

FALL 2026 DATES TO REMEMBER

First day of classes	Monday, August 24
Last day to add a full semester course	Monday, August 31
Last day to drop a full semester course	Monday, August 31
Last day to receive a 100% refund for a full semester course	Monday, August 31
Last day to opt-out of Big Red Backpack and last day to charge WKU Store purchases to university bill	Friday, August 28
\$50 Schedule change fee begins for full semester courses	Tuesday, September 1
Labor Day (University Closed)	Monday, September 7
Last day to receive a 50% refund for a full semester course	Monday, September 7
Last day to receive a 25% refund for a full semester course	Monday, September 14
Fall Break (University Closed)	Monday-Tuesday, October 5-6
Priority Registration for Winter 2027 begins	Monday, October 12
Priority Registration for Spring 2027 begins	Monday, October 19
Last day to withdraw from a full semester course	Wednesday, November 2
Thanksgiving Break (University Closed)	Wednesday-Friday, November 25-27
Finals week	Monday-Thursday, December 7-10
Final grades due	Tuesday, December 15 at Noon

FALL 2026 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

MARCH 2026	
March 23-31	Priority registration through TopNet.
APRIL 2026	
April 3	Deadline to apply for 2026 December graduation.
AUGUST 2026	
August 18	Tuition and fees deadline for students who registered through August 3.
August 21	Residual funds disbursement for credit balances for students with scholarships only will be made through the student's refund preference selected with BankMobile Disbursements, a technology solution, powered by BMTX, Inc. Please note that enrollment changes, outstanding holds or additional charges on your account could result in a delay in the release of your residual funds.
August 21	Residence halls open at 8:00 a.m.
August 24	Day and evening classes begin for full semester, 1st bi-term or five-week (Session I) courses. Students initially registering on or after this date will be subject to a late registration penalty of \$50.
August 26	First Bi-Term Classes: Last day to add a class. Last day to drop a class without a grade. Last day to change a class from audit to credit. Last day to receive 100% refund for a class.
August 26	Five-Week Classes (Session I): Last day to add a class. Last day to receive 100% refund. Last day to change a class from audit to credit or drop a class without a grade.
August 27	First Bi-Term Classes: \$50 Schedule Change Fee begins.
August 27	Five-Week Classes (Session I): \$50 Schedule Change Fee begins.
August 27	Five-Week Classes (Session I): Last day to receive 50% refund.
August 28	Five-Week Classes (Session I): Last day to receive 25% refund.
August 28	Last day to charge WKU Store purchases to university bill.
August 30	First Bi-Term Classes: Last day to receive 50% refund.
August 31	Last day to register for a full-time course load (12 or more hours for undergraduates and 9 or more for graduates).
August 31	Full Semester Classes: Last day to add a class. Last day to drop a class without a grade. Last day to change a class from audit to credit. Last day to receive 100% refund for a class.

SEPTEMBER 2026

September 1	First Bi-Term Classes: Last day to receive 25% refund.
September 1	Full Semester Classes: \$50 Schedule Change Fee begins.
September 7	Labor Day (University Closed)
September 7	Full Semester Classes: Last day to receive 50% refund.
September 8	Last day to file for change in residency for fee assessment purposes for the 2026 fall semester.
September 11	Residual funds disbursement for credit balances resulting from federal and state grants and loans will be made to students through the student's refund preference selected with BankMobile Disbursements, a technology solution, powered by BMTX, Inc. Please note that enrollment changes, outstanding holds or additional charges on your account could result in a delay in the release of your residual funds.
September 12	Five-Week Classes (Session I): 60% point.
September 14	Full Semester Classes: Last day to receive 25% refund.
September 15	Five-Week Classes (Session I): Last day to drop a class with a W. Last day to change from credit to audit. Last day to submit form for Pass/Fail Grading Option.
September 23	Tuition and fees deadline for students who registered August 4-September 8 and balance due for students who have not paid fees in full, including late payment fees.
September 25	Five-Week Classes (Session I): Final examinations.
September 25	First Bi-Term Classes: 60% point.
September 25	First Bi-Term Classes: Last day to drop a class with a W. Last day to change a class from credit to audit. Last day to submit form for Pass/Fail Grading Option.
September 28	Five-Week Classes (Session II): Classes begin.
September 29	Five-Week Classes (Session I): Final grades due by noon.
September 30	Five-Week Classes (Session II): Last day to add a class. Last day to receive 100% refund. Last day to change from audit to credit or drop a class without a grade.

