

2011–2012 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

The academic calendar is divided into fall and spring semesters of approximately 15 weeks each and summer sessions of varying length. The last week of the fall and spring semesters is set aside for final examinations.

The holidays and vacations observed by the university are noted below. Spring break is the week following the spring semester midterm. Classes continue until 10:40 p.m. the evening before a holiday or vacation period.

FALL SEMESTER 2011

August 21–28	Su–Su	Welcome Week
August 26	F	Last day to register for fall without a late fee
August 29	M	Fall classes begin Late registration (with \$100 fee) begins Students begin submitting applications for Fall graduation
September 1	Th	Undergraduate transfer spring 2012 semester admission application deadline for students living outside the U.S.
September 2	F	Late registration for fall ends Last day to drop MBA 1st Module courses for 100% refund and without a "W" recorded
September 5	M	Labor Day; no classes, university offices closed
September 7	W	Mathematics Equivalency Examination
September 12	M	Last day to add a fall course or change a grade option Last day to drop a fall course for a 100% refund and without a "W" recorded
September 19	M	Last day to drop MBA 1st Module courses for a 50% refund (no refunds for 1st Modules after this date) Last day to drop a fall course for a 50% refund Last day to add an internship or Community Service-Learning project Last day to drop MBA 1st Module courses
September 26	M	Last day to drop a fall course for a 25% refund (no refunds after this date) Last day to add an independent reading course or research project
October 1	S	Freshman Spring 2012 semester admission application deadline
October 3	M	Early warning notices due in Registrar's Office
October 14	F	Fall Break; no classes, university offices open
October 21	F	Last day to drop a fall course (mid-term)
October 21–23	F-Su	All-American Weekend
October 24	M	MBA 2nd Module courses begin
October 28	F	Spring 2012 priority registration for graduate students begins. Payment is due December 16, 2011 Last day to drop MBA 2nd Module courses for 100% refund and without a "W" recorded
October 29	S	Writing Proficiency Examination
October 31	M	Spring 2012 priority registration for undergraduate students begins. Payment is due December 16, 2011
November 1	T	Undergraduate transfer spring 2012 semester admission application deadline for students living in the United States
November 4	F	Last day to drop MBA 2nd Module courses for a 50% refund (no refunds for 2nd Modules after this date)
November 11	F	Theses and dissertations due in deans' offices for fall degree candidates Last day to drop MBA 2nd Module courses
November 15	T	Early Decision freshman fall 2012 semester admission/financial aid application deadline
November 22	T	Tuesday classes cancelled; Friday classes meet.
November 23–27	W–Su	Thanksgiving holiday; no classes; university offices closed Thursday and Friday
December 9	F	Fall classes end Theses and dissertations due in Registrar's Office for fall degree candidates Spring 2012 priority registration ends. Payment is due December 16, 2011. Undergraduate freshman payments are due January 4, 2012.
December 12–13	M–T	Fall final examinations
December 14	W	Fall study day; no classes
December 15–17	Th–S	Fall final examinations
December 16	F	Payment due for Spring 2012 priority registration.
December 19	M	Fall final examinations (for Wednesday classes)
December 15–22	Th–Th	Fall final grades due
December 22	Th	Official Degree Award Date
December 23– January 1	F-Su	Winter break; university offices closed

