

Draft Academic Calendar 2026-2027



Full calendar, including religious observances and important dates/deadlines

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Fall Semester 2026

Official term dates: Aug. 30 to Dec. 18

President's Opening Address and faculty meetings	Wednesday, Aug. 26
Academic Convocation	Sunday, Aug. 30
Classes begin	Monday, Aug. 31
Labor Day (no classes in session)	Monday, Sept. 7
October Open House	Monday, Oct. 12
First-quarter classes end	Friday, Oct. 16
Fall break begins (8 a.m.)	Monday, Oct. 19
Classes resume (8 a.m.)	Wednesday, Oct. 21
Second-quarter classes begin	Wednesday, Oct. 21
November Open House	Wednesday, Nov. 11
Thanksgiving break begins (8 a.m.)	Wednesday, Nov. 25
Classes resume (8 a.m.)	Monday, Nov. 30
Last day for in-class examinations*	Friday, Dec. 4
Classes end	Friday, Dec. 11
Final examination period	Monday, Dec. 14, to Friday, Dec. 18

Spring Semester 2027

Official term dates: Jan. 25 to May 14

President's State of the University Address and faculty	Thursday, Jan. 21
Classes begin	Monday, Jan. 25
Third-quarter classes end	Friday, March 12
Spring break	Monday, March 15, to Friday, March 19
Classes resume (8 a.m.)	Monday, March 22
Fourth-quarter classes begin	Monday, March 22
Spring Open House	Saturday, April 3
Honors Convocation	Saturday, April 24
Last day for in-class examinations*	Friday, April 30
Classes end	Friday, May 7
Final examination period	Monday, May 10, to Friday, May 14
Graduate Commencement	Friday, May 14
Undergraduate Commencement	Saturday, May 15

Semester start dates are guided by Labor Day and Martin Luther King Jr. Day respectively. Please review the Extended Learning Office website for Summer and Winter term dates: cortland.edu/elo.

***Final exam policy:** All courses must adhere to the final examination policy published in the [SUNY Cortland Handbook, section 415.03](#).

Religious holidays: Students who miss classes, exams or work requirements because of religious beliefs shall be excused and will be provided with opportunities to make up exams or work missed because of the absence. This does not prohibit faculty from giving assignments/exams on a given day. The purpose is to allow individual students alternatives based on religious practice when they make a request.