2025-26 Northwestern University Calendar

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When	What
Tue, Aug 12, 2025	New Transfer Student Registration at 9:00 AM
Tue, Sep 2 - Tue, Sep 2, 2025	Continuing Student Registration for Fall Quarter 2025 ends
Fri, Sep 12, 2025	New Undergraduate Fall 2025 Registration
Tue, Sep 16, 2025	Fall Classes Begin
Tue, Sep 16, 2025	Undergraduate In-Person Attendance Required
Mon, Sep 22, 2025	Last day to add a class or change a section for Fall
Mon, Sep 22, 2025	Last day for full term withdrawals to receive 100% refund
Fri, Sep 26, 2025	Last day to request academic accommodations for re- ligious observance in Fall Quarter
Sun, Oct 5, 2025	Last day for full term withdrawals to receive 75% refund
Mon, Oct 6, 2025	Last day to drop a five-week course ending in week 5 of the Fall term (5W1)
Fri, Oct 10, 2025	Last day to withdraw from a five-week course ending in week 5 of the Fall term (5W1)
Fri, Oct 24, 2025	Last day to drop a FULL-TERM class for Fall in CAE- SAR
Sun, Oct 26, 2025	(1) Last day for full term withdrawals to receive 50% refund
Mon, Nov 3, 2025	Winter quarter courses viewable in CAESAR
Fri, Nov 7, 2025	Last day to change grading status to PN
Mon, Nov 10, 2025	Pre-registration for Winter quarter begins
Mon, Nov 10, 2025	Last day to drop a five-week course ending in week 10 of the Fall term (5W2)
Fri, Nov 14, 2025	Last day to withdraw from a five-week course ending in week 10 of the Fall term (5W2)
Mon, Nov 17, 2025	Registration for Winter quarter begins
Mon, Nov 24, 2025	Thanksgiving Vacation begins
Wed, Nov 26, 2025	University offices close for Thanksgiving break
Wed, Nov 26, 2025	Term withdrawal and full-term course withdrawal petition deadline for Winter
Mon, Dec 1, 2025	Fall Classes Resume
Mon, Dec 1, 2025	WCAS Reading Period Begins

Sat, Dec 6, 2025	Ţ	Fall classes end
Sun, Dec 7, 2025		WCAS Reading Period Ends
Mon, Dec 8, 2025		Fall Exams begin
Sat, Dec 13, 2025	Ţ	Fall exams end
Mon, Dec 15, 2025	©	Grades due
Fri, Dec 19, 2025		Fall 2025 Degrees Conferred
Wed, Dec 24, 2025 - Thu, Jan 1, 2026	*	Winter Recess Starts - University Closed
Mon, Jan 5, 2026	•	Undergraduate In-Person Attendance Required
Mon, Jan 5, 2026	•	Winter classes begin
Fri, Jan 9, 2026	©	Last day to add a class or change a section for Winter
Fri, Jan 9, 2026	Ļ	Last day for full term withdrawals to receive 100% refund
Fri, Jan 16, 2026	Ö	Last day to request academic accommodations for religious observance in Winter Quarter
Mon, Jan 19, 2026	K	No classes - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Sat, Jan 24, 2026	Ţ	Last day for full term withdrawals to receive 75% refund
Sat, Jan 24, 2026	.	Last day to drop a five-week course ending in week 5 of the Winter term (5W1)
Fri, Jan 30, 2026	*	Application for degree due to The Graduate School for Winter
Fri, Jan 30 - Fri, Jan 30, 2026		Last day to withdraw from a five-week course ending in week 5 of the Winter term (5W1)
Fri, Feb 6, 2026	*	Application for degree due to The Graduate School for Spring
Mon, Feb 9, 2026	Ţ	Spring quarter courses viewable in CAESAR
Fri, Feb 13, 2026	Ļ	Last day to drop a FULL-TERM class for Winter in CAESAR
Sat, Feb 14, 2026	Ţ	Last day for full term withdrawals to receive 50% refund
Mon, Feb 16, 2026		Pre-registration for Spring quarter begins
Mon, Feb 23, 2026		Registration for Spring Quarter begins
Fri, Feb 27, 2026	C	Last day to change grading status PN
Mon, Mar 2, 2026	=	Last day to drop a five-week course ending in week 10 of the Winter term (5W2)
Fri, Mar 6 - Fri, Mar 6, 2026		Term withdrawal and full-term course withdrawal petition deadline for Winter
Fri, Mar 6 - Fri, Mar 6, 2026		Last day to withdraw from a five-week course ending in week 10 of the Winter term (5W2)

WCAS Reading Period Begins

Tue, Mar 10, 2026

Sat, Mar 14, 2026 Winter classes end Sun, Mar 15, 2026 WCAS Reading Period Ends Mon, Mar 16, 2026 🚄 Winter exams begin Sat, Mar 21, 2026 🙀 Winter exams end Mon, Mar 23 - Mon, Mar 23, 2026 Grades due Fri, Mar 27, 2026 Winter Degrees Conferred Tue, Mar 31, 2026 Spring Classes Begin - Northwestern Monday Tue, Mar 31, 2026 Undergraduate students expected on campus Mon, Apr 6, 2026 Last day for full term withdrawals to receive 100% re-Mon, Apr 6, 2026 Last day to add a class or change a section for Spring Fri, Apr 10, 2026 Last day to request academic accommodations for religious observance in Spring Quarter Sun, Apr 19, 2026 Last day for full term withdrawals to receive 75% refund Last day to drop a five-week course ending in week 5 Mon, Apr 20, 2026 of the Spring term (5W1) Last day to withdraw from a five-week course ending in Fri, Apr 24 - Fri, Apr 24, 2026 week 5 of the Spring term (5W1) Mon, May 4, 2026 Fall quarter courses viewable in CAESAR Fri, May 8, 2026 Last day to drop a FULL-TERM class for Spring in CAESAR Sun, May 10, 2026 Last day for full term withdrawals to receive 50% refund Mon, May 11, 2026 Pre-Registration for Fall begins Registration for Fall begins Mon, May 18, 2026 Fri, May 22, 2026 Last day to change Grading status PN Last day to drop a five-week course ending in week 10 Fri, May 22, 2026 of the Spring term (5W2) Mon, May 25, 2026 No classes - Memorial Day - University offices are closed Fri, May 29 - Fri, May 29, 2026 Term withdrawal and full-term course withdrawal petition deadline for Spring Last day to withdraw from a five-week course ending in Fri, May 29 - Fri, May 29, 2026 week 10 of the Spring term (5W2) Wed, Jun 3, 2026 WCAS Reading Period Begins Sat, Jun 6, 2026 Spring classes end

WCAS Reading Period Ends

Spring examinations begin

Sun, Jun 7, 2026

Mon, Jun 8, 2026

Fri, Jun 12, 2026

Tue, Jun 16, 2026

Fri, Jun 19, 2026

Mon, Jun 22, 2026

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Fri, Sep 4, 2026

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- Spring examinations end
- Grades due
- Juneteenth University Closed
- Spring Degree Conferral
- Summer classes begin (tentative)
- Summer degrees conferred
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