



# THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA

Academic Calendar: Spring (Second) Semester 2026

Semester Dates: January 12, 2026 – May 9, 2026

Tuesday, November 4, 2025	Registration for Spring Semester 2026 begins (use Cardinal Students)
Saturday, January 10	Degree conferral for students completing degree requirements in Fall 2025 semester
Monday, January 12	Opening of classes
Monday, January 19	Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day (Holiday: No classes)
Friday, January 23	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)*  March for Life; No classes between 11:00 a.m. and 3:10 p.m.**
Tuesday, January 27	Patronal Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas University Mass, 12:10 p.m.; No classes held between 11:50 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 10	Administrative Monday: Classes follow a Monday schedule this day; Tuesday classes do not meet
Wednesday, February 18	Ash Wednesday
Monday, February 23 – Friday, February 27	Faculty submit interim grades for undergraduates in Cardinal Students
Friday, February 27	Midterm  Last day to resolve grades of Incomplete from the Fall 2025 semester  Last day to change to audit (must have dean's permission)
Friday, March 6	Last day for Spring 2026 graduation candidates to submit diploma application (use Cardinal Students)
Monday, March 9	Spring Recess begins
Monday, March 16	Classes resume  Registration for Summer Sessions 2026 begins (use Cardinal Students)
Thursday, March 19	Fall 2026 class schedule released in Cardinal Students  Enrollment appointments assigned for Fall 2026  Pre-registration advising begins
Wednesday, April 1	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
Thursday, April 2	Easter Recess begins  Holy Thursday
Friday, April 3	Good Friday
Sunday, April 5	Easter Sunday
Monday, April 6	Easter Monday
Tuesday, April 7	Classes resume

Wednesday, April 8	Last day to request pass/fail option (undergraduates only; must have dean's permission)
Thursday, April 9	Registration for Fall Semester 2026 begins (use Cardinal Students)
Friday, April 10	Founders Day
Wednesday, April 15	University Research Day; Undergraduate/Graduate classes cancelled, Law classes cancelled through 3:30 p.m.**
Friday, May 1	Final date to deposit theses and dissertations for Spring 2026 graduation
Saturday, May 2	Last day of classes
Sunday, May 3 – Monday, May 4	Reading Period
Tuesday, May 5 – Saturday, May 9	Final examination period
Monday, May 11	Grades for graduating students due by noon
Tuesday, May 12	All other grades due by 3:00 p.m.
Friday, May 15	Baccalaureate Mass
Saturday, May 16	Commencement exercises  Degree conferral for undergraduate and graduate students completing degree requirements in Spring 2026 semester
Friday, May 22	Law School Commencement  Degree conferral for law students completing degree requirements in Spring 2026 semester
Monday, May 11 – Saturday, August 15	Summer Sessions
Friday, July 31	Last day for Summer 2026 graduation candidates to submit diploma application (use Cardinal Students)  Final date to deposit theses and dissertations for August graduation
Saturday, August 29	Degree conferral for students completing degree requirements in Summer 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

\*\*Date is currently an estimate based on the event date in prior years