OCTOBER 2026

October 1	Five-Week Classes (Session II): \$50 Schedule Change Fee begins.
October 1	Five-Week Classes (Session II): Last day to receive 50% refund.
October 2	Five-Week Classes (Session II): Last day to receive 25% refund.
October 5-6	Fall Break (University Closed)
October 12	Priority registration for winter 2027 session begins.
October 15-16	First Bi-Term Classes: Final examinations.
October 17	Five-Week Classes (Session II): 60% point.
October 19	Second Bi-Term Classes: Classes begin.
October 19	Priority registration for spring 2027 semester begins.
October 20	First Bi-Term Classes: Final grades due by noon.
October 21	Five-Week Classes (Session II): Last day to drop a class with a W. Last day to change from credit to audit. Last day to submit form for Pass/Fail Grading Option.
October 21	Second Bi-Term Classes: Last day to register for a class. Last day to drop a class without a grade. Last day to change a class from audit to credit. Last day to receive 100% refund for a class.
October 21	Tuition and fees deadline for students who registered September 9-October 1 and balance due for students who have not paid fees in full, including late payment fees.
October 22	Second Bi-Term Classes: \$50 Schedule Change Fee begins.
October 25	Second Bi-Term Classes: Last day to receive 50% refund.
October 25	Full Semester Classes: 60% point of the fall semester.
October 27	Second Bi-Term Classes: Last day to receive 25% refund.
October 30	Five-Week Classes (Session II): Final examinations.

NOVEMBER 2026

November 2	Five-Week Classes (Session III): Classes begin.
November 2	Full Semester Classes: Last day to drop a class with a W. Last day to change a class from credit to audit. Last day to submit form for Pass/Fail Grading Option.
November 3	Five-Week Classes (Session II): Final grades due by noon.

November 4	Five-Week Classes (Session III): Last day to add a class. Last day to receive 100% refund. Last day to change a class from audit to credit or drop a class without a grade.
November 5	Five-Week Classes (Session III): Last day to receive 50% refund; \$50 Schedule Change Fee begins.
November 6	Five-Week Classes (Session III): Last day to receive 25% refund.
November 6	Deadline to apply for 2027 August and May graduation.
November 6	Due date for outstanding coursework from spring 2026 and summer session incompletes. If coursework is not turned in by deadline, the grade will be updated from an X to an F when final grades are posted for the term.
November 16	Second Bi-term Classes: 60% point.
November 17	Second Bi-term Classes: Last day to drop a class with a W. Last day to change a class from credit to audit. Last day to submit form for Pass/Fail Grading Option.
November 22	Five-Week Classes (Session III): 60% point.
November 25-27	Thanksgiving Holiday (University closed)
November 27	Roster freeze date (No late adds or withdrawals for extenuating circumstances will be processed after this date).
November 30	Five-Week Classes (Session III): Last day to drop a class with a W. Last day to change from credit to audit. Last day to submit form for Pass/Fail Grading Option.
DECEMBER 2026	
December 7-10	Full Semester Classes: Final Examinations.
December 9-10	Second Bi-term Classes: Final Examinations
December 10	Five-Week Classes (Session III): Final Examinations.
December 11	College Recognition Ceremonies
December 15	Full Semester Classes: Final grades due by noon.
December 15	Second Bi-term Classes: Final grades due by noon.
December 15	Five-Week Classes (Session III): Final grades due by noon.