

**Western Carolina University
Academic Calendar
FALL 2026 (final)**

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

Residence Halls Open – Friday, Aug 7, 2026
 First Day of Classes – Monday, Aug 17, 2026
 Census Date – Friday, Aug 28, 2026
 Labor Day – No Classes Monday, Sept 7, 2026
 Fifth Week Grades Due – Monday, Sept 21, 2026
 Fall Break – No Classes Monday-Friday, Oct 12-16, 2026
 Withdrawal Deadline – Friday, Oct 23, 2026
 Homecoming – TBD
 Advising Day – Tuesday, Oct 27, 2026
 Thanksgiving – No Classes Wed-Fri, Nov 25-27, 2026
 Last Day of Classes – Friday, Dec 4, 2026
 Final Exams – Saturday-Friday, December 5-11, 2026
 Commencement – Saturday, Dec 12, 2026
 All Grades Due by 10:00 AM on Monday, Dec 14, 2026

Eight Week Session Dates

First 8Wk Begins – Monday, August 17
 Withdrawal Deadline – Friday, September 11
 Ends – Friday, October 9

*Eight-Week Session students do not observe breaks.

Last 8Wk Begins – Monday, October 12
 Withdrawal Deadline – Friday November 6
 Ends – Friday, December 4

**Western Carolina University
Academic Calendar
SPRING 2027 (final)**

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

Residence Halls Open – Thursday, Jan 7, 2027
 First Day of Classes – Monday, Jan 11, 2027
 Martin Luther King Holiday – Monday, Jan 18, 2027
 Census Date – Monday, January 25, 2027
 Fifth Week Grades Due – Monday, Feb 15, 2027
 Spring Break – Wed-Fri, Feb 24-26, 2027
 Advising Day – Tuesday, Mar 9, 2027
 Withdrawal Deadline – Friday, Mar 12, 2027
 No classes – Mon-Fri, Mar 22-26, 2027
 Last Day of Classes – Friday, April 30, 2027
 Final Exams – Saturday-Friday, May 1-7, 2027
 Commencement (graduate) – Friday, May 7, 2027
 Commencement (undergraduate) – Saturday, May 8, 2027
 All Grades Due by 10:00 AM on Monday, May 10, 2027

Eight Week Session Dates

First 8Wk Begins – Monday, January 11
 Withdrawal Deadline – Friday, February 5
 Ends – Friday, March 5

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Last 8Wk Begins – Monday, March 8
 Withdrawal Deadline – Friday, April 2
 Ends – Friday, April 30

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

Western Carolina University Academic Calendar SUMMER 2027 (final)				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
May 10 Mini-mester Begins	May 11	May 12	May 13	May 14
May 17	May 18	May 19	May 20	May 21
May 24	May 25 Mini-mester Ends	May 26	May 27	May 28
May 31	June 1	June 2	June 3 1st 4.5-Week & 9- Week Terms Begin	June 4
June 7	June 8	June 9	June 10	June 11
June 14	June 15	June 16	June 17	June 18
June 21	June 22	June 23	June 24	June 25
June 28	June 29	June 30	July 1	July 2 1st 4.5-Week Term Ends
July 5 Independence Day Obs – No Classes	July 6 2nd 4.5-Week Term Begins	July 7	July 8	July 9
July 12	July 13	July 14	July 15	July 16
July 19	July 20	July 21	July 22	July 23
July 26	July 27	July 28	July 29	July 30
Aug 2	Aug 3	Aug 4	Aug 5 2nd 4.5-Week & 9- Week Terms End	Aug 6
Aug 9	Aug 10	Aug 11	Aug 12	Aug 13
Aug 16	Aug 17	Aug 18	Aug 19	Aug 20
Aug 23 Fall Semester Begins				

May 10 – May 25, 2027	Mini-mester (2.5 weeks)
June 3 – July 2, 2027	1 st 4.5-week term (22 days)
June 3 – Aug 5, 2027	9-week term (45 days)
July 5, 2027	Independence Day Holiday
July 6 – Aug 5, 2027	2 nd 4.5-week term (23 days)
Last day of each term	Final Exams

Grades are due to the registrar’s office 48 hours after last class day.