

**Richard Gilder Graduate School**

**Academic Calendar  
2026-2027**

**Fall Term                      Sep 8, 2026 – Dec 23, 2026**

First Year Orientation

- Wednesday-Friday, September 2-4, 2026

Fall Registration

- Tuesday, September 1, 2026

Start of Fall Term

- Tuesday, September 8, 2026

Last Day to Add a Course

- Thursday, October 1, 2026

Last Day to Drop a Course

- Sunday, November 1, 2026

*Academic Holidays:*

- *Columbus/Indigenous Peoples' Day: Monday, October 12, 2026*
- *Election Day: Tuesday, November 3, 2026*
- *Veteran's Day: Wednesday, November 11, 2026*
- *Thanksgiving Recess: Thu. and Fri., Nov 26-27, 2026*

Winter Registration

- Sunday, November 1, 2026

Classes End

- Friday, December 18, 2026

Finals/Projects & Presentations/Make-Up Days (if necessary):

- Mon.-Wed., December 21-23, 2026

*End of Fall Term - Friday, December 23, 2026*

**Winter Term    Dec 24, 2026 – Jan 18, 2027**

Start of Winter Term

- Thursday, December 24, 2026

Last Day to Add a Course

- Friday, January 1, 2027

Last Day to Drop a Course

- Thursday, January 1, 2026

Spring Registration

- Thursday, January 1, 2026

Winter Holidays

- Winter Recess: Thurs.-Sun., December 24-27, 2026
- New Year: Friday, January 1, 2027
- Martin Luther King Day: Monday, January 18, 2027

*End of Winter Term - Monday, January 18, 2027*

**Spring Term                      Jan 19 – May 12, 2027**

Start of Spring Term

- Tuesday, January 19, 2027

Last Day to Add a Course

- Monday, February 1, 2027

School Holidays:

- Lincoln's Birthday, Fri., February 12, 2027
- President's Day: Monday, February 15, 2027
- Spring Break: Mon-Fri, March 15 - March 19, 2027

Last Day to Drop a Course

- Monday, March 15, 2027

Summer Registration

- Saturday, May 1, 2027

Classes End

- Friday, May 7, 2027

Finals/Projects & Presentations/Make-Up Days (if necessary):

- Mon-Wed., May 10-12, 2027

*End of Spring Term - Wednesday, May 12, 2027*

**Summer Term                      May 13 – Sep 6, 2027**

Start of Summer Term

- Thursday, May 13, 2027

Last Day to Add a Course

- Tuesday, June 1, 2027

Qualifying Examination (2nd Year Students)

- Monday-Monday, August 23-30, 2027

*Summer Holidays*

- *Memorial Day: Monday, May 31, 2027*
- *Juneteenth: Saturday, June 19, 2027*  
*Observed: Friday, June 18, 2027*
- *Independence Day: Sunday, July 4, 2027*  
*Observed: Monday, July 5, 2027*
- *Labor Day: Monday, September 6, 2027*

Last Day to Drop a Course

- Thursday, July 15, 2027

Fall Registration

- Wednesday, September 1, 2027

*End of Summer Term - Monday, September 6, 2027*