Academic Calendar
Guidelines and Advice

Academic Calendar and Regular Coursework

The academic year is divided into two 15-week semesters (fall and spring) in accordance with our accrediting body, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC). SACSCOC requires each course to assign approximately twelve hours of work per week for each of the 15 weeks. The fifteenth week is the assessment period.

Special programs (i.e. study abroad or summer contract courses) are held over the summer.

All work, except that which is part of the final assessment, shall be due no later than the end of the last official class hour, the day before Reading and Reflection Day.

Final Assessments and Examinations

Prior to the assessment period, there is a Reading and Reflection Day designed to provide time for students to reflect upon and consolidate their learning. There should be no for-credit assessment, exercise, or activity (e.g., juries, thesis defenses, oral exams) on Reading and Reflection Day(s), unless requested by the student and approved by the instructor.

Apart from the exceptions noted above, examinations and final assessments are to be given only during the assessment period, which must have either a single major assessment (such as an oral final examination, a written examination, a paper, research project, a performance or showing of creative work); or a cohesive set of smaller assessments (such as a portfolio of the semester’s work, self-reflections on learning, or revisions of previous assignments).

The due date for any final assessment must be the final day of the assessment period unless it is a scheduled assessment, such as a performance, presentation, or oral exam. The instructor of the course may authorize a student to postpone an assessment for a valid reason, such as a serious health, family, or personal problem arising late in the semester in accordance with the Incomplete Policy.
REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

DAVIDSON COLLEGE
Academic Calendar 2023-24

FALL SEMESTER 2023

August 1 (7:00 am) – 11 (5:00pm)

August 24 – 27
August 25 (7:00 am until midnight)
August 26 (7:00 am)

August 28 (Mon., 8:05 am)
August 28 (7:00 am for new students) – Sep 1 (5:00pm)

September 1
September 1 (5:01pm) – September 8 (5:00pm)

September 8

September 25 – October 6

October 9-10
October 11
October 11 – October 31

October 11 opens 7:00 am – October 31 at 5:00pm
October 31 5:00pm
November 1
November 2 by 5:00pm
November 6 7:00 am – November 10 5:00pm
November 10 5:00pm
November 15
November 21 (Tues., 4:20 pm)
November 27 (Mon., 8:05 am)
December 7

December 8
December 8

December 11 - 15

January 3, 2023 (Wed., 10:00 am)

Preliminary Due: January 26 Final Due: February 2

Banner Self-Service Add/Drop for Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors
Orientation
Banner Self-Service Add/Drop for New Students only
Banner Self-Service Add/Drop Re-Opens for Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors
Classes Begin
Add/Drop Week 1 available to all students on Banner Self-Service
Deadline to Remove Summer Incompletes
Add/Drop Week 2 via Add/Drop Permission Form and $20 late fee
Professor permission required to add.
Drops not permitted after September 8.
Dept. Chairs Review Posted Spring Schedule for Changes
Department Chairs Review Major Requirements in Degree Works for Senior Majors
Fall Break
Faculty textbook information due to bookstore
Student-Adviser Conferences
Seniors should check Degree Works to make sure they are on track to graduate.

Students Submit Course Preferences on WebTree
WebTree closes
December Finisher Application Due
Student Schedules Available on Banner Self-Service
Banner Self-Service Add/Drop
Add/Drop Ends
Pre-Authorization to Transfer Credit Form Due for Spring Thanksgiving break begins
Classes resume
Fall semester classes end
Last day to petition for an individual class withdrawal or to initiate a Personal Leave
Reading and Reflection Day
Request to Department Chairs for Fall 2024 and Spring 2025 Class Schedules
Final Assessment Period
Exam Center (pickup at 8:40am and 1:40pm):

- Monday, December 11th
- Wednesday, December 13th
- Friday, December 15th

Fall Semester Grades Due
Fall 2024 and Spring 2025 Course Schedules Due

Updated: May 16, 2023
SPRING SEMESTER 2024

January 3 (opens 7:00 am)
January 3 (Wed. 10:00am)
January 16 (Tue., 8:15 am)
January 16 (7:00 am) – 19 (5:00 pm)
January 19 (5:01 pm) – 26 (5:00 pm)

January 19
Preliminary Due: January 26 Final Due: February 2
March 4 – 8
March 13
March 13 – April 2
March 13 (opens 7:00 am) – April 2 (closes 5:00 pm)
March 15 (Fri., 5:00 pm)
March 29
April 11 11:15 am
April 30 (Tue.)

May 1 5:00pm

May 1

May 2
May 3 – May 6
May 3 – May 8
May 3 – May 8

May 8 (Wed., 10:00 am)
May 11 (Sat., 4:30 pm)
May 12 (Sun., 10:00 am)
May 14 (Tue. 10:00 am)
June 15
August 5

Banner Self-Service Add/Drop Opens
Fall Semester Grades Due
Classes Begin
Add/Drop Week 1 available to all students on Banner Self-Service
Add/Drop Week 2 via Add/Drop Permission Form and $20 late fee
Professor permission required to add.
Deadline to Remove Fall Incompletes
Fall 2024 and Spring 2025 Course Schedules Due
Spring Break
Faculty Textbook Information Due to Bookstore
Student-Adviser Conferences
Students Submit Course Preferences in WebTree
Pass/Fail Forms for Seniors Due (Deadline is Final)
Break Day (no classes)
Spring Convocation (12:15pm-only classes cancelled)
Classes will follow the Friday class meeting schedule
Spring semester classes end
Last day to petition for an individual class withdrawal or to initiate a Personal Leave
Pre-Authorization Transfer Credit Form for Summer and Fall courses Due.
Verna Miller Case Research & Creative Works Symposium – No Classes
Reading and Reflection Day
Final Assessment Period – Seniors
Final Assessment Period – Non-Seniors
Exam Center (pickup at 8:40am and 1:40pm):
  ▪ Friday, May 3rd
  ▪ Saturday, May 4th
  ▪ Sunday, May 5th
  ▪ Monday, May 6th
  ▪ Wednesday, May 8th (non-seniors only)
Grades Due – Graduating Seniors
Baccalaureate Service
Commencement 2024
Grades Due – Non-Graduating Students
Deadline to Remove Spring Incompletes
Deadline for Summer Contract Course Grades