

# ACADEMIC CALENDAR

## FALL SEMESTER, 2026

### July 17, Friday

Electronic billing statements will be generated and available through the student's Hornet365.com account. Please check your Hornet 365.com account for updated information.

### August 13, Thursday

Residence hall move-in (all halls); includes new and continuing students.

### August 17, Monday

**Classes begin**, day, evening, & Internet. Undergrad students may drop & add classes in Plumb Hall 106.

### August 21, Friday

**DEADLINE – Enrolled students must pay account balance by 5:00 P.M. CT ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 21<sup>st</sup> OR MAKE PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS WITH CASHIERING SERVICES (PLUMB HALL 103P).** A \$50 fee will be charged to all students who have an account balance greater than \$100.

**STUDENTS WILL NOT BE DROPPED FROM CLASSES FOR NON-PAYMENT OF TUITION AND FEES.**

**NOTE: Prior semester charges must be paid-in full before any student can retain their class schedule. Students with outstanding debts to the University, whether financial or material, may have their enrollment withheld.**

### August 22, Saturday

First meeting of Saturday Classes

### August 28, Friday

- **Tenth day of classes- Last day to enroll in classes. Last day of official drop period for full semester and 1<sup>st</sup> Block classes**--no transcript entry for classes dropped on or before this date.
- **Last day to withdraw from the university with full refund.** Any student wishing to withdraw from the University with a full refund **MUST** initiate the withdrawal before this date.

***If you are enrolled but DO NOT PLAN to attend ESU in Fall 2026 you must withdraw from your classes by the end of the 100% refund period (August 28, 2026) to completely reverse assessed tuition and fees from your student account. If you withdraw, after receiving financial aid, federal regulations may require payment of that excess. Failure to withdraw obligates the student to pay tuition and***

### September 7, Monday

Labor Day Holiday--no classes.

### September 14, Monday

Twentieth day of classes

### September 20, Sunday

**Additional \$50 late fee** charged to all students who have an account balance of \$100 or more and have not made payment arrangements. Students must have made payment arrangements prior to this date in order to avoid additional fees.

### September 21, Monday

**Last day to Withdraw from 1<sup>st</sup> Block class and receive an automatic "W" on transcript.**

### October 9, Friday

- **End of first block.**  
End of 8<sup>th</sup> week. Instructors must evaluate students' progress by end of 8th week
- **Enrollment hold placed on students' accounts with balances over \$500.00**
- Juniors must complete/submit undergraduate "Intent to Graduate" form which is found on your Academic Life Tab in Hornet365.com under Student Records, if they intend to graduate in December of 2027.

### October 12, Monday

Second block begins

### October 13, Tuesday

**Midterm grades are due.**

October 15-16, Thursday-Friday Fall Break, no classes.

### October 19, Monday

**Staggered enrollment for Spring 2027 opens. Check with advisor for your enrollment date.**

### October 20, Tuesday

**Additional \$50 late fee** charged to all students who have an account balance of \$100 or more and have not made payment arrangements. Students must have made payment arrangements prior to this date in order to avoid additional fees.

**October 23, Friday**

- **Last day to drop 2<sup>nd</sup> Block classes**
- **Last day to withdraw from a full semester class and receive automatic "W" on transcript (10 weeks).**

**October 30, Friday,**

Graduate students intending to graduate in May 2027 must file the "Intent to Graduate" form with the Graduate Office, 313 Plumb Hall.

**November 11, Wednesday**

Veterans' Day Holiday, no classes.

**November 16, Monday**

**Last day to Withdraw from a 2<sup>nd</sup> Block class and receive automatic "W" on transcript**

**November 20, Friday**

**Additional \$50 late fee** charged to all students who have an account balance of \$100 or more and have not made payment arrangements. Students must have made payment arrangements prior to this date in order to avoid additional fees.

**November 24, Tuesday**

Thanksgiving vacation begins at 10:00 p.m.

**November 30, Monday**

Classes resume, 8:00 a.m.

**December 4, Friday**

Last day of classes.

**December 7-11, Monday-Friday** Final examinations.

**December 11, Friday**

Graduate Commencement, 6:00 pm, White Auditorium.

**December 12, Saturday**

Undergraduate Commencement, 9:30 am, White Auditorium

Residence Halls close for Fall 2026 semester (12:00 Noon)

**December 15, Tuesday**

Final grades are due.

**December 20, Sunday**

**Additional \$50 late fee** charged to all students who have an account balance of \$100 or more and have not made payment arrangements. All accounts not paid in full are considered past due.

## FINAL EXAMINATION SCHEDULE

The first day that a class regularly meets determines the final exam block. [Example: For a class that regularly meets MT, MW, MWF, MTWR, MTWRF, WRF, WF, M only, W only, F only, etc., the student will check the "MWF" blocks. For a class that regularly meets TR, TWR, TWRF, T only, R only, RF, etc., the student will check the "TR" blocks.]

The time within each block on the final exam schedule is determined by dropping the minutes off the regular class time. [Example: For a class that regularly begins at 9:15, 9:30, or 9:45 on Wed., the student will check the 9:00 MWF block.]

After it has been determined which block fits a specific class, the student will check the far left column to determine the time of the examination and the top of the schedule to determine the day the examination will be given. Examples: The examination time for a 9:30 TR class would be 10:10-12:00 on T h u r s d a y, Dec. 10th. The examination for a 1:00 MWF class would be 1:00-2:50 on Thursday, Dec. 10th. The examination for an 11:30 Thursday class would be 8:00-9:50 on Friday, Dec. 11th.

| Fall 2026<br>Exam days-<br>across<br><br>Exam<br>times-down | Day 1<br><br>Mon.<br>Dec 7 | Day 2<br><br>Tues.<br>Dec 8 | Day 3<br><br>Wed.<br>Dec 9 | Day 4<br><br>Thurs.<br>Dec 10 | Day 5<br><br>Fri.<br>Dec 11 |
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| 8:00-9:50                                                   | 10:00<br>TR                | 12:00<br>MWF                | 8:00<br>TR                 | 12:00<br>TR                   | 11:00<br>TR                 |
| 10:10-12:00                                                 | 9:00<br>MWF                | 11:00<br>MWF                | 10:00<br>MWF               | 9:00<br>TR                    | 8:00<br>MWF                 |
| 1:00-2:50                                                   | 2:00<br>MWF                | 3:00<br>MWF                 | 1:00<br>TR                 | 1:00<br>MWF                   |                             |
| 3:10-5:00                                                   | 2:00<br>TR                 | 4:00<br>MWF                 | 4:00<br>TR                 | 3:00<br>TR                    |                             |
| 7:00-9:00                                                   | Special<br>Exam<br>#1      | Special<br>Exam<br>#2       | Special<br>Exam<br>#3      | Special<br>Exam<br>#4         | --                          |