

2020-2021 Academic Calendar

Fall 2020

September

Friday, September 11, 2020

New Graduate Student Fall Registration begins 9 a.m.

Wednesday, September 16, 2020

Fall classes begin 8 a.m.

Wednesday, September 16, 2020

Change of Registration (Drop/Add)/Late registration for returning students begins

Tuesday, September 22, 2020

Last day to add a class or change a section for Fall

Tuesday, September 29, 2020

Last day for tuition adjustment related to enrollment changes (to or from full-time) No reductions are made to bills for dropped or swapped classes after this date

October

Thursday, October 1, 2020

Tuition Due

Thursday, October 15, 2020

Undergraduate petition to graduate due for Winter 2021 graduation

Friday, October 16, 2020

Application for a degree due to The Graduate School to receive a degree in Fall Quarter

November

Friday, November 6, 2020

Last day to drop a class for Fall in CAESAR. Any requests after this date result in a W on the transcript and must go through the course withdrawal process.

Friday, November 13, 2020

Dissertation, PhD Final Exam, and change of grade forms due to TGS for Fall PhD candidates

Friday, November 13, 2020

Last day for undergraduate or TGS students to change grading status to or from P/N for Fall classes, where allowed.

Friday, November 13, 2020

Winter quarter courses viewable for students in CAESAR for the following:
Communication, Education, Engineering,

Journalism, & Music Graduate Courses,
Non-Degree, TGS, and undergraduate
Courses

Thursday, November 19, 2020

Pre-registration for Winter Quarter begins,
ending on November 20.

Monday, November 23, 2020

Last day to submit an individual course
withdrawal request. The online form will be
available until 4:59 p.m. (No tuition
adjustment after September 29)

Monday, November 23, 2020

Undergraduate registration for Winter 2021
begins

Tuesday, November 24, 2020

Last Day for Face-to-Face Instruction

Wednesday, November 25, 2020

Thanksgiving vacation begins

Thursday, November 26, 2020

Thanksgiving Day

Monday, November 30, 2020

Graduate registration for Winter 2021 begins

Monday, November 30, 2020

Master's completion form due for TGS Fall
master's candidates

December

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

Fall examinations begin (all remote)

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

Fall examinations end

Monday, December 14, 2020

Fall 2020 Grades due at 1 p.m.

Monday, December 14, 2020

Undergraduate petition to graduate due for
Spring 2021 graduation

Friday, December 18, 2020

Fall Degrees Conferred

Monday, December 28, 2020

Winter Recess - University Closed

Tuesday, December 29, 2020

Winter Recess - University Closed

Wednesday, December 30, 2020

Winter Recess - University Closed

January

Friday, January 1, 2021

New Year's Day

Friday, January 1, 2021

Winter Tuition Due

Monday, January 4, 2021

Winter Classes begin 8 a.m. for professional
programs in the following schools: SESP,
Medill, SoC, McCormick, and Kellogg. (Jan 4

Start Programs) First two weeks of classes remote.

Friday, January 8, 2021

Last day to add a class or change a section for Winter for Jan 4 Start Programs

Monday, January 11, 2021

Law Spring Semester Classes Begin

Monday, January 11, 2021

Winter Classes begin 8 a.m. for the following: SPS, TGS, all PhD programs, Music graduate students, and all undergraduate students. (Jan 11 Start Programs) First week of classes remote.

Friday, January 15, 2021

Last day for tuition adjustment related to enrollment changes (to or from full-time) for Jan 4 start programs. No reductions are made to bills for dropped or swapped classes after this date. (Jan 4 Start Programs)

Friday, January 15, 2021

Last day to add a class or change a section for Winter for Jan 11 Start Programs.

Monday, January 18, 2021

Suspension of classes for observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Friday, January 22, 2021

Last day for tuition adjustment related to enrollment changes (to or from full-time). No reductions are made to bills for dropped or swapped classes after this date. (Jan 11 Start Programs)

Friday, January 29, 2021

Application for a degree due to The Graduate School to receive a degree in Winter Quarter

February

Friday, February 19, 2021

Last day to drop a class for Winter via CAESAR. Any requests after this date result in a W on the transcript and must go through the course withdrawal process.

Wednesday, February 24, 2021

Spring quarter courses viewable for students in CAESAR for the following: Communication, Education, Engineering, Journalism, & Music Graduate Courses, Non-Degree, TGS, and undergraduate Courses

Friday, February 26, 2021

Dissertation, PhD Final Exam, and change of grade forms due to TGS for Winter PhD candidates

Friday, February 26, 2021

Last day for undergraduate, TGS, and most graduate programs to change grading status to or from P/N for Winter classes, where allowed.

