

University of Pennsylvania

Three-Year Academic Calendar, 2015-2016 through 2017-2018

Fall	2015 Fall Term	2016 Fall Term	2017 Fall Term
Move-in for First-year & Transfer Students	August 20-21 (Thu-Fri)	August 24-25 (Wed-Thu)	August 23-24 (Wed-Thu)
New Student Orientation	August 21-25 (Fri-Tue)	August 25-29 (Thu-Mon)	August 24-28 (Thu-Mon)
Opening Exercises and Freshman Convocation	August 25 (Tue)	August 29 (Mon)	August 28 (Mon)
First Day of Classes	August 26 (Wed)	August 30 (Tue)	August 29 (Tue)
Labor Day (no classes) Monday	September 7	September 5	September 4
Course Selection Period ends Monday	September 14	September 19	September 18
Due to anticipated logistical and transportation issues related to the historic visit of Pope Francis to Philadelphia, Penn will suspend normal operations. Classes and University-sponsored events are cancelled.	September 25 (Friday)		
Drop Period ends	October 9 (Fri)	October 10 (Mon)	October 9 (Mon)
Fall Term Break Thursday-Sunday	October 8-11	October 6-9	October 5-8
Classes Resume Monday	October 12	October 10	October 9
Family Weekend Friday-Sunday	October 23-25 (Yale)	October 14-16 (Columbia)	October 27-29 (Brown)
Advance Registration for Spring Term Monday-Sunday	October 26-November 8	October 31-November 13	October 30-November 12
Last Day to withdraw from a course Friday	November 6	November 11	November 10
Homecoming Saturday	November 7 (Princeton)	October 29 (Brown)	November 11 (Harvard)
Thur-Fri class schedule on Tue-Wed	November 24-25	November 22-23	November 21-22
Thanksgiving Break Thursday-Sunday	November 26-29	November 24-27	November 23-26
Classes Resume Monday	November 30	November 28	November 27
Last Day of Classes	December 8 (Tue)	December 12 (Mon)	December 11 (Mon)
Reading Days	December 9-10 (Wed-Thu)	December 13-14 (Tue-Wed)	December 12-13 (Tue-Wed)
Final Examinations	December 11-18 (Fri-Fri)	December 15-22 (Thu-Thu)	December 14-21 (Thu-Thu)
Fall Term ends	December 18 (Fri)	December 22 (Thu)	December 21 (Thu)
Spring	2016 Spring Term	2017 Spring Term	2018 Spring Term
First Day of Classes (Monday class schedule on Wednesday)	January 13 (Monday classes)	January 11 (Monday classes)	January 10 (Monday classes)
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Observed (no classes) Monday	January 18	January 16	January 15
Course Selection Period ends Monday	February 1	January 30	January 29
Drop Period ends Friday	February 19	February 17	February 16
Spring Term Break Saturday-Sunday	March 5-13	March 4-12	March 3-11
Classes Resume Monday	March 14	March 13	March 12
Advance Registration for Fall Term and Summer Sessions Monday-Sunday	March 21-April 3	March 20-April 2	March 19-April 1
Last Day to withdraw from a course Friday	March 25	March 24	March 23
Last Day of Classes Wednesday	April 27	April 26	April 25
Reading Days Thursday-Friday	April 28-April 29	April 27-April 28	April 26-27
Final Examinations Monday-Tuesday	May 2-10	May 1-9	April 30-May 8
Spring Term ends Tuesday	May 10	May 9	May 8
Alumni Day Saturday	May 14	May 13	May 12
Baccalaureate Sunday	May 15	May 14	May 13
Commencement Monday	May 16	May 15	May 14
Summer	2016 Summer Term	2017 Summer Term	2018 Summer Term
11-Week Session Classes begin Monday	May 23	May 22	May 21
Session I Classes begin Monday	May 23	May 22	May 21
Memorial Day Observed (no classes) Monday	May 30	May 29	May 28
Session I Classes end Wednesday	June 29	June 28	June 27
Session II Classes begin Thursday	June 30	June 29	June 28
Independence Day Observed (no classes)	July 4 (Mon)	July 4 (Tue)	July 4 (Wed)
Session II & 11-Week Session Classes end Friday	August 5	August 4	August 3

Notes:

Graduate and professional programs follow their own calendars with different registration/drop deadlines, which are typically available on the website of the school or program. The College of Liberal and Professional Studies may have different registration/drop deadlines. Please visit the LPS website, www.sas.upenn.edu/lps/ for more information. Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, the first two days of Passover and Good Friday are religious holidays that affect large numbers of University community members and that fall during the academic year. To view the University's policy regarding these and other holidays, please visit <http://provost.upenn.edu/policies/pennbook/2013/02/13/policy-on-secular-and-religious-holidays>. The University's Three-Year Academic Calendar is subject to change. In the event that changes are made, the latest, most up-to-date version will be posted to *Almanac's* website, www.upenn.edu/almanac. To find out why these changes—"Thursday-Friday Class Schedule on Tuesday-Wednesday" and "First Day of Classes (Monday class schedule on Wednesday)"—have happened, please visit <http://provost.upenn.edu/education/calendar>.