SPRING SEMESTER 2012

January 4	W	Undergraduate freshman spring 2012 priority registration payments are due.
January 9–13	M–F	Spring Welcome Week
January 13	F	Last day to register for spring 2012 without a late fee
January 15	Su	Freshman fall 2012 semester admission application deadline
January 16	M	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; no classes, university offices closed
January 17	T	Spring classes begin Late registration (with \$100 fee) begins Students begin submitting applications for spring graduation
January 23	M	Late registration for spring ends Last day to drop MBA 1st Module courses for 100% refund and without a "W" recorded
January 25	W	Mathematics Equivalency Examination
January 30	M	Last day to add a spring course or change a grade option Last day to drop a spring course for a 100% refund and without a "W" recorded Last day to drop MBA 1st Module courses for a 50% refund (no refunds for 1st Modules after this date)
February 1	W	Candidates' reply date for Early Decision freshmen
February 6	M	Last day to drop a spring course for a 50% refund Last day to add an internship or Community Service-Learning project Last day to drop MBA 1st Module courses
February 11	S	Writing Proficiency Examination
February 13	M	Last day to drop a spring course for a 25% refund (no refunds after this date) Last day to add an independent reading course or research project
February 15	W	Freshman fall 2012 semester financial aid application deadline
February 20	M	Early warning notices due in Registrar's Office
March 1	Th	Financial aid priority application deadline for fall 2012 semester undergraduate transfer students Financial aid application deadline for fall 2012 continuing undergraduate students
March 9	F	Last day to drop a spring class (mid-term)
March 11–18	Su–Su	Spring break; no classes, university offices open Monday through Friday
March 19	M	MBA 2nd Module courses begin
March 23	F	Last day to drop MBA 2nd Module courses for 100% refund and without a "W" recorded Fall 2012 priority registration for graduate students begins. Payment is due August 1, 2012.
March 26	M	Fall 2012 priority registration for undergraduate students begins. Payment is due August 1, 2012 Summer 2012 registration begins. Payment is due at time of registration for summer sessions A, B, C and E. Payment is due June 8, 2012 for summer sessions D and F.
March 30	F	Last day to drop MBA 2nd Module courses for a 50% refund (no refunds for 2nd Modules after this date)
March 31	S	Writing Proficiency Examination
April 1	Su	Summer 2012 admission application deadline (U.S. citizens only)
April 2	M	Theses and dissertations due in deans' offices for spring degree candidates
April 6	F	Last day to drop MBA 2nd Module courses
April 30	M	Spring classes end Theses and dissertations due in Registrar's Office for spring degree candidates
May 1	T	Spring study day; no classes Candidates' reply date for Regular Decision freshmen Undergraduate transfer fall 2012 semester admission application deadline for students living outside the United States
May 2–8	W–T	Spring final examinations
May 5–11	S–F	Spring final grades due
May 11	F	Commencement Weekend Activities
May 12	S	Commencement Ceremonies: School of Communication (9:00 a.m.) Kogod School of Business (1:00 p.m.) School of International Service (4:30 p.m.)
May 13	Su	Commencement Ceremonies: School of Public Affairs (9:00 a.m.) College of Arts and Sciences (1:00 p.m.)
May 13	Su	Official Degree Award Date

SUMMER SESSIONS 2012

For Summer 2012 Add/Drop, Withdrawal, and Refund dates, see <http://www.american.edu/provost/registrar/summer/index.cfm>.

May 14	M	7-week (A) and Online Learning I (E) sessions begin Students begin submitting applications for summer graduation
May 21	M	First 6-week (B) and 3-week (C) sessions begin
May 25	F	Last day to add an internship, Community Service-Learning project, or independent reading course or research project for the summer
May 28	M	Memorial Day; no classes, university offices closed
June 2	S	Writing Proficiency Examination
June 7	Th	3-week (C) session ends
June 8	F	Payment due for summer sessions D and F.
June 28	Th	7-week (A), first 6-week (B), and Online Learning I (E) sessions end
July 1	Su	Undergraduate transfer fall 2012 semester admission application deadline for students living in the United States
July 2	M	Second 6-week (D) and Online Learning II (F) sessions begin
July 4	W	Independence Day; no classes, university offices closed
July 6	F	Fall 2012 priority registration ends. Payment is due August 1, 2012.
July 20	F	Theses and dissertations due in deans' offices for summer degree candidates
August 1	W	Payment due for Fall 2012 priority registration.
August 9	Th	Second 6-week (D) session ends Theses and dissertations due in Registrar's Office for summer degree candidates
August 16	Th	Online Learning II (F) session ends, end of summer sessions Official Degree Award Date