2017–2018 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 2017

August 19–27	S–Su	Welcome Week
August 25	F	Last day to register for fall without a late fee
August 28	M	Fall classes begin
		Late registration (with $100 fee) begins
		Students begin submitting applications for fall graduation
September 1	F	Undergraduate transfer spring 2018 semester admission application deadline for students living outside the U.S.
September 1	F	Late registration for fall ends
		Last day to drop MBA 1st Module courses for 100% refund and without a "W" recorded
September 4	M	Labor Day; no classes, university offices closed
September 6	W	Mathematics Equivalency Examination
September 11	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 18	M	Last day to drop a fall course for a 50% refund
		Last day to drop MBA 1st Module courses
September 25	M	Last day to drop a fall course for a 25% refund (no refunds after this date)
October 1	Su	Freshman spring 2018 semester admission application deadline
October 2	M	Early warning notices due in Registrar's Office
October 13	F	Fall Break; no classes, university offices open
October 16	M	MBA 2nd Module courses begin
October 20	F	Last day to drop a fall course or change a grade option (mid-term)
		Last day to drop MBA 2nd Module courses for 100% refund and without a "W" recorded
October 20–22	F-Su	All-American Weekend
October 21	S	Writing Proficiency Examination
October 27	F	Spring 2018 priority registration for graduate students begins. Payment is due December 15, 2017.
October 30	M	Spring 2018 priority registration for undergraduate students begins. Payment is due December 15, 2017.
November 1	W	Undergraduate transfer spring 2018 semester admission application deadline for students living in the United States
November 3	F	Last day to drop MBA 2nd Module courses for a 50% refund (no refunds for 2nd Modules after this date)
November 10	F	Last day to drop MBA 2nd Module courses
		Theses and dissertations due in deans' offices for fall degree candidates
November 15	W	Early Decision freshman fall 2018 semester admission and financial aid application deadline
November 21	T	Tuesday classes cancelled; Friday classes meet.
November 22–26	W–Su	Thanksgiving holiday; no classes; university offices closed Thursday and Friday
December 8	F	Fall classes end
		Theses and dissertations due in Registrar's Office for fall degree candidates
		Spring 2018 priority registration ends. Payment is due December 15, 2017. Undergraduate freshman payments are due January 4, 2018.
December 11–12	M–T	Fall final examinations
December 13	W	Fall study day; no classes
December 14–16	Th–S	Fall final examinations
December 15	F	Payment due for Spring 2018 priority registration.
December 18	M	Fall final examinations (for Wednesday classes)
December 14–21	Th–Th	Fall final grades due
December 21	Th	Official Degree Award Date
December 23–January 1	S-M	Winter break; university offices closed

SPRING SEMESTER 2018

January 4	Th	Undergraduate freshman spring 2018 priority registration payments are due.
January 11–14	Th–Su	Spring Welcome Week
January 12	F	Last day to register for spring 2018 without a late fee
January 15	M	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; no classes, university offices closed
		Freshman fall 2018 semester admission application deadline
January 16	T	Spring classes begin
		Late registration (with $100 fee) begins
		Students begin submitting applications for spring graduation
January 22	M	Late registration for spring ends
		Last day to drop MBA 1st Module courses for 100% refund and without a "W" recorded
January 24	W	Mathematics Equivalency Examination
January 29	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 3	S	Writing Proficiency Examination
February 5	M	Last day to drop a spring course for a 50% refund
		Last day to drop MBA 1st Module courses
February 12	M	Last day to drop a spring course for a 25% refund (no refunds after this date)
February 15	Th	Freshman fall 2018 semester financial aid application deadline
February 19	M	Early warning notices due in Registrar's Office
March 1	Th	Admission and financial aid priority application deadline for fall 2018 semester undergraduate transfer students
March 9	F	Last day to drop a spring class or change a grade option (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	Fall 2018 priority registration for graduate students begins. Payment is due August 1, 2018.
		Last day to drop MBA 2nd Module courses for 100% refund and without a "W" recorded
March 24	S	Writing Proficiency Examination
March 26	M	Fall 2018 priority registration for undergraduate students begins. Payment is due August 1, 2018.
		Summer 2018 registration begins. Payment is due at time of registration for summer sessions A, B, C and E.
		Payment is due June 8, 2018 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)
April 2	M	Summer 2018 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
		Candidates' reply date for Regular Decision freshmen
May 1	T	Undergraduate transfer fall 2018 semester admission application deadline for students living outside the United States
		Financial aid application deadline for fall 2018 continuing undergraduate students
May 1	T	Spring study day; no classes
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 2018 (Dates subject to change)

For Summer 2018 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, 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 2017 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 2018 priority registration ends. Payment is due August 1, 2018.
July 20	F	Theses and dissertations due in deans' offices for summer degree candidates
August 1	W	Payment due for Fall 2018 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

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