AUGUST

T  17  Graduate School Orientation
W  18  School of Medicine – Graduate Orientation
T  24  First day of classes
T  24  Add/Drop course change period begins
M  30  Add/Drop course change period ends

SEPTEMBER

F  3   Deadline for student to provide advance written notification to instructors of intent to observe religious holidays. Reasonable accommodations for completion of work missed should be made for students observing religious holidays.

M  6   Labor Day Holiday – University closed

W  8   Degree Completion Workshop

F  10  Last day for fall degree candidates to submit graduation applications for December degrees through eServices

F  22  30th day of the fall semester
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OCTOBER

F 22  Reading day, no classes held

NOVEMBER

T 2  University closed [This is a new entry]
W 3  Spring semester advance registration begins [This is a date change]
F 5  Last day to withdraw from a course with a mark of “W” (except for courses not scheduled for the full semester)
R 11  Veterans Day – University open – Classes in Session
M 22-28  Fall Break, no classes held (University offices open Nov 22 through 12 p.m. Nov 24) [this is an entry change]
W-Sn 24-28  University Closed – University will close at 12 p.m. on Nov 24 [This is an entry change]
M 29  SOM Deadline to submit completed “Notice of Final X Examination” to School of Medicine Office of Graduate Education for Fall degree completion. All final defenses should now have been scheduled through the SOM GradTrak system.

The COVID-19 environment may necessitate changes to this calendar.
Updated: 7/28/2021
Academic Calendar
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December

F 10  Last Day of Classes – MCV Campus
F 10  Last day to hold final defense
Sa 11  December University wide commencement ceremony
M 13  Last day for grades of incomplete to be converted from spring semester or summer sessions
M 13  SOM Deadline to initiate ETD approval form
M-F 13-17  Final examinations – MCV campus
R 16  SOM Deadline for ETD Approval forms, Finalized Thesis/Dissertation upload, and completion of the Survey of Earned Doctorates
W 22  Final grades are due by noon using Faculty eServices
R-Su 23-Jan 2  University closed [This is a date change]
Sa 25  Official date for certifying December diplomas

NOTE: SOM students entering other SOM programs (M.S., Ph.D., and including M.D., and VCU D.D.S) must successfully complete their current program prior to orientation/matriculation activities for the new program for spring 2022.