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	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 Advising Day No Classes**	Mar 22	Mar 23	**Mar 24 Withdrawal Deadline (5 pm)**
Mar 27	Mar 28	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, Jan 31
Fifth Week Grades Due – Monday, Feb 21
Advising Day – Tuesday, Mar 21
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

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

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.