

# ACADEMIC CALENDAR

## Notes:

Graduate and professional programs follow their own calendars with different registration/drop deadlines, which are typically available on the website of the school or program. The College of Liberal and Professional Studies may have different registration/drop deadlines. Please visit the LPS website, [www.sas.upenn.edu/lps/](http://www.sas.upenn.edu/lps/), for more information.

Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, the first two days of Passover and Good Friday are religious holidays that affect large numbers of University community members and that fall during the academic year. View the University's policy regarding these and other holidays (<http://catalog.upenn.edu/pennbook/secular-religious-holidays>).

The University's Three-Year Academic Calendar is subject to change. In the event that changes are made, the latest, most up-to-date version will be posted to the Almanac's website (<https://almanac.upenn.edu/penn-academic-calendar>).

## 2018 Summer Term

Comment	Day of the Week	Date
11-Week Session Classes begin	Monday	May 21
Session I Classes begin	Monday	May 21
Memorial Day Observed (no classes)	Monday	May 28
Session I Classes end	Wednesday	June 27
Session II Classes begin	Thursday	June 28
Independence Day Observed (no classes)	Wednesday	July 4
Session II & 11-Week Session Classes end	Friday	August 3

## 2018 Fall Term

Comment	Day of the Week	Date
Move-in for First-Year Students ( <a href="http://www.business-services.upenn.edu/housing/assignments/move/arriving.html">http://www.business-services.upenn.edu/housing/assignments/move/arriving.html</a> )	Wednesday	August 22
New Student Orientation ( <a href="https://www.nso.upenn.edu">https://www.nso.upenn.edu</a> )	Wednesday-Monday	August 22-27
Opening Exercises and Freshman Convocation	Monday	August 27
First Day of Classes	Tuesday	August 28
Labor Day (no classes)	Monday	September 3
Course Selection Period ends	Monday	September 17
Fall Term Break	Thursday-Sunday	October 4-7
Drop Period ends	Monday	October 8
Classes Resume	Monday	October 8

Family Weekend ( <a href="http://www.vpul.upenn.edu/osa/fw">http://www.vpul.upenn.edu/osa/fw</a> )	Friday-Sunday	October 19-21 (Yale)
Advance Registration for Spring Term ( <a href="http://www.upenn.edu/registrar">http://www.upenn.edu/registrar</a> )	Monday-Sunday	October 29-November 11
Last day to withdraw from a course	Friday	November 9
Homecoming	Saturday	November 10 (Harvard)
Thur-Fri Class Schedule on Tue-Wed ( <a href="http://provost.upenn.edu/education/calendar">http://provost.upenn.edu/education/calendar</a> )		November 20-21 ( <a href="http://provost.upenn.edu/education/calendar">http://provost.upenn.edu/education/calendar</a> )
Thanksgiving Break	Thursday-Sunday	November 22-25
Classes Resume	Monday	November 26
Last day of Classes	Monday	December 10
Reading Days	Tuesday-Wednesday	December 11-12
Final Examinations ( <a href="http://www.upenn.edu/registrar">http://www.upenn.edu/registrar</a> )	Thursday-Thursday	December 13-20
Fall Term ends	Thursday	December 20

## 2019 Spring Term

Comment	Day of the Week	Date
First Day of Classes (Monday class schedule on Wednesday) ( <a href="http://provost.upenn.edu/education/calendar">http://provost.upenn.edu/education/calendar</a> )		January 16 (Monday classes) ( <a href="http://provost.upenn.edu/education/calendar">http://provost.upenn.edu/education/calendar</a> )
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Observed (no classes) ( <a href="http://www.upenn.edu/aarc/mlk">http://www.upenn.edu/aarc/mlk</a> )	Monday	January 21
Course Selection Period ends	Monday	February 4
Drop Period ends	Friday	February 22
Spring Term Break	Saturday-Sunday	March 2-10
Classes Resume	Monday	March 11
Advance Registration for Fall Term and Summer Sessions ( <a href="http://www.upenn.edu/registrar">http://www.upenn.edu/registrar</a> )	Monday-Sunday	March 18-31
Last day to withdraw from a course	Friday	April 5
Last day of Classes	Wednesday	May 1
Reading Days	Thursday-Sunday	May 2-5
Final Examinations ( <a href="http://www.upenn.edu/registrar">http://www.upenn.edu/registrar</a> )	Monday-Tuesday	May 6-14

