ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2026–2027

SUMMER 2026

June 8–21, 2026
Placement Exams for Fall semester (online)

July 1, 2026
Andersen Residence Hall opens at 10 am for incoming Summer English Session (SES) students

July 2–3, 2026
Independence Day Observed (administrative offices closed)

July 4, 2026
Independence Day holiday

July 6, 2026
Summer English Session Orientation
Summer Degree Conferral

FALL 2026

July 7, 2026
Official first day of the Fall semester

July 7, 2026
First day of SES classes

August 12–14, 2026
Final exams for SES

August 14, 2026
Last day of SES

August 24, 2026
Andersen Residence Hall opens for:

- New students (morning)
- 2nd-year Master's Classical Voice students (morning)
- Musical Theatre students (afternoon)

New Student Convocation

August 24–September 1, 2026
Orientation

August 25, 2026
Graduate Opera Theatre auditions begin
Musical Theatre auditions begin

August 26, 2026
Andersen Residence Hall opens for all other returning students

August 27, 2026
In-Person Instrumental Ensemble (Classical and Jazz) auditions begin

August 31–September 1, 2026
Qualifying Exams for Fall semester (in-person)

September 2, 2026
First day of classes for the Fall semester

September 7, 2026
Labor Day holiday (no classes, administrative offices closed)

September 2–11, 2026
Add/drop period

September 12–October 19, 2026
Withdrawal from Fall semester classes permitted with a grade of W on transcript

October 15–18, 2026
Fall Break – no classes, lessons, or rehearsals

November 5–7, 2026
Friends & Family Weekend

November 25–29, 2026
Thanksgiving Break (administrative offices close November 25 and reopen November 30)

December 8–9, 2026
Project Days—no classes or lessons

December 14–18, 2026
Final week of classes/Fall Jury Week/Finals Week

December 18, 2026
Last Day of Fall Semester
Due date for student submission of Fall 2026 work

December 19, 2026
Andersen Residence Hall closes at 12 pm

December 19, 2026–January 10, 2027

Winter Break for students and faculty

December 21, 2026–January 1, 2027
Winter Break for staff (administrative offices closed)

December 23, 2026
Submission deadline for Fall 2026 grades and outstanding grades (Incompletes) from prior semester

December 31, 2026
December Degree Conferral

SPRING 2027

January 4, 2027
Administrative offices open

January 10, 2027
Andersen Hall opens at 10 am
Qualifying Exams for the spring semester (in-person)

January 11, 2027
First day of classes for the Spring semester

January 11–15, 2027
Add/drop period

January 16–February 22, 2027
Withdrawal from Spring semester classes permitted with grade of W on transcript

January 16–17, 2027
Musical Theatre Fall 2027 entrance auditions (tentative)

January 18, 2027
Martin Luther King Jr. holiday
(No classes and administrative offices closed)

January 23–24, 2027
Musical Theatre Fall 2027 entrance auditions continue (tentative)

February 26–March 5, 2027
Fall 2027 Audition Week

February 27–March 14, 2027
Spring Break (no classes)

March 15, 2027
Classes & MSM activities resume

April 15, 2027
All Doctoral performances, recitals, and thesis work completed for anticipated DMA graduates

May 4–10, 2027
Finals Week/Final week of classes for Spring semester

May 10, 2027
Last day of Spring semester classes
Due date for student submission of Spring 2027 work

May 11–17, 2027
Jury Week

May 14, 2027
Submission deadline for Spring 2027 grades and outstanding grades (Incompletes) from prior semester

May 19, 2027
Doctoral Hooding and Graduation Awards Ceremony
Move-out day for Andersen Hall residents (non-graduating students only)

May 20, 2027
Last Day of Spring semester
Commencement
Spring Degree Conferral

May 21, 2027
Move-out day for Andersen Hall (graduating) residents by 12 pm

SUMMER 2027

July 5, 2027
Independence Day Holiday observed

July 5, 2027
Summer Degree Conferral

CLASS SCHEDULE BY DAY—FALL 2026

MONDAY CLASSES

1. September 14
2. September 21
3. September 28
4. October 5
5. October 12
6. October 19
7. October 26
8. November 2
9. November 9
10. November 16
11. November 23
12. November 30
13. December 7
14. December 14

TUESDAY CLASSES

1. September 8
2. September 15
3. September 22
4. September 29
5. October 6
6. October 13
7. October 20
8. October 27
9. November 3
10. November 10
11. November 17
12. November 24
13. December 1
14. December 15

WEDNESDAY CLASSES

1. September 2
2. September 9
3. September 16
4. September 23
5. September 30
6. October 7
7. October 14
8. October 21
9. October 28
10. November 4
11. November 11
12. November 18
13. December 2
14. December 9

THURSDAY CLASSES

1. September 3
2. September 10
3. September 17
4. September 24
5. October 1
6. October 8
7. October 22
8. October 29
9. November 5
10. November 12
11. November 19
12. December 3
13. December 10
14. December 17

FRIDAY CLASSES

1. September 4
2. September 11
3. September 18
4. September 25
5. October 2
6. October 9
7. October 23
8. October 30
9. November 6
10. November 13
11. November 20
12. December 4
13. December 11
14. December 18