

University of Wisconsin-Madison Academic Calendar for 2023-2028

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FALL SEMESTER	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Faculty contract year begins	Aug 21 (M)	Aug 19 (M)	Aug 18 (M)	Aug 17 (M)	Aug 23 (M)
Labor Day	Sep 4 (M)	Sep 2 (M)	Sep 1 (M)	Sep 7 (M)	Sep 6 (M)
Instruction begins	Sep 6 (W)	Sep 4 (W)	Sep 3 (W)	Sep 2 (W)	Sep 8 (W)
Thanksgiving recess	Nov 23-26	Nov 28-Dec 1	Nov 27-30	Nov 26-29	Nov 25-28
Last class day	Dec 13 (W)	Dec 11 (W)	Dec 10 (W)	Dec 9 (W)	Dec 15 (W)
Study day	Dec 14 (R)	Dec 12 (R)	Dec 11 (R)	Dec 10 (R)	Dec 16 (R)
Exams begin	Dec 15 (F)	Dec 13 (F)	Dec 12 (F)	Dec 11 (F)	Dec 17 (F)
Exams end	Dec 21 (R)	Dec 19 (R)	Dec 18 (R)	Dec 17 (R)	Dec 23 (R)
Commencement	Dec 17 (N)	Dec 15 (N)	Dec 14 (N)	Dec 13 (N)	Dec 19 (N)
Grading deadline	Dec 24 (N)	Dec 22 (N)	Dec 21 (N)	Dec 20 (N)	Dec 26 (N)
SPRING SEMESTER	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Jan 15 (M)	Jan 20 (M)	Jan 19 (M)	Jan 18 (M)	Jan 17 (M)
Instruction begins	Jan 23 (T)	Jan 21 (T)	Jan 20 (T)	Jan 19 (T)	Jan 25 (T)
Spring recess	Mar 23-Mar 31	Mar 22-Mar 30*	Mar 28-Apr 5	Mar 20-Mar 28	Mar 25-Apr 2*
Classes resume	Apr 1 (M)	Mar 31 (M)*	Apr 6 (M)	Mar 29 (M)	Apr 3 (M)*
Last class day	May 3 (F)	May 2 (F)	May 1 (F)	Apr 30 (F)	May 5 (F)
Study day	May 4 (S)	May 3 (S)	May 2 (S)	May 1 (S)	May 6 (S)
Exams begin	May 5 (N)	May 4 (N)	May 3 (N)	May 2 (N)	May 7 (N)
Exams end	May 10 (F)	May 9 (F)	May 8 (F)	May 7 (F)	May 12 (F)
Commencement weekend	May 10-12	May 9-11	May 8-10	May 7-9	May 12-14
Grading deadline	May 13 (M)	May 12 (M)	May 11 (M)	May 10 (M)	May 15 (M)
Faculty contract year ends	May 19 (N)	May 18 (N)	May 17 (N)	May 16 (N)	May 21 (N)
SUMMER SESSIONS	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Memorial Day (observed)	May 27 (M)	May 26 (M)	May 25 (M)	May 31 (M)	May 29 (M)
3-week session	May 28-Jun 16	May 27-Jun 15	May 26-Jun 14	May 24-Jun 13	May 30-Jun 18
4-week session	May 20-Jun 16	May 19-Jun 15	May 18-Jun 14	May 17-Jun 13	May 22-Jun 18
8-week session	Jun 17-Aug 11	Jun 16-Aug 10	Jun 15-Aug 9	Jun 14-Aug 8	Jun 19-Aug 13
Independence Day (observed)	Jul 4 (R)	Jul 4 (F)	Jul 4 (S)	Jul 4 (N)	Jul 4 (T)
Grading deadline (8-week)	Aug 14 (W)	Aug 13 (W)	Aug 12 (W)	Aug 11 (W)	Aug 16 (W)

*Dates updated as a result to a change in spring recess scheduling parameters, per [Faculty Senate document 3132](#) (February 2024)