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When	What
Fri, Aug 15, 2025, 10 - 11 pm	 Fall Registration: Add/Drop Period pause for continuing undergraduate, undergraduate professional (BArch), and graduate students for O-Week Registration
Sun, Aug 17 - Sat, Aug 23, 2025	 Orientation Week for New Students
Mon, Aug 18, 2025	 Fall Registration: Course Request Period begins for incoming undergraduate students
Thu, Aug 21, 2025	 Deadline: Course Request Period ends for incoming undergraduate students
Thu, Aug 21, 2025	 Fall Registration: Course Registration begins for new undergraduate professional (BArch) and graduate students
Thu, Aug 21, 2025	 Fall Registration: Add/Drop Period begins for incoming undergraduate students
Fri, Aug 22, 2025	 Fall Registration: Add/Drop Period re-opens for continuing undergraduate, undergraduate professional (BArch), and graduate students at 8AM
Mon, Aug 25, 2025	 First day of classes - start of the Fall semester
Mon, Aug 25 - Fri, Sep 5, 2025	 Fall Registration continues: late registration for undergraduate, graduate, and visiting students
Mon, Aug 25 - Fri, Sep 5, 2025	 Late Registration Fee increases to \$125
Fri, Aug 29, 2025	 Deadline: Last day for instructors to submit final grades to resolve "Other" (OT) and "Incomplete" (INC) grades for courses taken in the previous Summer semester
Fri, Aug 29, 2025	 Deadline: Last day for instructors to submit final grades to resolve "Incomplete" (INC) grades for courses taken in the previous Spring semester
Mon, Sep 1, 2025	 Labor Day - holiday (no scheduled classes)
Fri, Sep 5, 2025	 Deadline: Last day to convert a Pass/Fail to an earned letter grade for Spring/Summer courses
Fri, Sep 5, 2025	 Deadline: Last day to complete late registration online via ESTHER
Fri, Sep 5, 2025	 Deadline: Last day for tuition adjustment for part-time students
Fri, Sep 5, 2025	 Deadline: Last day to withdraw from the university with a 100% tuition refund
Fri, Sep 5, 2025	 Deadline: Last day to adjust variable credit for courses online via ESTHER

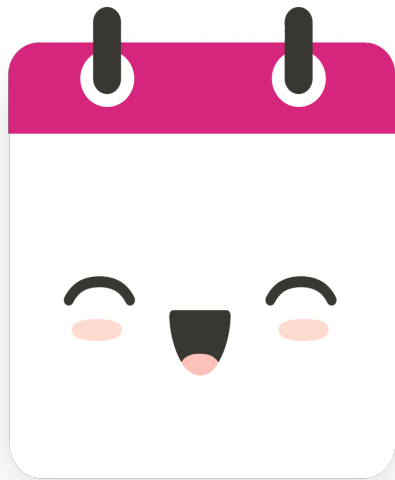
Fri, Sep 5, 2025	 Deadline: Last day to add full-term courses online via ESTHER
Fri, Sep 12, 2025	 Deadline: Last day to withdraw from the university with a 70% tuition refund
Fri, Sep 19, 2025	 Deadline: Last day to withdraw from the university with a 60% tuition refund
Fri, Sep 26, 2025	 Graduation Deadline: Last day for undergraduates to submit degree applications for December conferral via ESTHER
Fri, Sep 26, 2025	 Deadline: Last day to withdraw from the university with a 50% tuition refund
Fri, Sep 26, 2025	 Graduation Deadline: Last day for graduates to submit degree applications for December conferral via ESTHER
Wed, Oct 1, 2025	 Deadline: Last day to submit New Course Request Forms to Academic Deans for SCRC review (Spring courses)
Fri, Oct 3, 2025	 Deadline: Last day to withdraw from the university with a 40% tuition refund
Fri, Oct 3, 2025	 Graduation Deadline: Last day for graduate December candidates to file required thesis/degree petition forms in GPS
Fri, Oct 10, 2025	 Deadline: Last day to withdraw from the university with a 30% tuition refund
Fri, Oct 10, 2025	 Deadline: Last day to drop full-term courses online via ESTHER
Fri, Oct 10, 2025	 Deadline: College course plans due to CTE for the following Spring semester
Fri, Oct 10, 2025	 Deadline: Last day to designate a course to Audit via Special Registration Form (Instructor Permission Required)
Fri, Oct 10, 2025	 Deadline: Last day for instructors to submit mid-semester grades for first-year undergraduates via ESTHER by 5:00 PM
Mon, Oct 13 - Tue, Oct 14, 2025	 Midterm Recess (no scheduled classes)
Fri, Oct 17, 2025	 Deadline: Last day to withdraw from the university with a 20% tuition refund
Fri, Oct 24, 2025	 Deadline: Last day to withdraw from the university with a 10% tuition refund
Wed, Oct 29, 2025	 Graduation Deadline: Last day for faculty Official Certifiers to review and certify December candidates via Degree Works
Fri, Oct 31, 2025	 Deadline: Last day to designate a full-term course to Pass/Fail online via ESTHER
Fri, Oct 31, 2025	 Graduation Deadline: Last day to submit May degree applications for Spring conferral via ESTHER

