



Academic Calendar

2025-26 (TENTATIVE)

FALL SEMESTER 2025

Aug. 18	Monday	Orientation for all new distance program students begins
Aug. 20	Wednesday	Orientation for all new residential program students begins
Aug. 22	Friday	Opening Service
Aug. 25	Monday	Fall Semester begins (excluding SMP & ODS Programs)
Aug. 31	Sunday	Deadline for complete SMP applications for Spring 2026 matriculation
Sept. 1	Monday	Labor Day holiday
Sept. 8	Monday	Fall Semester classes begin for SMP Program
Sept. 9	Tuesday	Fall Semester classes begin for ODS Program
Sept. 16	Tuesday	Theological Symposium – no classes
Sept. 17	Wednesday	Theological Symposium – no classes
Oct. 6	Monday	Registration begins for Winterim and Spring Terms
Oct. 10	Friday	Registration ends for Winterim and Spring Terms
Oct. 13	Monday	Reading Week begins – no residential class sessions are scheduled. (Online class sessions for semester-long courses in nonresidential programs are in session.)
Oct. 20	Monday	Session I and midterm grades deadline
Oct. 20	Monday	Classes resume and Fall Semester Session II begins
Oct. 31	Friday	Deadline for SMP ELCEs for Spring 2026 matriculation
Nov. 17	Monday	Fall Semester SMP Term ends
Nov. 18	Tuesday	Fall Semester ODS Term ends
Nov. 25	Tuesday	Thanksgiving recess begins after classes
Nov. 27	Thursday	Thanksgiving
Nov. 30	Sunday	International student application deadline (Graduate School)
Dec. 1	Monday	Classes resume
Dec. 1	Monday	SMP Fall Semester grade deadline
Dec. 2	Tuesday	ODS Fall Semester grade deadline
Dec. 12	Friday	Fall Semester ends after classes

WINTERIM TERM 2026

Jan. 2	Friday	Fall Semester grade deadline
Jan. 5	Monday	Winterim Term classes begin
Jan. 5	Monday	ODS Winterim courses Begin
Jan. 5	Monday	Reduced Residency Graduate School courses begin
Jan. 12	Monday	SMP & GPC intensive courses begin
Jan. 16	Friday	SMP & GPC intensive courses end
Jan. 16	Friday	ODS Winterim courses end
Jan. 16	Friday	Reduced Residency Graduate School courses end
Jan. 19	Monday	D.Min. on-campus seminar begins
Jan. 22	Thursday	D.Min. on-campus seminar ends
Jan. 23	Friday	Winterim Term ends

SPRING SEMESTER 2026

Jan. 26	Monday	Spring Semester classes begin (excluding SMP and ODS Programs)
Feb. 2	Monday	SMP Spring Orientation begins
Feb. 5	Thursday	SMP Spring Orientation ends
Feb. 13	Friday	Winterim grade deadline (excluding SMP and ODS Programs)
Feb. 13	Friday	SMP & ODS Winterim grade deadline
Feb. 23	Monday	Spring Semester classes begin for SMP Program
Feb. 24	Tuesday	Spring Semester classes begin for ODS Program
Feb. 28	Saturday	Application deadline for Fall 2026 (all programs)
Feb. 28	Saturday	Scholarship deadline for Old Testament, New Testament, Christian Doctrine ELCEs for Fall 2026 matriculation (residential Ministerial Formation programs only)
March 1	Friday	Registration ends for Summer and Fall Terms
March 9	Monday	Registration begins for Summer and Fall Terms
March 16	Monday	Reading Week begins – no residential class sessions are scheduled. (Online class sessions for semester-long courses in nonresidential programs are in session.)
March 23	Monday	Classes resume and Spring Semester Session II begins
March 23	Monday	Session I and Midterm grades deadline
April 1	Wednesday	Easter recess begins after classes
April 5	Sunday	Easter
April 7	Tuesday	Classes resume (excluding SMP & ODS Programs)
April 13	Monday	Classes resume for SMP Program
April 14	Tuesday	Classes resume for ODS Program
April 28	Tuesday	Call Day
April 30	Thursday	Deadline for Old Testament, New Testament, Christian Doctrine ELCEs for Fall 2026 matriculations
TBD	Tuesday	Multiethnic Symposium – no classes
TBD	Wednesday	Multiethnic Symposium – no classes
May 11	Monday	Spring Semester classes end for SMP Program
May 12	Tuesday	Spring Semester classes end for ODS Program
May 14	Thursday	Spring Semester ends after classes
May 15	Friday	Commencement

SUMMER TERM 2026

May 18	Monday	Summer Term begins
May 18	Monday	Deadline for Greek and Hebrew ELCs for Fall 2026 matriculation
May 25	Monday	Memorial Day – no classes in session
May 26	Tuesday	SMP Spring Semester grade deadline
May 26	Tuesday	ODS Spring Semester grade deadline
May 28	Thursday	Spring Semester grade deadline
June 1	Monday	Summer Term classes begin for SMP Program
June 2	Tuesday	Summer Term classes begin for ODS Program
June 8	Monday	Reduced Residency Graduate School courses begin
June 15	Monday	Summer Greek begins
June 19	Friday	Reduced Residency Graduate School courses end
June 22	Monday	SMP & GPC intensive courses begin
June 26	Friday	SMP & GPC intensive courses end
July 4	Saturday	Independence Day – Seminary closed
July 6/7	Monday/Tuesday	No SMP or ODS courses due to July 4 holiday
Aug. 14	Friday	Summer Greek ends
Aug. 14	Friday	Summer Term ends
Aug. 14	Friday	Summer Term grade deadline (excluding SMP and ODS Programs)
Aug. 17	Monday	SMP Summer Session ends
Aug. 18	Tuesday	ODS Summer Session ends
Aug. 31	Monday	SMP Summer grade deadline
Sept. 1	Tuesday	ODS Summer grade deadline