

**Western Carolina University
Academic Calendar
FALL 2028 (proposed)**

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

Residence Halls Open – Friday, Aug 11
 Orientation – Thursday & Friday, Aug 17 & 18
 First Day of Classes – Monday, Aug 21
 Drop/Add Period Ends – Friday, Aug 25 (5 pm)
 Census Date – Friday, Sept 1
 Labor Day – No Classes Monday, Sept 4
 Fifth Week Grades Due – Monday, Sept 25
 Fall Break – No Classes Monday-Friday, Oct 16-20
 Withdrawal Deadline – Friday, Oct 27 (5 pm)
 Advising Day – Tuesday, Oct 31
 Thanksgiving – No Classes Wednesday-Friday, Nov 22-24
 Last Day of Classes – Friday, Dec 8
 Final Exams – Monday-Friday, December 11-15
 Commencement – Saturday, Dec 16
 All Grades Due – Monday, Dec 18 (10 am)

Eight Week Session Dates

First 8Wk Begins – Monday, Aug 21
 Withdrawal Deadline – Friday, Sept 15 (5 pm)
 Ends – Friday, Oct 13

*Eight-Week Session students do not observe breaks.

Last 8Wk Begins – Monday, Oct 16
 Withdrawal Deadline – Friday, Nov 10 (5 pm)
 Ends – Friday, Dec 8

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Academic Calendar
SPRING 2029 (proposed)

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

Residence Halls Open – Thursday, Jan 11
Orientation – Thursday & Friday, Jan 11 & 12
Martin Luther King Holiday – Monday, Jan 15
First Day of Classes – Tuesday, Jan 16
Drop/Add Period Ends – Monday, Jan 22 (5 pm)
Census Date – Monday, January 29
Fifth Week Grades Due – Monday, Feb 19
No Classes – Wednesday-Friday, Feb 21-23
Advising Day – Tuesday, Mar 6
Withdrawal Deadline – Friday, Mar 23
Spring Break – Monday-Friday, Mar 26-30
Last Day of Classes – Friday, May 4
Final Exams – Monday-Friday, May 7-11
Commencement (graduate) – Friday, May 11
Commencement (undergraduate) – Sat, May 12
All Grades Due – Monday, May 14 (10 am)

Eight Week Session Dates

First 8Wk Begins – Tuesday, Jan 16
Withdrawal Deadline – Friday, Feb 9 (5 pm)
Ends – Friday, Mar 9

*Eight-Week Session students do not observe breaks.

Last 8Wk Begins – Monday, Mar 12
Withdrawal Deadline – Friday, Apr 6 (5 pm)
Ends – Friday, May 4

**Western Carolina University
Academic Calendar
SUMMER 2029 (proposed)**

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

Students are expected to register prior to the first day of class

Term/Session	Dates	Drop/Add Period Ends	Withdrawal Deadline
Mini-mester (12 days)	May 14 – May 29	May 15 at 5 pm	May 21 at 5 pm
1st 4.5-week term (22 days)	June 4 – July 3	June 5 at 5 pm	June 19 at 5 pm
9-week term (45 days)	June 4 – Aug 6	June 5 at 5 pm	July 13 at 5 pm
2nd 4.5-week term (23 days)	July 5 – Aug 6	July 6 at 5 pm	July 20 at 5 pm
Restricted*	May 14 – Aug 6	May 15 at 5 pm	June 27 at 5 pm
Fall 2029 classes begin on Aug 20 (proposed; see 2029-2030 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.