

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

The University provides a year round instructional program consisting of fall and spring semesters and a summer session. WKU also offers a winter session, three 5-week sessions in spring, summer and fall terms, and bi-term courses during the fall and spring semesters. The academic year at WKU is divided into two semesters consisting of sixteen weeks, a thirteen-week summer session, and a three-week winter session. The opening and closing dates are listed below.

Fall Semester 2025

Classes Begin (Full-Term, 1st Bi-Term, 5-Week Session 1)	Monday, August 18
Labor Day (University closed)	Monday, September 1
5-Week Session 1 Ends	Friday, September 19
5-Week Session 2 Begins	Monday, September 22
Fall Break (University closed)	Monday-Tuesday, October 6-7
1st Bi-Term Finals	Thursday-Friday, October 9-10
2nd Bi-Term Begins	Monday, October 13
5-Week Session 2 Ends	Friday, October 24
5-Week Session 3 Begins	Monday, October 27
Thanksgiving Holiday (University closed)	Wednesday-Friday, November 26-28
5-Week Session 3 Ends	Thursday, December 4
Reading Day*	Thursday, December 4
Final Examinations	Friday, December 5 and Monday-Thursday, December 8-11
2nd Bi-Term Finals	Friday, December 5 and Monday, December 8
College Recognition Ceremonies	Friday, December 12
Final Grades Due (noon)	Tuesday, December 16

* **Reading Day** at WKU is a designated day (or series of days) set aside during the academic semester, typically before final exams, to allow students to prepare for their exams or complete assignments without having regular classes or lectures. It is meant to give students time to review course materials, study, and catch up on work, providing a break from the usual academic schedule. During these days, there are no classes, instructors cannot assign due dates, and there are no exams.

Winter Term 2026

3-Week and 5-Week Sessions Begin	Monday, December 15
Winter Break (University closed- Winter Session Classes in Session)	December 17-January 2
3-Week Classes End	Saturday, January 3
2-Week Classes Begin	Monday, January 5
2-Week and 5-Week Classes End	Saturday, January 17
Martin Luther King Jr. Day (University closed)	Monday, January 19
Final Grades Due (noon)	Tuesday, January 20

* 3-week and 5-week sessions utilize weekends to meet instructional minutes.

Spring Semester 2026

Classes Begin (Full-Term, 1st Bi-Term, 5-Week Session 1)	Tuesday, January 20
5-Week Session 1 Ends	Friday, February 20
5-Week Session 2 Begins	Monday, February 23
1st Bi-Term Finals	Thursday-Friday, March 5-6
2nd Bi-Term Begins	Monday, March 9
Spring Break	Monday-Friday, March 16-20 (University closed Wednesday-Friday, March 18-20)
5-Week Session 2 Ends	Friday, April 3
5-Week Session 3 Begins	Monday, April 6
2nd Bi-Term Finals	Thursday-Friday, April 30-May 1
Final Examinations	Monday-Thursday, May 4-7
5 Week Session 3 Ends	Thursday, May 7
Commencement	Thursday, May 7
College Recognition Ceremonies	Friday, May 8
Final Grades Due (noon)	Tuesday, May 12

Summer Term 2026

Classes Begin	Monday, May 11
Memorial Day (University closed)	Monday, May 25
Juneteenth Holiday (University closed)	Friday, June 19
Independence Day (University closed)	Friday, July 3
Summer Term Ends	Friday, August 7