

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

2023-2024 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, 2023

Month	Date	Event
Aug.	24-27	New Student Orientation (Traditional Undergraduates)
	28	Academic Term Begins, Monday
	28	Session Begins for 16-Week Session, 5-Week Session One, and 8-Week Session One
Sept.	29	Convocation, Tuesday
	1	Last Day to Add New Courses: 5-Week and 8-Week, Session One
	4	Labor Day Holiday (No Classes, University Offices Closed), Monday
	4	Labor Day Observed (Professional Studies Only - Class in Session, Offices Closed)
	8	Last Day to Add New Courses: 16-Week Session
	8	Last Day to Drop Courses Without Appearing on Transcript: 16-Week, 5-Week and 8-Week Session One
Oct.	15	Last Day to Drop Course without Academic Penalty: 5-Week, Session One
	22	Last Day to Drop Course without Academic Penalty: 8-Week, Session One
	1	5-Week Session One End
	2	5-Week Session Two Start
	6	Last Day to Add New Courses: 5-Week, Session Two
	13	Last Day to Drop Courses without Appearing on Transcript: 5-Week, Session Two
	20	Last Day to Drop Course without Academic Penalty: 16-Week Session and 5-Week Session Two
	22	8-Week Session One End
	23	8-Week Session Two Start

	27	Last Day to Add New Courses: 8-Week, Session Two
Nov.	3	Last Day to Drop a Course without Appearing on Transcript: 8-Week, Session Two
	5	5-Week Session Two End
	6	5-Week Session Three Start
	10	Last Day to Add New Courses: 5-Week, Session Three
	13-17	Academic Registration for All Continuing Students
	17	Last Day to Drop Courses without Appearing on Transcript: 5-Week Session Three
	17	Last Day to Drop Course without Academic Penalty: 8-Week Session 2
	22-24	Thanksgiving Holiday (No Classes, Offices Closed)
	24	Last Day to Drop Course without Academic Penalty: 5-Week Session Three
Dec.	10	5-Week Session Three End
	12-15	Final Examinations, Tuesday-Friday
	17	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, 2024

Month	Date	Event
Jan.	2	University Offices Re-Open
	5-7	New Student Orientation (Traditional Undergraduates)
	8	Academic Term Begins, Monday
	8	Session Begins for 16-Week Session, 5-Week Session One, and 8-Week Session One
	12	Last Day to Add New Courses: 5-Week and 8-Week Session One
	15	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday (No Classes, University Offices Closed), Monday
	15	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday, (Professional Studies Only - Classes in session, Offices Closed), Monday
	19	Last Day to Add New Courses: 16-Week Session
	19	Last Day to Drop Course without Appearing on Transcript: 16-Week, 5-Week and 8-Week, Session One



	26	Last Day to Drop Courses without Academic Penalty: 5-Week, Session One
Feb.	2	Last Day to Drop Courses without Academic Penalty: 8-Week, Session One
	11	5-Week Session One End
	12	5-Week Session Two Start
	16	Last Day to Add New Courses: 5-Week Session Two
	19	President's Day Holiday (No Classes, University Offices Closed), Monday
	19	President's Holiday (Professional Studies Only - Classes in session, Offices Closed)
	23	Last Day to Drop Courses without Appearing on Transcript: 5-Week, Session Two
Mar.	1	Last Day to Drop a Course without Academic Penalty: 16-Week Session and 5-Week Session Two
	3	8-Week Session One End
	4	8-Week Session Two Start
	8	Last Day to Add New Courses: 8-Week, Session Two
	15	Last Day to Drop Courses without Appearing on Transcript: 8-Week, Session Two
	17	5-Week Session Two End
	18-24	Spring Recess (No Classes, Offices Open), Monday-Friday
	25	5-Week Session Three Start
	29	Last Day to Drop Course without Academic Penalty: 8-Week Session Two
	29	Last Day to Add New Courses: 5-Week Session Three
	29	Good Friday, No Classes, University Closed
Apr.	5	Last Day to Drop Course without Appearing on Transcript: 5-Week Session Three
	8-12	Academic Registration for All Continuing Students
	12	Last day to drop course with academic penalty: 5-Week, Session Three
	25	Baccalaureate Chapel
	26-May 1	Final Examinations, Friday-Wednesday
	28	5-Week Session Three End
May	2	Commencement, Thursday

5	Last Day of Spring Term, 16-Week Session and 8-Week Session Two End
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SUMMER TERM, 2024

Month	Date	Event
May	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
	17	Last Day to Add New Courses: 16-Week Session
	17	Last Day to Drop Courses 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
	27	Memorial Day Observed (No Classes, Office Closed)
	27	Memorial Day Observed, (Professional Studies Only - Classes in session, Offices Closed), Monday
	31	Last Day to Drop without Academic Penalty: 8-week Session One
June	9	5-Week Session One End
	10	5-Week Session Two Start
	14	Last Day to Add New Courses: 5-Week Session Two
	19	Juneteenth (19th), No Classes, University Closed
	21	Last Day to Drop Courses without Appearing on Transcript: 5-Week Session Two
	28	Last Day to Drop without Academic Penalty: 16-Week and 5-Week Session Two
	30	8-Week Session One End
July	1	8-Week Session Two Start
	4	Independence Day (No Classes, University Offices Closed)
	4	Independence Day Observed, (Professional Studies Only - Classes in Session, Offices Closed)
	5	Last Day to Add New Courses: 8-Week Session Two
	12	Last Day to Drop Course without Appearing on Transcript: 8-Week Session Two
	14	5-Week Session Two End
	15	5-Week Session Three Start



	19	Last Day to Add New Courses: 5-Week Session Three
	26	Last Day to Drop Courses without Appearing on Transcript: 5-Week Session Three
	26	Last day to Drop without Academic Penalty: 8-Week Session Two
Aug.	2	Last Day to Drop Course without Academic Penalty: 5-Week Session Three
	18	5-Week Session Three End
	25	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.

