

# 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)	Banner Self-Service Add/Drop for Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors
August 24 – 27	Orientation
August 25 (7:00 am until midnight)	Banner Self-Service Add/Drop for New Students only
August 26 (7:00 am)	Banner Self-Service Add/Drop Re-Opens for Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors
August 28 (Mon., 8:05 am)	Classes Begin
August 28 (7:00 am for new students) – Sep 1 (5:00pm)	Add/Drop Week 1 available to all students on Banner Self-Service
September 1	Deadline to Remove Summer Incompletes
September 1 (5:01pm) – September 8 (5:00pm)	Add/Drop Week 2 via Add/Drop Permission Form and \$20 late fee
	Professor permission required to add.
	Drops not permitted after September 8.
September 8	Dept. Chairs Review Posted Spring Schedule for Changes
September 25 – October 6	Department Chairs Review Major Requirements in Degree Works for Senior Majors
October 9-10	Fall Break
October 11	Faculty textbook information due to bookstore
October 11 – October 31	Student-Adviser Conferences
	Seniors should check Degree Works to make sure they are on track to graduate.
October 11 opens 7:00 am – October 31 at 5:00pm	Students Submit Course Preferences on WebTree
October 31 5:00pm	WebTree closes
November 1	December Finisher Application Due
November 2 by 5:00pm	Student Schedules Available on Banner Self-Service
November 6 7:00 am – November 10 5:00pm	Banner Self-Service Add/Drop
November 10 5:00pm	Add/Drop Ends
November 15	Pre-Authorization to Transfer Credit Form Due for Spring
November 21 (Tues., 4:20 pm)	Thanksgiving break begins
November 27 (Mon., 8:05 am)	Classes resume
December 7	Last day of regularly scheduled classes
	Last day to petition for an individual class withdrawal or to initiate a Personal Leave
December 8	Reading and Reflection Day
December 8	Request to Department Chairs for Fall 2024 and Spring 2025 Class Schedules
December 11 - 15	Final Assessment Period
	Exam Center (pickup at 8:40am and 1:40pm):
	▪ Monday, December 11 <sup>th</sup>
	▪ Wednesday, December 13 <sup>th</sup>
	▪ Friday, December 15 <sup>th</sup>
December 15	Final Day of the Semester
	• The due date for any final assessment is December 15 unless it is a scheduled assessment, such as a performance, presentation, or oral exam.
January 3, 2023 (Wed., 10:00 am)	Fall Semester Grades Due
Preliminary Due: January 26 Final Due: February 2	Fall 2024 and Spring 2025 Course Schedules Due

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Academic Calendar 2023-2024****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 6

May 3 – May 8  
May 3 – May 8

May 8 (Wed., 10:00 am)  
May 8

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.  
Drops not permitted after January 26.  
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)  
Last day of regularly scheduled classes, and they will follow the Friday class meeting schedule  
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 Day of the Semester – Seniors

- The due date for any final assessment for all seniors is May 6 unless it is a scheduled assessment, such as a performance, presentation, or oral exam.

Final Assessment Period – Non-Seniors  
Exam Center (pickup at 8:40am and 1:40pm):

- Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>
- Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>
- Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>
- Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> (non-seniors only)

Grades Due – Graduating Seniors  
Final Day of the Semester – Non-Seniors

- The due date for any final assessment for all non-seniors is May 8 unless it is a scheduled assessment, such as a performance, presentation, or oral exam.

Baccalaureate Service  
Commencement 2024  
Grades Due – Non-Graduating Students  
Deadline to Remove Spring Incompletes  
Deadline for Summer Contract Course Grades