

ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2025–2026

FALL 2025

June 9–20

Placement Exams for Fall semester (online)

July 1

Official first day of the Fall semester

July 1

Andersen Residence Hall opens at 10 AM for incoming Summer English Session (SES) students

July 2–3

Summer English Session Orientation

July 3–4

Independence Day holiday (administrative offices closed)

July 7

First day of SES classes

August 13-15, 2025

Final exams for SES

August 15

Last day of SES classes

August 25

Andersen Residence Hall opens for:

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

New Student Convocation

August 25–31

Orientation

August 26

Graduate Opera Theatre auditions begin
Musical Theatre auditions begin

August 27

Andersen Residence Hall opens for all other returning students

August 28

In-Person Instrumental Ensemble (Classical and Jazz) auditions begin

August 29

Qualifying Exams for Fall semester (in-person)

September 1

Labor Day holiday (administrative offices closed)

September 3

First day of classes for the Fall semester

September 3–12

Add/drop period

September 13–October 24

Withdrawal from Fall semester classes permitted with a grade of W on transcript

October 11–14

Fall Break—no classes, lessons, or rehearsals

November 6–8

Friends & Family Weekend

November 26–30

Thanksgiving Break (administrative offices close November 26 and reopen December 1)

December 10–16

Fall Jury Week/Finals Week/Final week of classes

December 17

Last Day of Fall Semester

December 17

Andersen Residence Hall closes at 12 PM

December 18–January 11, 2026

Winter Break for students and faculty

December 20–January 4, 2026

Winter Break for staff (administrative offices closed)

December 30

Submission deadline for Fall 2025 grades and outstanding grades (Incompletes) from prior semester

SPRING 2026

January 5

Administrative offices open

January 11**Andersen Hall opens at 10 am**

Qualifying Exams for the spring semester (in-person)

January 12

First day of classes for the Spring semester

January 12–16

Add/drop period

January 17–February 20

Withdrawal from Spring semester classes permitted with grade of W on transcript

January 17–18

Musical Theatre Fall 2026 entrance auditions (tentative)

January 19

Martin Luther King Jr. holiday (No classes and administrative offices closed)

January 24–25

Musical Theatre Fall 2026 entrance auditions continue (tentative)

February 27–March 6

Fall 2026 Audition Week

February 28–March 15

Spring Break (no classes)

March 16

Classes resume

SUMMER 2026

August 31

Summer Degree Conferral

December 31

December Degree Conferral

April 15

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

May 5–11

Finals Week/Final week of classes for Spring semester

May 11

Last day of Spring semester classes
Due date for student submission of Spring 2026 work

May 12–18

Jury Week

May 15

Submission deadline for Spring 2026 and outstanding grades (Incompletes) from prior semester

May 20

Doctoral Hooding and Graduation Awards Ceremony

May 20

Move-out day for Andersen Hall residents (non-graduating students only)

May 21

Last Day of Spring semester
Commencement
Spring Degree Conferral

May 22

Move-out day for Andersen Hall (graduating) residents by 12 PM