March

Wednesday, March 3, 2021

Pre-Registration for Spring 2021 begins

Friday, March 5, 2021

Course and Term Withdrawal Petition
Deadline 5 p.m. (Jan 4 and Jan 11 Start Programs)

Monday, March 8, 2021

Registration for Spring 2021 begins

Friday, March 12, 2021

Master's completion form due for TGS Winter master's candidates

Saturday, March 13, 2021

Winter Classes End

Monday, March 15, 2021

Winter Examinations Begin

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

Undergraduate petition to graduate due for Summer 2021 graduation

Saturday, March 20, 2021

Spring Break Begins

Saturday, March 20, 2021

Winter Examinations End

Monday, March 22, 2021

Winter grades due at 3 p.m.

Friday, March 26, 2021

Winter Degrees Conferred

Sunday, March 28, 2021

Passover begins

Monday, March 29, 2021

Spring Break Ends

Tuesday, March 30, 2021

Northwestern Monday: Classes scheduled to meet on Mondays meet on this day.

Tuesday, March 30, 2021

Spring Change of Registration
(Drop/Add)/Late registration begins

Tuesday, March 30, 2021

Spring Classes Begin 8 a.m. Classes remote until Tuesday, April 6.

April

Thursday, April 1, 2021

Spring Tuition due

Sunday, April 4, 2021

Easter

Monday, April 5, 2021	Last day to add a class or change a section for Spring
Monday, April 5, 2021	Summer quarter courses viewable for students in CAESAR for the following: Communication, Education, Engineering, Journalism, & Music Graduate Courses, Non-Degree, TGS, and undergraduate Courses
Tuesday, April 6, 2021	Wildcat Wellness period ends. Classes with a scheduled in person component meet face to face for the first time.
Friday, April 9, 2021	Last day for tuition adjustment related to enrollment changes (to or from full-time) No reductions are made to bills for dropped or swapped classes after this date.
Monday, April 12, 2021	Registration for Summer Session 2021 begins
Tuesday, April 13, 2021	Law Spring Semester Classes End
Friday, April 23, 2021	Application for a degree due to The Graduate School to receive a degree in Spring Quarter

May

Friday, May 7, 2021	Dissertation, PhD Final Exam and change of grade forms due to TGS for Spring PhD candidates
Friday, May 7, 2021	Last day to drop a class for Spring. (No tuition adjustment after April 9)
Friday, May 14, 2021	Master's completion form due for TGS Spring master's candidates
Friday, May 21, 2021	Last day for undergraduate or TGS students to change grading status to or from P/N for Spring classes, where allowed.
Friday, May 28, 2021	Withdrawal Petition Deadline 5 p.m.
Monday, May 31, 2021	Memorial Day (no classes)

June

Tuesday, June 1, 2021
Wednesday, June 2, 2021

Summer Tuition due
Preliminary fall quarter courses viewable for students for the following: Communication, Education, Engineering, Journalism, & Music Graduate Courses, Non-Degree, TGS, and undergraduate Courses. All is subject to change.

Wednesday, June 2, 2021
Saturday, June 5, 2021
Sunday, June 6, 2021
Monday, June 7, 2021
Saturday, June 12, 2021
Monday, June 14, 2021
Monday, June 14, 2021

WCAS Reading Period begins
Spring classes end
WCAS Reading Period ends
Spring examinations begin
Spring examinations end
Commencement
Undergraduate petition to graduate due for Fall 2021 graduation
Spring Grades Due at 3 p.m.
Spring Degrees Conferred
Summer Classes Begin. Summer Change of Registration (Drop/Add)/Late registration begins

Tuesday, June 15, 2021
Friday, June 18, 2021
Monday, June 21, 2021

Last day to add a class for Summer in CAESAR

Friday, June 25, 2021

July

Monday, July 5, 2021
Friday, July 9, 2021

Independence Day (no classes)
Application for a degree due to The Graduate School to receive a degree in Summer Quarter

Saturday, July 31, 2021

Six-week session ends

August

Friday, August 6, 2021

Dissertation, PhD Final Exam, and change of grade forms due to TGS for Summer PhD candidates

Monday, August 9, 2021

Fall quarter courses viewable for students in CAESAR for the following: Communication, Education, Engineering, Journalism, & Music Graduate Courses, Non-Degree, TGS, and undergraduate Courses

Saturday, August 14, 2021

Eight-week session ends

Monday, August 16, 2021

Pre-Registration for Fall 2021 begins

Friday, August 20, 2021

Master's completion form due for TGS

Summer master's candidates

Saturday, August 28, 2021

Ten-week session ends

September

Friday, September 3, 2021

Summer Degrees Conferred