



# THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA

Academic Calendar: Fall (First) Semester 2021  
Semester Dates: August 30, 2021 – December 18, 2021

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| Tuesday, March 23                        | Registration for Fall (First) Semester 2021 begins (use Cardinal Students)   |
| Friday, July 30                          | Last day for Summer 2021 graduation candidates to submit diploma application in Cardinal Students<br><br>Final date to deposit theses and dissertations for August 2021 graduation   |
| Thursday, August 26                      | New student orientation begins   |
| Saturday, August 28                      | Degree conferral for students completing degree requirements in Summer 2021 semester   |
| Sunday, August 29                        | Last day to register for classes without a late registration fee (use Cardinal Students)   |
| Monday, August 30                        | Opening of classes   |
| Thursday, September 2                    | Mass of the Holy Spirit - University Mass, 12:10 p.m.; No classes held between 11:50 a.m. and 2:10 p.m.  |
| Monday, September 6                      | Labor Day (Holiday; No classes)  |
| Friday, September 10                     | Last day to register or add regular session courses, including comprehensive exams and internships (use Cardinal Students)*<br><br>Last day to drop a regular session course without record or tuition charge (use Cardinal Students)* |
| Wednesday, September 15                  | Class of 2025 Convocation, 9:30 a.m.   |
| Monday, October 11                       | Columbus Day (Holiday; No classes)   |
| Tuesday, October 12                      | Administrative Wednesday: Classes follow a Wednesday schedule this day; Tuesday classes do not meet  |
| Tuesday, October 12 – Friday, October 15 | Faculty submit interim grades for undergraduates in Cardinal Students  |
| Friday, October 15                       | Midterm<br><br>Last day to resolve grades of Incomplete from the previous semester<br><br>Last day to request Audit option (must have dean's permission)   |
| Monday, October 25                       | Pre-registration advising for Spring 2022 begins   |
| Monday, November 1                       | All Saints Day   |
| Tuesday, November 2                      | Registration for Spring (Second) Semester 2022 begins (use Cardinal Students)  |
| Tuesday, November 2                      | All Souls Liturgy - Memorial Mass for Deceased of the University Community   |
| Friday, November 12                      | Last day to withdraw from regular session classes with a "W" grade (use Cardinal Students)*  |
| Friday, November 19                      | Last day to request Pass/Fail option (undergraduates only; must have   |

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|  | dean's permission)  |
| Wednesday, November 24                       | Thanksgiving Recess begins  |
| Monday, November 29                          | Classes resume  |
| Wednesday, December 8                        | Patronal Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Holiday and Reading Day; No classes)   |
| Friday, December 10                          | Last day for Fall 2021 graduation candidates to submit diploma application in Cardinal Students<br><br>Final date to deposit theses and dissertations for January 2022 graduation |
| Sunday, December 12                          | Reading Day   |
| Monday, December 13                          | Last day of classes   |
| Tuesday, December 14 – Saturday, December 18 | Final examination period  |
| Tuesday, December 21                         | All final grades due in Cardinal Students by 3:00 p.m.  |
| Saturday, January 8, 2022                    | Degree conferral for students completing degree requirements in Fall 2021 semester  |

\*Courses offered in dynamically dated sessions (those which do not extend the full length of the semester) may have earlier or later deadlines, as listed via the Enrollment Deadlines hyperlink on the class listing in Cardinal Students.

\*\*Reading days/periods may be used as make-up class days at the discretion of the University Provost