

University of Wisconsin-Madison Academic Calendar for 2025-2030

Establishment of the academic calendar for the University of Wisconsin-Madison falls within the authority of the faculty as set forth in *Faculty Policies and Procedures*. Construction of the academic calendar is subject to various rules and guidelines prescribed by the Board of Regents, the Faculty Senate, and State of Wisconsin legislation. The dates listed below may be adjusted if there are changes to these guidelines. For the most current information, please refer to the official academic calendar available at: <https://secfac.wisc.edu/academic-calendar/>.

FALL SEMESTER	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Faculty contract year begins	Aug 18 (M)	Aug 17 (M)	<i>pending</i>	Aug 21 (M)	Aug 20 (M)
Labor Day	Sep 1 (M)	Sep 7 (M)	Sep 6 (M)	Sep 4 (M)	Sep 3 (M)
Instruction begins	Sep 3 (W)	Sep 2 (W)	Sep 2 (R) ⁺	Sep 6 (W)	Sep 5 (W)
Thanksgiving recess	Nov 27-30	Nov 26-29	Nov 25-28	Nov 23-26	Nov 22-25
Last class day	Dec 10 (W)	Dec 9 (W)	Dec 10 (F) ⁺	Dec 13 (W)	Dec 12 (W)
Study day	Dec 11 (R)	Dec 10 (R)	Dec 11 (S) ⁺	Dec 14 (R)	Dec 13 (R)
Exams begin	Dec 12 (F)	Dec 11 (F)	Dec 12 (N) ⁺	Dec 15 (F)	Dec 14 (F)
Exams end	Dec 18 (R)	Dec 17 (R)	Dec 17 (F) ⁺	Dec 21 (R)	Dec 20 (R)
Commencement	Dec 14 (N)	Dec 13 (N)	Dec 19 (N)	Dec 17 (N)	Dec 16 (N)
Grading deadline	Dec 21 (N)	Dec 20 (N)	Dec 20 (M) ⁺	Dec 24 (N)	Dec 23 (N)
SPRING SEMESTER	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Jan 19 (M)	Jan 18 (M)	Jan 17 (M)	Jan 15 (M)	Jan 21 (M)
Instruction begins	Jan 20 (T)	Jan 19 (T)	Jan 25 (T)	Jan 23 (T)	Jan 22 (T)
Spring recess	Mar 28-Apr 5	Mar 20-Mar 28	Mar 25-Apr 2*	Mar 24-Apr 1	Mar 23-Mar 31
Classes resume	Apr 6 (M)	Mar 29 (M)	Apr 3 (M)*	Apr 2 (M)	Apr 1 (M)
Last class day	May 1 (F)	Apr 30 (F)	May 5 (F)	May 4 (F)	May 3 (F)
Study day	May 2 (S)	May 1 (S)	May 6 (S)	May 5 (S)	May 4 (S)
Exams begin	May 3 (N)	May 2 (N)	May 7 (N)	May 6 (N)	May 5 (N)
Exams end	May 8 (F)	May 7 (F)	May 12 (F)	May 11 (F)	May 10 (F)
Commencement weekend	May 8-10	May 7-9	May 12-14	May 11-13	May 10-12
Grading deadline	May 11 (M)	May 10 (M)	May 15 (M)	May 14 (M)	May 13 (M)
Faculty contract year ends	May 17 (N)	May 16 (N)	May 21 (N)	May 20 (N)	May 19 (N)
SUMMER SESSIONS	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Memorial Day (observed)	May 25 (M)	May 31 (M)	May 29 (M)	May 28 (M)	May 27 (M)
3-week session	May 26-Jun 14	May 24-Jun 13	May 30-Jun 18	May 29-Jun 17	May 28-Jun 16
4-week session	May 18-Jun 14	May 17-Jun 13	May 22-Jun 18	May 21-Jun 17	May 20-Jun 16
8-week session	Jun 15-Aug 9	Jun 14-Aug 8	Jun 19-Aug 13	Jun 18-Aug 12	Jun 17-Aug 11
Independence Day (observed)	Jul 4 (S)	Jul 4 (N)	Jul 4 (T)	Jul 4 (W)	Jul 4 (R)
Grading deadline (8-week)	Aug 12 (W)	Aug 11 (W)	Aug 16 (W)	Aug 15 (W)	Aug 14 (W)

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

⁺Dates updated as a result to a change to shift dates further from observed holidays, per [Faculty Senate document 3070 rev 2](#) (March 2026)