

University of Wisconsin-Madison Academic Calendar for 2024-2029

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FALL SEMESTER	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Faculty contract year begins	Aug 19 (M)	Aug 18 (M)	Aug 17 (M)	Aug 23 (M)	Aug 21 (M)
Labor Day	Sep 2 (M)	Sep 1 (M)	Sep 7 (M)	Sep 6 (M)	Sep 4 (M)
Instruction begins	Sep 4 (W)	Sep 3 (W)	Sep 2 (W)	Sep 8 (W)	Sep 6 (W)
Thanksgiving recess	Nov 28-Dec 1	Nov 27-30	Nov 26-29	Nov 25-28	Nov 23-26
Last class day	Dec 11 (W)	Dec 10 (W)	Dec 9 (W)	Dec 15 (W)	Dec 13 (W)
Study day	Dec 12 (R)	Dec 11 (R)	Dec 10 (R)	Dec 16 (R)	Dec 14 (R)
Exams begin	Dec 13 (F)	Dec 12 (F)	Dec 11 (F)	Dec 17 (F)	Dec 15 (F)
Exams end	Dec 19 (R)	Dec 18 (R)	Dec 17 (R)	Dec 23 (R)	Dec 21 (R)
Commencement	Dec 15 (N)	Dec 14 (N)	Dec 13 (N)	Dec 19 (N)	Dec 17 (N)
Grading deadline	Dec 22 (N)	Dec 21 (N)	Dec 20 (N)	Dec 26 (N)	Dec 24 (N)
SPRING SEMESTER	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Jan 20 (M)	Jan 19 (M)	Jan 18 (M)	Jan 17 (M)	Jan 15 (M)
Instruction begins	Jan 21 (T)	Jan 20 (T)	Jan 19 (T)	Jan 25 (T)	Jan 23 (T)
Spring recess	Mar 22-Mar 30*	Mar 28-Apr 5	Mar 20-Mar 28	Mar 25-Apr 2*	Mar 24-Apr 1
Classes resume	Mar 31 (M)*	Apr 6 (M)	Mar 29 (M)	Apr 3 (M)*	Apr 2 (M)
Last class day	May 2 (F)	May 1 (F)	Apr 30 (F)	May 5 (F)	May 4 (F)
Study day	May 3 (S)	May 2 (S)	May 1 (S)	May 6 (S)	May 5 (S)
Exams begin	May 4 (N)	May 3 (N)	May 2 (N)	May 7 (N)	May 6 (N)
Exams end	May 9 (F)	May 8 (F)	May 7 (F)	May 12 (F)	May 11 (F)
Commencement weekend	May 9-11	May 8-10	May 7-9	May 12-14	May 11-13
Grading deadline	May 12 (M)	May 11 (M)	May 10 (M)	May 15 (M)	May 14 (M)
Faculty contract year ends	May 18 (N)	May 17 (N)	May 16 (N)	May 21 (N)	May 20 (N)
SUMMER SESSIONS	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Memorial Day (observed)	May 26 (M)	May 25 (M)	May 31 (M)	May 29 (M)	May 28 (M)
3-week session	May 27-Jun 15	May 26-Jun 14	May 24-Jun 13	May 30-Jun 18	May 29-Jun 17
4-week session	May 19-Jun 15	May 18-Jun 14	May 17-Jun 13	May 22-Jun 18	May 21-Jun 17
8-week session	Jun 16-Aug 10	Jun 15-Aug 9	Jun 14-Aug 8	Jun 19-Aug 13	Jun 18-Aug 12
Independence Day (observed)	Jul 4 (F)	Jul 4 (S)	Jul 4 (N)	Jul 4 (T)	Jul 4 (W)
Grading deadline (8-week)	Aug 13 (W)	Aug 12 (W)	Aug 11 (W)	Aug 16 (W)	Aug 15 (W)

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