2016–2017 PRELIMINARY 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.

Dates in red need to be verified with appropriate office or department and may be subject to change.

FALL SEMESTER 2016

August 20–28	S–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 2017 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, internship, Independent Reading or Research, or Community Service-Learning project.
		Last day to drop a fall 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)
September 19	M	Last day to drop a fall course for a 50% refund
		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)
October 1	S	Freshman spring 2017 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 or change a grade option (mid-term)
October 21–23	F-Su	All-American Weekend
October 22	S	Writing Proficiency Examination
October 24	M	MBA 2nd Module courses begin
October 28	F	Spring 2017 priority registration for graduate students begins. Payment is due December 16, 2016.
		Last day to drop MBA 2nd Module courses for 100% refund and without a "W" recorded
October 31	M	Spring 2017 priority registration for undergraduate students begins. Payment is due December 16, 2016.
November 1	T	Undergraduate transfer spring 2017 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 2017 semester admission and 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 2017 priority registration ends. Payment is due December 16, 2016. Undergraduate freshman payments are due January 4, 2017.
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 2017 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 2017

January 4	W	Undergraduate freshman spring 2017 priority registration payments are due.
January 12–15	Th–Su	Spring Welcome Week
January 13	F	Last day to register for spring 2017 without a late fee
January 15	Su	Freshman fall 2017 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 20	F	Inauguration Day; no classes, university offices closed
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, internship, Independent Reading or Research, or Community Service-Learning project.
		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 4	S	Writing Proficiency Examination
February 6	M	Last day to drop a spring course for a 50% refund
		Last day to drop MBA 1st Module courses
February 13	M	Last day to drop a spring course for a 25% refund (no refunds after this date)
February 15	W	Freshman fall 2017 semester financial aid application deadline
February 20	M	Early warning notices due in Registrar's Office
March 1	W	Admission and financial aid priority application deadline for fall 2017 semester undergraduate transfer students
March 10	F	Last day to drop a spring class or change a grade option (mid-term)
March 12–19	Su–Su	Spring break; no classes, university offices open Monday through Friday
March 20	M	MBA 2nd Module courses begin
March 24	F	Fall 2017 priority registration for graduate students begins. Payment is due August 1, 2017.
		Last day to drop MBA 2nd Module courses for 100% refund and without a "W" recorded
March 25	S	Writing Proficiency Examination
March 27	M	Fall 2017 priority registration for undergraduate students begins. Payment is due August 1, 2017.
		Summer 2017 registration begins. Payment is due at time of registration for summer sessions A, B, C and E.
		Payment is due June 9, 2017 for summer sessions D and F.
March 31	F	Last day to drop MBA 2nd Module courses for a 50% refund (no refunds for 2nd Modules after this date)
April 1	S	Summer 2017 admission application deadline (U.S. citizens only)
April 3	M	Theses and dissertations due in deans' offices for spring degree candidates
April 7	F	Last day to drop MBA 2nd Module courses
May 1	M	Spring classes end
		Theses and dissertations due in Registrar's Office for spring degree candidates
		Candidates' reply date for Regular Decision freshmen
		Undergraduate transfer fall 2017 semester admission application deadline for students living outside the United States
		Financial aid application deadline for fall 2017 continuing undergraduate students
May 2	T	Spring study day; no classes
May 3–9	W–T	Spring final examinations
May 6–12	S–F	Spring final grades due
May 12	F	Commencement Weekend Activities
May 13	S	Commencement Ceremonies: School of Public Affairs (9:00 a.m.)
		School of Communication (1:00 p.m.)
		College of Arts and Sciences (4:30 p.m.)
May 14	Su	Commencement Ceremonies: Kogod School of Business (9:00 a.m.)
		School of International Service (1:00 p.m.)
May 14	Su	Official Degree Award Date

SUMMER SESSIONS 2017 (Dates subject to change)

For Summer 2017 Add/Drop, Withdrawal, and Refund dates, see http://www.american.edu/provost/registrar/summer/index.cfm.

May 15	M	7-week (A) and Online Learning I (E) sessions begin Students begin submitting applications for summer graduation
May 22	M	First 6-week (B) and 3-week (C) sessions begin
May 26	F	Last day to add an internship, Community Service-Learning project, independent reading course or research project for the summer
May 29	M	Memorial Day; no classes, university offices closed
June 3	S	Writing Proficiency Examination
June 8	Th	3-week (C) session ends
June 9	F	Payment due for summer sessions D and F.
June 29	Th	7-week (A), first 6-week (B) and Online I (E) sessions end
July 1	S	Undergraduate transfer fall 2017 semester admission application deadline for students living in the United States
July 3	M	Second 6-week (D) and Online Learning II (F) sessions begin
July 4	T	Independence Day; no classes, university offices closed
July 7	F	Fall 2017 priority registration ends. Payment is due August 1, 2017.
July 21	F	Theses and dissertations due in deans' offices for summer degree candidates
August 1	T	Payment due for Fall 2017 priority registration.
August 10	Th	Second 6-week (D) session ends Theses and dissertations due in Registrar's Office for summer degree candidates
August 17	Th	Online Learning II (F) session ends, end of summer sessions. Official Degree Award Date

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