



THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA

Academic Calendar: Fall (First) Semester 2025 Semester Dates: August 25, 2025 – December 13, 2025

Thursday, April 3	Registration for Fall Semester 2025 begins (use Cardinal Students)
Friday, July 25	Last day for Summer 2025 graduation candidates to submit online diploma application (use Cardinal Students) Final date to deposit theses and dissertations for August graduation
Thursday, August 21	New student orientation begins
Saturday, August 23	Degree conferral for students completing degree requirements in Summer 2025 semester
Monday, August 25	Opening of classes
Thursday, August 28	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 1	Labor Day (Holiday: No classes).
Friday, September 5	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 10	Class of 2029 Convocation, 9:30 a.m.
Monday, October 6 – Friday, October 10	Faculty submit interim grades for undergraduates in Cardinal Students
Friday, October 10	Midterm Last day to resolve grades of Incomplete from the Spring 2025 and Summer 2025 semesters Last day to change to audit (must have dean's permission)
Monday, October 13	Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples' Day (Holiday: No classes)
Tuesday, October 14	Spring 2026 class schedule released in Cardinal Students Enrollment appointments assigned for Spring 2026 Pre-registration advising begins
Tuesday, October 21	Administrative Monday: Classes follow a Monday schedule this day; Tuesday classes do not meet
Saturday, November 1	All Saints' Day
Tuesday, November 4	Registration for Spring Semester 2026 begins (use Cardinal Students) Election Day
Friday, November 7	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 14	Last day to request pass/fail option (undergraduates only; must have dean's permission)
Wednesday, November 26	Thanksgiving Recess begins

Monday, December 1	Classes resume
Friday, December 5	Last day for Fall 2025 graduation candidates to submit diploma application in Cardinal Students Final date to deposit theses and dissertations for January 2026 graduation
Saturday, December 6	Last day of classes
Sunday, December 7 – Monday, December 8	Reading Period
Monday, December 8	Patronal Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Holiday & Reading Day)
Friday, December 12	Mid-Year Commencement Exercises (Note: Degrees are not officially conferred for Fall semester graduates until Saturday, January 10)
Tuesday, December 9 – Saturday, December 13	Final Examination Period
Tuesday, December 16	All final grades due by 3:00 p.m.
Saturday, January 10, 2026	Degree conferral date for Fall 2025 graduates

*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.