

Fall 2026 Graduate Academic Calendar

Accelerated 16-Weeks (Two 8-Week Accelerated Sessions)

Event	Date
August 2026	
New and Returning Graduate Student Orientation Opens in Canvas (online)	Sunday, August 2 nd -Saturday, August 8 th
All Full-Time Faculty Return	Sunday, August 2 nd
Academic Advisement and Registration for New Graduate Students	Monday, August 3 rd -Tuesday, August 7 th
Faculty/Staff Institute	Wednesday, August 5 th – Friday, August 7 th
Residence Halls Open for All Returning Students	Saturday, August 8 th by appointment
Accelerated Session 1: 8-Week Classes Begin for All Graduate Students (Canvas Courses Open by Saturday, August 8 th , 11:50 PM CT)	Sunday, August 9 th
Late Registration for All Students Fee Assessed \$100	Monday, August 10 th – Tuesday, August 11 th
Deadline to Add/Drop a Course and Receive 80% Refund	Tuesday, August 12 th
Chapel Service (No Classes 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM)	Thursday, August 20 th at 11:00 AM CT
Census Date	Wednesday, August 21 st
September 2026	
Chapel Service (No Classes 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM)	Thursday, September 3 rd at 11:00 AM CT
Labor Day Holiday (No Classes)	Monday, September 7 th
Fall Opening Convocation / Constitution Day	Thursday, September 10 th
Last Day to Withdraw from courses with Academic Penalty–Letter Grade W	Friday, September 11 th
Chapel Service (No Classes 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM)	Thursday, September 17 th
October 2026	
Chapel Service (No Classes 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM)	Thursday, October 1 st
Accelerated Session 1 Ends	Saturday, October 3 rd
Accelerated Session 2: 8-Week Classes Begin for All Graduate Students (Canvas Courses Open by Saturday, Oct. 3 rd , 11:59 pm CT)	Sunday, October 4 th
Accelerated Session 1 Final Grades Due by 12 pm CT	Tuesday, October 6 th
Deadline to Add/Drop a Course and Receive 80% Refund	Monday, October 7 th
Chapel Service (No Classes 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM)	Thursday, October 15 th
Census Day	Friday, October 16 th
Graduation Application Due to the Registrar	Friday, October 23 rd
Graduate Spring 2027 Registration Opens	Monday, October 19 th – Friday, October 23 rd
Religious Emphasis Week	Monday-Friday, October 26 th -30 th
Chapel Service (No Classes 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM)	Thursday, October 29 th

November 2026

Founder's Day Convocation	Thursday, November 5 th at 11:00 AM CT
2026 Homecoming/Founder's Weekend	Thursday, November 5 th – Sunday, November 8 th
Last Day to Withdraw from Courses with Academic Penalty -Letter Grade "W"	Friday, November 6 th
Chapel Service (No Classes 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM)	Thursday, November 12 th
Accelerated Session 2 Final Exams Period	November 23 rd -24 th
Thanksgiving Break	Wednesday, November 25 th - Sunday, November 29 th
Accelerated Session 2 Ends	Saturday, November 28 th

December 2026

Accelerated Session 2 Final Grades Due by 12 pm CT	Tuesday, December 1 st
Chapel Service (No Classes 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM)	Thursday, December 3 rd
Holiday Choir Concert	Sunday, December 6 th
Residence Halls Close for All Students	Saturday, December 12 th Deadline to Vacate– 12:00 PM CT
Faculty/Staff Workshops	Wednesday, December 16 th – Friday, December 18 th Campus Holiday Celebration
Winter Break: College Closed	December 21 st -January 4 th , 2027