Fri, Oct 31, 2025	 Spring Registration: Course Request Period begins for undergraduates
Fri, Oct 31, 2025	 Spring Registration
Fri, Oct 31, 2025	 Graduation Deadline: Last day for undergraduates to declare additional majors, minors, or certificates
Wed, Nov 12, 2025	 Deadline: Last day for instructors to submit text-book orders for upcoming Spring to <a href="mailto:1545txt@follett.com">1545txt@follett.com</a>
Fri, Nov 14, 2025	 Spring Registration: Course Request Period ends for undergraduates at 5:00 PM
Mon, Nov 17, 2025	 Spring Registration: Begins for enrolled graduate & professional (BArch) students at 5:00 PM
Wed, Nov 19, 2025	 Spring Registration: Add/Drop Period begins for undergraduates at 7:00 AM
Fri, Nov 21, 2025	 Deadline: Last day to register for Spring without a \$75 Late Registration Fee
Sat, Nov 22, 2025	 Late Registration begins: \$75 fee for continuing students adding Spring classes
Wed, Nov 26 - Fri, Nov 28, 2025	 Thanksgiving Recess (holiday - no scheduled classes)
Fri, Dec 5, 2025	 Last day of classes - end of instruction
Fri, Dec 5, 2025	 Graduation Deadline: Last day for graduate thesis submission for December conferral by 12:00 PM
Fri, Dec 5, 2025, 10 - 11 pm	 Deadline: Last day to drop courses (Fall undergraduate matriculants only) by 4:00 PM via Registrar or special form
Sat, Dec 6 - Tue, Dec 9, 2025	 Study Days (no exams)
Tue, Dec 9, 2025	 Commencement: December ceremony for Summer & Fall degree recipients
Wed, Dec 10 - Tue, Dec 16, 2025	 Final Examinations for all undergraduate courses
Tue, Dec 16, 2025	 End of the Fall semester
Fri, Dec 19, 2025	 Applications: Visiting student application process opens for Summer 2026
Fri, Dec 19, 2025	 Summer Registration: Course Registration begins for Summer 2026 via ESTHER
Tue, Dec 23, 2025	 Graduation Deadline: Last day to submit non-Rice final transcripts for December conferral
Tue, Dec 23, 2025	 Deadline: Last day for instructors to submit final grades via ESTHER by 5:00 PM
Fri, Jan 2, 2026	 Graduation Deadline: Last day for December degree candidates to convert Pass/Fail to letter grade for Fall courses

Thu, Jan 8, 2026	 Spring Registration: Course Registration begins for new (incoming) graduate and undergraduate professional students (BArch) students at 5 PM
Fri, Jan 9, 2026	 Commencement: Degrees awarded for December degree recipients (conferral date: December 30, 2025)
Mon, Jan 12, 2026	 First Day of Classes - Start of the Spring Semester
Mon, Jan 12 - Fri, Jan 23, 2026	 Spring Registration Continues
Fri, Jan 16, 2026	 Deadline: Final Grades for OT Grades from Fall
Mon, Jan 19, 2026	 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Holiday - No Scheduled Classes)
Fri, Jan 23, 2026	 Multiple Registration Deadlines
Fri, Jan 30, 2026	 Deadline: 70% Tuition Refund
Fri, Feb 6, 2026	 Deadline: 60% Tuition Refund
Thu, Feb 12 - Fri, Feb 13, 2026	 Spring Recess (No Scheduled Classes)
Fri, Feb 13, 2026	 Deadline: 50% Tuition Refund
Wed, Feb 18, 2026	 Graduation Deadline: Faculty Certification
Fri, Feb 20, 2026	 Deadline: 40% Tuition Refund
Fri, Feb 27, 2026	 Multiple Academic Deadlines
Sun, Mar 1, 2026	 Deadline: New Course Request Forms
Fri, Mar 6, 2026	 Deadline: 20% Tuition Refund
Fri, Mar 13, 2026	 Major Declaration & 10% Tuition Refund Deadline
Sat, Mar 14 - Sun, Mar 22, 2026	 Spring Break (No Scheduled Classes)
Fri, Mar 27, 2026	 Multiple Academic Deadlines
Wed, Apr 1, 2026	 Deadline: Textbook Orders for Fall
Fri, Apr 10, 2026	 Fall Registration: Course Request Period Ends
Mon, Apr 13, 2026	 Fall Registration: Course Registration Begins
Wed, Apr 15, 2026	 Fall Registration: Add/Drop Period Begins
Fri, Apr 17, 2026	 Deadline: Fall Registration Without Late Fee
Sat, Apr 18, 2026	 Late Registration Begins for Fall
Fri, Apr 24, 2026	 Multiple Academic Deadlines
Fri, Apr 24, 2026	 Last Day of Classes - End of Instruction
Sat, Apr 25 - Tue, Apr 28, 2026	 Study Days (No Exams)
Wed, Apr 29, 2026	 Graduation Deadline: Distinction in Research
Wed, Apr 29 - Tue, May 5, 2026	 Final Examinations

Tue, May 5, 2026	 End of the Spring Semester
Fri, May 8, 2026	 Jones School (MBA) Commencement Ceremony
Sat, May 9, 2026	 Advanced Degree Commencement Ceremony
Sat, May 9, 2026	 Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony
Sat, May 9, 2026	 Doctoral Commencement Ceremony
Tue, May 12, 2026	 Deadline: Final Grades Submission
Fri, May 15, 2026	 Graduation Deadline: Pass/Fail Conversion
Tue, May 26, 2026	 Degrees Awarded for May (Spring) Degree Recipients
Fri, Jun 12, 2026	 Deadline: Final Grades for OT Grades from Spring
Fri, Jul 3, 2026	 Multiple Graduation Deadlines for Summer
Wed, Jul 29, 2026	 Graduation Deadline: Faculty Certification for Summer
Fri, Aug 14, 2026	 Multiple Academic Deadlines
Fri, Aug 28, 2026	 Deadline: Final Grades for INC Grades from Spring

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