



DILLARD
UNIVERSITY

2025-2026 Academic Calendar (last updated January 6, 2025)

Fall 2025

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Friday, August 1, 2025	Last day for all returning students to clear holds. Housing assignments canceled if not clear.
Monday August 4th- Tuesday August 5, 2025	Faculty and staff professional development and institutional assessment activities.
Wednesday, August 6, 2025	Residence halls open for new, transfer, and readmit students with fiscal, health, and academic clearance. Kearny Dining Hall opens for new, transfer, and readmit students (New Student Orientation schedule). Audit for summer graduation; students alerted
Wednesday August 6th- Sunday August 10, 2025	New Student Orientation
Friday, August 8, 2025	Residence halls open at 9:00 a.m. for continuing students with fiscal, health, and academic clearance.
Monday, August 11, 2025	Classes begin. Attendance/participation confirmation period begins. Students must participate in the initial two weeks of classes or will be dropped for non-attendance.
Monday, August 11, 2025	Last day to admit students for the Fall 2025 semester.
Thursday, August 14, 2025	Presidential Convocation at 11 a.m. in Chapel; all freshmen and new transfer students.
Friday, August 15, 2025	Late registration ends at 5 p.m.; Last day to add classes. Student class schedules and housing arrangements are purged if holds are not satisfied. Last day for faculty to submit a change of "I" grade for Spring 2025 and Summer Session 2025. Last day for Spring 2026/Summer 2026 graduates to apply for graduation. Graduate School (virtual) orientation.
Monday, August 25, 2025	Enrollment census. Official class rosters due on myDU at 12pm. Last day to drop a class without receiving a "W" grade. Last day to opt out of Follet
Monday, September 1, 2025	Labor Day Holiday. No classes.
Tuesday, September 2, 2025	Classes resume.
Friday, September 5, 2025	Opt-out deadline for student insurance.
Tuesday, September 2 - Friday, September 5, 2025	Early alert (assessment of student progress).
Wednesday, September 17, 2025	Constitution Day.
Monday, September 22- Sunday, September 28, 2025	Mid-term examinations.
Tuesday, September 30, 2025	Mid-term grades due at 12pm.
Wednesday, October 1, 2025	Academic advising begins for Spring 2026. Graduation application filing begins for Fall 2026 prospective graduates.
Monday, October 6, 2025	Winter 2025 & Spring 2026 Registration begins.
Thursday, October 16, 2025	Founder's Day.
Friday, October 17, 2025	Fall Break (no classes).
Wednesday, October 22, 2025	Students withdrawn for non-attendance and removed from housing. Last day to withdraw from courses and the University with a grade of W.
Monday, October 27, 2025-Sunday, November 2, 2025	Homecoming
Saturday, November 15, 2025	Last Day of Classes.
Monday, November 17- Sunday, November 23, 2025	Final Examinations.
Monday, November 24, 2025	End of Fall 2025 Semester.
Tuesday, November 25, 2025	Final Grades due at noon.
Monday, December 1- Friday December 5, 2025	Institutional effectiveness and assessment meetings; Course Assessment Submissions Due
Friday, December 5, 2025	Degree conferral for Fall 2025 graduates

Winter 2025

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Monday, December 1, 2025	Winter Term Begins.
Thursday, December 4, 2025	Last day to add a course for winter courses.
Friday, December 5, 2025	Official Attendance Rosters are Due.
Monday, December 8, 2025	Enrollment Census Last day to drop a winter course without grade of W.
Tuesday, January 6, 2026	Last day to drop a winter course with grade of W.
Wednesday, January 7 & Thursday, January 8, 2026	Winter Session Final Exams.

