

**Western Carolina University
Academic Calendar
FALL 2027**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Aug 23 All classes begin	Aug 24	Aug 25	Aug 26	Aug 27 Drop/Add Period Ends (5 pm)
Aug 30	Aug 31	Sept 1	Sept 2	Sept 3
Sept 6 Labor Day No Classes	Sept 7	Sept 8	Sept 9	Sept 10
Sept 13	Sept 14	Sept 15	Sept 16	Sept 17
Sept 20	Sept 21	Sept 22	Sept 23	Sept 24
Sept 27	Sept 28	Sept 29	Sept 30	Oct 1
Oct 4	Oct 5	Oct 6	Oct 7	Oct 8
Oct 11	Oct 12	Oct 13	Oct 14	Oct 15
Oct 18 Fall Break *No Classes	Oct 19 Fall Break *No Classes	Oct 20 Fall Break *No Classes	Oct 21 Fall Break *No Classes	Oct 22 Fall Break *No Classes
Oct 25	Oct 26	Oct 27	Oct 28	Oct 29 Withdrawal Deadline (5 pm)
Nov 1	Nov 2 Advising Day No Classes	Nov 3	Nov 4	Nov 5
Nov 8	Nov 9	Nov 10	Nov 11	Nov 12
Nov 15	Nov 16	Nov 17	Nov 18	Nov 19
Nov 22	Nov 23	Nov 24 *No Classes	Nov 25 Thanksgiving *No Classes	Nov 26 *No Classes
Nov 29	Nov 30	Dec 1	Dec 2	Dec 3
Dec 6	Dec 7	Dec 8	Dec 9	Dec 10 Last Day of Classes
Dec 13 Final Exams	Dec 14 Final Exams	Dec 15 Final Exams	Dec 16 Final Exams	Dec 17 Final Exams

Residence Halls Open – Friday, Aug 13
 Orientation – Thursday & Friday, Aug 19 & 20
 First Day of Classes – Monday, Aug 23
 Drop/Add Period Ends – Friday, Aug 27 (5 pm)
 Census Date – Friday, Sept 3
 Labor Day – No Classes Monday, Sept 6
 Fifth Week Grades Due – Monday, Sept 27
 Fall Break – No Classes Monday-Friday, Oct 18-22
 Withdrawal Deadline – Friday, Oct 29 (5 pm)
 Advising Day – Tuesday, Nov 2
 Thanksgiving – No Classes Wednesday-Friday, Nov 24-26
 Last Day of Classes – Friday, Dec 10
 Final Exams – Monday-Friday, December 13-17
 Commencement – Saturday, Dec 18
 All Grades Due – Monday, Dec 20 (10 am)

Eight Week Session Dates

First 8Wk Begins – Monday, Aug 23
 Withdrawal Deadline – Friday, Sept 17 (5 pm)
 Ends – Friday, Oct 15

*Eight-Week Session students do not observe breaks.

Last 8Wk Begins – Monday, Oct 18
 Withdrawal Deadline – Friday, Nov 12 (5 pm)
 Ends – Friday, Dec 10

**Western Carolina University
2027-2028 Academic Calendar
SPRING 2028**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Jan 17 MLK Holiday No Classes	Jan 18 All classes begin	Jan 19	Jan 20	Jan 21
Jan 24 Drop/Add Period Ends (5 pm)	Jan 25	Jan 26	Jan 27	Jan 28
Jan 31	Feb 1	Feb 2	Feb 3	Feb 4
Feb 7	Feb 8	Feb 9	Feb 10	Feb 11
Feb 14	Feb 15	Feb 16	Feb 17	Feb 18
Feb 21	Feb 22 Advising Day** No Classes	Feb 23	Feb 24	Feb 25
Feb 28	Feb 29	Mar 1	Mar 2	Mar 3
Mar 6 Spring Break *No Classes	Mar 7 Spring Break *No Classes	Mar 8 Spring Break *No Classes	Mar 9 Spring Break *No Classes	Mar 10 Spring Break *No Classes
Mar 13	Mar 14	Mar 15	Mar 16	Mar 17
Mar 20	Mar 21	Mar 22	Mar 23	Mar 24 Withdrawal Deadline (5 pm)
Mar 27	Mar 28 Advising Day** No Classes	Mar 29	Mar 30	Mar 31
Apr 3	Apr 4	Apr 5	Apr 6	Apr 7
Apr 10	Apr 11	Apr 12 *No Classes	Apr 13 *No Classes	Apr 14 *No Classes
Apr 17	Apr 18	Apr 19	Apr 20	Apr 21
Apr 24	Apr 25	Apr 26	Apr 27	Apr 28
May 1	May 2	May 3	May 4	May 5 Last day of classes
May 8 Final Exams	May 9 Final Exams	May 10 Final Exams	May 11 Final Exams	May 12 Final Exams