Spring Term Ends	Tuesday	May 14
Alumni Day ( <a href="http://www.alumni.upenn.edu">http://www.alumni.upenn.edu</a> )	Saturday	May 18
Baccalaureate ( <a href="http://www.upenn.edu/commencement">http://www.upenn.edu/commencement</a> )	Sunday	May 19
Commencement ( <a href="http://www.upenn.edu/commencement">http://www.upenn.edu/commencement</a> )	Monday	May 20

## 2019 Summer Term

Comment	Day of the Week	Date
Memorial Day Observed (no classes)	Monday	May 27
11-Week Session Classes begin	Tuesday	May 28
Session I Classes begin	Tuesday	May 28
Session I Classes end	Wednesday	July 3
Independence Day Observed (no classes)	Thursday	July 4
Session II Classes begin	Friday	July 5
Session II & 11-Week Session Classes end	Friday	August 9

## 2019 Fall Term

Comment	Day of the Week	Date
Move-in for First Year Students ( <a href="http://www.business-services.upenn.edu/housing/assignments/move/arriving.html">http://www.business-services.upenn.edu/housing/assignments/move/arriving.html</a> )	Wednesday	August 21
New Student Orientation ( <a href="https://www.nso.upenn.edu">https://www.nso.upenn.edu</a> )	Wednesday-Monday	August 21-August 26
Freshman Convocation	Monday	August 26
First day of classes	Tuesday	August 27
Labor Day (no classes)	Monday	September 2
Course Selection Period ends	Monday	September 16
Drop Period ends	Monday	October 7
Fall term break	Thursday-Sunday	October 10-13
Classes resume	Monday	October 14
Advance Registration for Spring Term ( <a href="http://www.upenn.edu/registrar">http://www.upenn.edu/registrar</a> )	Monday-Sunday	October 28-November 10
Family Weekend ( <a href="http://www.vpul.upenn.edu/osa/fw">http://www.vpul.upenn.edu/osa/fw</a> )	Friday-Sunday	November 1-3 (Brown)
Last Day to withdraw from a course	Friday	November 8
Homecoming	Saturday	November 9 (Cornell)

Thursday/Friday class schedule on Tuesday/Wednesday ( <a href="http://provost.upenn.edu/education/calendar">http://provost.upenn.edu/education/calendar</a> )	Tuesday/Wednesday (Thursday/Friday classes)	November 26-27
Thanksgiving break	Thursday-Sunday	November 28-December 1
Classes resume	Monday	December 2
Last day of classes	Monday	December 9
Reading days	Tuesday-Wednesday	December 10-11
Final examinations ( <a href="http://www.upenn.edu/registrar">http://www.upenn.edu/registrar</a> )	Thursday-Thursday	December 12-19
Fall semester ends	Thursday	December 19

## 2020 Spring Term

Comment	Day of the Week	Date
First day of classes (Monday class schedule on Wednesday) ( <a href="http://provost.upenn.edu/education/calendar">http://provost.upenn.edu/education/calendar</a> )	Wednesday (Monday classes)	January 15
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Observed (no classes) ( <a href="http://www.upenn.edu/aarc/mlk">http://www.upenn.edu/aarc/mlk</a> )	Monday	January 20
Course Selection Period ends	Monday	February 3
Drop Period ends	Friday	February 21
Spring term break	Saturday-Sunday	March 7-15
Classes resume	Monday	March 16
Advance Registration for Fall Term and Summer Sessions ( <a href="http://www.upenn.edu/registrar">http://www.upenn.edu/registrar</a> )	Monday-Sunday	March 23-April 5
Last Day to withdraw from a course	Friday	April 3
Last day of classes	Wednesday	April 29
Reading days	Thursday-Sunday	April 30-May 3
Final examinations ( <a href="http://www.upenn.edu/registrar">http://www.upenn.edu/registrar</a> )	Monday-Tuesday	May 4-12
Spring semester ends	Tuesday	May 12
Alumni Day ( <a href="http://www.alumni.upenn.edu">http://www.alumni.upenn.edu</a> )	Saturday	May 16
Baccalaureate ( <a href="http://www.upenn.edu/commencement">http://www.upenn.edu/commencement</a> )	Sunday	May 17