Friday, January 9, 2026	Winter Session Final Grades due at noon.
	Spring 2026
Date	Event
Monday, January 5, 2026-Tuesday, January 6, 2026	Faculty/Staff Institute
Friday, January 9, 2026	New Student Orientation
Friday, January 9 - Sunday, January 11, 2026	Student Clearance
Friday, January 9, 2026	Returning students move-in
Monday, January 12, 2026	First Day of Classes
Monday, January 19, 2026	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.
Tuesday, January 20, 2026	Late registration ends. myDU closes at 5:00 pm. Last day to add a course.
	Schedules and housing assignments are purged if holds are not satisfied.
	Last day for faculty to submit a change of "I" grade from Fall 2025. If not submitted, the grade becomes the default grade.
	Graduate School (virtual) orientation.
Friday, January 23, 2026	Last day for Fall 2026 graduates to apply for graduation.
	Official attendance rosters are due in the Records and Registration office at 3 p.m.
	Last day to opt out of Follett.
	Last day to drop a class without receiving a "W".
	Last day for new students to opt out of health insurance.
Monday, February 16 - Wednesday, February 18, 2026	Enrollment census.
	Mardi Gras break. No classes.
Thursday, February 19, 2026	Classes resume.
Monday, March 2 - Saturday, March 8, 2026	Mid-term examinations.
Tuesday, March 10, 2026	Midterm grades due at 12:00pm.
Wednesday, March 11, 2026	Academic Advising for Summer 2026 and Academic Year 26-27 begins.
	Students withdrawn for non-attendance and removed from Housing.
	Graduation application filing begins for Spring 2027 and Summer 2027 prospective graduates.
Monday, March 16, 2026	Summer 2026 and Fall 2026 registration begins.
Thursday, March 19, 2026	Honors Convocation at 11 a.m.
Thursday, April 2- Monday April 6, 2026	Easter/Spring Break. No classes.
Sunday, April 5, 2026	Easter Sunday.
Saturday, April 25, 2026	Last day of class for graduating students and last day to withdraw with a grade of W for graduating students.
Monday April 27 -Thursday April 30, 2026	Final examinations for graduating students.
Thursday, April 30, 2026	Last day of classes for continuing students.
	Graduating seniors must satisfy all financial obligations by 5:00 pm.
	Last day for students to withdraw from courses and the University with "W" grade.
Sunday, May 3, 2026	Final Grades for Seniors Due at 11:59PM
Friday, May 1 – Wednesday, May 6, 2026	Final examinations for continuing students.
	Continuing students must vacate residence halls 24 hours after the last final exam is taken unless participating in commencement activities.
Friday, May 8, 2026	Residence halls close at 12:00 pm for continuing students.
	Student Academic and Student Affairs Awards Ceremony at 4 p.m.
	Reception for Awards Ceremony 5 p.m.
	Baccalaureate, 6:00 pm, Lawless Chapel.
Saturday, May 9, 2026	Commencement, 8:00 am, Avenue of the Oaks.
Sunday, May 10, 2026	Kearny Dining Hall closes.
Tuesday, May 12, 2026	Residence halls close for graduating seniors at 12:00 pm.
	Final grades are due for continuing (non-graduating) students at 12:00 pm.
	Faculty/Staff Recognition Ceremony
Friday, May 15, 2026	Grade Audit for Spring graduation; students notified.
	Summer 2026
Date	Event
May 26- July 3, 2026	Summer Session I- 5 weeks
May 26- July 24, 2026	Summer Session II- 8 weeks (MSN program only)
Thursday, May 28, 2026	Last day to add a Summer Session I course.
Monday, June 1, 2026	Official attendance rosters are due in the Records and Registration office.
Wednesday, June 3, 2026	Last day to withdraw from a Summer Session I or II course without a grade of W.

Tuesday, June 16, 2026	Last day to withdraw from a Summer Session I course with a grade of W.
Thursday July 1- Friday July 2, 2026	Summer Session I Final Examinations
Friday, July 3, 2026	Summer Session I Final Grades due at noon.
Friday, July 10, 2026	Degree conferral for Summer 2026 graduates
	Last day to withdraw from a Summer Session II course with a grade of W.
Thursday July 23- Friday July 24, 2026	Summer Session II Final Examinations
Tuesday, July 28, 2026	Summer Session II Final Grades due at noon.