Residence Halls Open – Thursday, Jan 13
 Orientation – Thursday & Friday, Jan 13 & 14
 Martin Luther King Holiday – Monday, Jan 17
 First Day of Classes – Monday, Jan 18
 Drop/Add Period Ends – Tuesday, Jan 24 (5 pm)
 Census Date – Monday, January 31
 Fifth Week Grades Due – Monday, Feb 21
 **Advising Day – Tuesday, February 22
 OR Tuesday, Mar 28
 Spring Break – Monday-Friday, Mar 6-10
 Withdrawal Deadline – Friday, Mar 24 (5 pm)
 No classes – Wednesday-Friday, Apr 12-14
 Last Day of Classes – Friday, May 5
 Final Exams – Monday-Friday, May 8-12
 Commencement (graduate) – Friday, May 12
 Commencement (undergraduate) – Saturday, May 13
 All Grades Due – Monday, May 15 (10 am)

Eight Week Session Dates

First 8Wk Begins – Tuesday, Jan 18
 Withdrawal Deadline – Friday, Feb 11 (5 pm)
 Ends – Friday, Mar 10

*Eight-Week Session students do not observe breaks

Last 8Wk Begins – Monday, Mar 13
 Withdrawal Deadline – Friday, Apr 7 (5 pm)
 Ends – Friday, May 5

****The date for Advising Day was not finalized at the time this calendar was published. It will either be Feb 22 or Mar 28. This calendar will be updated when the date is finalized.**

**Western Carolina University
Academic Calendar
SUMMER 2028**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
May 15 Mini-mester Begins	May 16	May 17	May 18	May 19
May 22	May 23	May 24	May 25	May 26
May 29	May 30 Mini-mester Ends	May 31	June 1 1st 4.5-Week & 9- Week Terms Begin	June 2
June 5	June 6	June 7	June 8	June 9
June 12	June 13	June 14	June 15	June 16
June 19	June 20	June 21	June 22	June 23
June 26	June 27	June 28	June 29	June 30 1st 4.5-Week Term Ends
July 3 No Classes	July 4 Independence Day No Classes	July 5 2nd 4.5-Week Term Begins	July 6	July 7
July 10	July 11	July 12	July 13	July 14
July 17	July 18	July 19	July 20	July 21
July 24	July 25	July 26	July 27	July 28
July 31	Aug 1	Aug 2	Aug 3	Aug 4 2nd 4.5-Week & 9- Week Terms End
Aug 7	Aug 8	Aug 9	Aug 10	Aug 11
Aug 14	Aug 15	Aug 16	Aug 17	Aug 18

Students are expected to register prior to the first day of class for the term.

Term/Session	Dates	Drop/Add Period Ends	Withdrawal Deadline
Mini-mester (12 days)	May 15 – May 30	May 16 at 5 pm	May 22 at 5 pm
1st 4.5-week term (22 days)	June 1 – June 30	June 2 at 5 pm	June 16 at 5 pm
9-week term (45 days)	June 1 – Aug 4	June 2 at 5 pm	July 10 at 5 pm
2nd 4.5-week term (23 days)	July 5 – Aug 4	July 6 at 5 pm	July 20 at 5 pm
Restricted*	May 15 – Aug 4	May 16 at 5 pm	June 28 at 5 pm

Fall 2028 classes begin on Aug 21 (proposed; see 2028-2029 academic calendar)

**Final exams are scheduled for the last class day of each term.
Grades are due 48 hours after the last class day of each term.**

* The restricted term is limited to specific activity types such as internships, clinicals, research and travel courses. See APR 19.