Commencement ( <a href="http://www.upenn.edu/commencement">http://www.upenn.edu/commencement</a> )	Monday	May 18
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## 2020 Summer Term

Comment	Day of the Week	Date
Memorial Day (no classes)	Monday	May 25
11-week Session classes begin	Tuesday	May 26
Session I classes begin	Tuesday	May 26
Session I Classes end	Wednesday	July 1
Session II Classes begin	Thursday	July 2
Independence Day Observed (no classes)	Friday	July 3
Session II & 11-Week Session classes end	Friday	August 7

## 2020 Fall Term

Comment	Day of the Week	Date
Move-in for First Year Students ( <a href="http://www.business-services.upenn.edu/housing/assignments/move/arriving.html">http://www.business-services.upenn.edu/housing/assignments/move/arriving.html</a> )	Wednesday	August 26
New Student Orientation ( <a href="https://www.nso.upenn.edu">https://www.nso.upenn.edu</a> )	Wednesday-Monday	August 26-31
Opening Exercises and Freshman Convocation	Monday	August 31
First day of classes	Tuesday	September 1
Labor Day (no classes)	Monday	September 7
Course Selection Period ends		to be decided
Fall term break	Thursday-Sunday	October 1-4
Drop Period ends		to be decided
Classes resume	Monday	October 5
Family Weekend ( <a href="http://www.vpul.upenn.edu/osa/fw">http://www.vpul.upenn.edu/osa/fw</a> )	Friday-Sunday	October 16-18 (Columbia)
Advance Registration for Spring Term ( <a href="http://www.upenn.edu/registrar">http://www.upenn.edu/registrar</a> )		to be decided
Last Day to withdraw from a course		to be decided
Homecoming	Saturday	November 14 (Harvard)
Thursday/Friday class schedule on Tuesday/Wednesday ( <a href="http://provost.upenn.edu/education/calendar">http://provost.upenn.edu/education/calendar</a> )	Tuesday/Wednesday (Thursday/Friday classes)	November 24-25

Thanksgiving Break	Thursday-Sunday	November 26-29
Classes resume	Monday	November 30
Last day of classes	Thursday	December 10
Reading days	Friday-Monday	December 11-14
Final examinations ( <a href="http://www.upenn.edu/registrar">http://www.upenn.edu/registrar</a> )	Tuesday-Tuesday	December 15-22
Fall term ends	Tuesday	December 22

## 2021 Spring Term

Comment	Day of the Week	Date
First day of classes (Monday class schedule on Wednesday) ( <a href="http://provost.upenn.edu/education/calendar">http://provost.upenn.edu/education/calendar</a> )		January 13 (Monday classes)
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Observed (no classes) ( <a href="http://www.upenn.edu/aarc/mlk">http://www.upenn.edu/aarc/mlk</a> )	Monday	January 18
Course Selection Period ends		to be decided
Drop Period ends		to be decided
Spring term break	Saturday-Sunday	March 6-14
Classes resume	Monday	March 15
Advance Registration for Fall Term and Summer Sessions ( <a href="http://www.upenn.edu/registrar">http://www.upenn.edu/registrar</a> )		to be decided
Last Day to withdraw from a course		to be decided
Last day of classes	Wednesday	April 28
Reading days	Thursday-Sunday	April 29-May 2
Final examinations ( <a href="http://www.upenn.edu/registrar">http://www.upenn.edu/registrar</a> )	Monday-Tuesday	May 3-11
Spring term ends	Tuesday	May 11
Alumni Day ( <a href="http://www.alumni.upenn.edu">http://www.alumni.upenn.edu</a> )	Saturday	May 15
Baccalaureate ( <a href="http://www.upenn.edu/commencement">http://www.upenn.edu/commencement</a> )	Sunday	May 16
Commencement ( <a href="http://www.upenn.edu/commencement">http://www.upenn.edu/commencement</a> )	Monday	May 17

## 2021 Summer Term

<b>Comment</b>	<b>Day of the Week</b>	<b>Date</b>
11-week Session classes begin	Monday	May 24
Session I classes begin	Monday	May 24
Memorial Day observed (no classes)	Monday	May 31
Session I Classes end	Wednesday	June 30
Session II Classes begin	Thursday	July 1
Independence Day Observed (no classes)	Monday	July 5
Session II & 11-Week Session classes end	Friday	August 6

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