



THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA

Academic Calendar: Fall (First) Semester 2026
Semester Dates: August 31, 2026 – December 19, 2026

Thursday, April 9	Registration for Fall Semester 2026 begins (use Cardinal Students)
Friday, July 31	Last day for Summer 2026 graduation candidates to submit online diploma application (use Cardinal Students) Final date to deposit theses and dissertations for August graduation
Thursday, August 27	New student orientation begins
Saturday, August 29	Degree conferral for students completing degree requirements in Summer 2026 semester
Monday, August 31	Opening of classes
Thursday, September 3	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 7	Labor Day (Holiday: No classes)
Friday, September 11	Last day to register or add regular session courses, including comprehensive exams and internships (use Cardinal Students)* Last day to drop a regular session course without record (use Cardinal Students)*
Wednesday, September 16	Class of 2030 Convocation, 9:30 a.m.
Monday, October 12	Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples' Day (Holiday: No classes)
Tuesday, October 13 – Friday, October 16	Faculty submit interim grades for undergraduates in Cardinal Students
Friday, October 16	Midterm Last day to resolve grades of Incomplete from the Spring 2026 and Summer 2026 semesters Last day to change to audit (must have dean's permission)
Monday, October 19	Spring 2027 class schedule released in Cardinal Students Enrollment appointments assigned for Spring 2027 Pre-registration advising begins
Sunday, November 1	All Saints' Day
Monday, November 2	All Souls' Liturgy: Memorial Mass for Deceased of the University Community
Tuesday, November 3	Registration for Spring Semester 2027 begins (use Cardinal Students) Election Day

Friday, November 13	Last day to withdraw from regular session classes with a "W" grade (use Cardinal Students)* Last day to request an academic leave for the semester
Friday, November 20	Last day to request pass/fail option (undergraduates only; must have dean's permission)
Wednesday, November 25	Thanksgiving Recess begins
Monday, November 30	Classes resume
Tuesday, December 8	Patronal Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Holiday: No classes)
Friday, December 11	Last day for Fall 2026 graduation candidates to submit diploma application (use Cardinal Students) Final date to deposit theses and dissertations for January 2027 graduation
Sunday, December 13	Reading Period
Monday, December 14	Last day of classes
Tuesday, December 15 – Saturday, December 19	Final Examination Period
Tuesday, December 22	All final grades due by 3:00 p.m.
Saturday, January 9, 2027	Degree conferral for students completing degree requirements in Fall 2026 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.