Summer Term, 16-Week and 8-Week Session Two End

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Dates of courses offered during summer vary, but fall within the full summer term dates.