Academic Calendar
Spring Semester 2021

JANUARY

F  1   University Closed
R  14  SOM – F31 NOW Workshop, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
M  18  University Closed
R  21  Orientation for spring 2021 New Graduate Students (tentative)
M  25  Classes Begin MCV campus – follow departmental schedule [This is a date change]
R  28  SOM - Degree Completion Workshop, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY

M  1   Last day to ADD a course and late registration [This is a date and entry change]
F  5   Deadline for students to provide advance written notification to instructors of intent to observe religious holidays* [This is a date change]
F  5   Last day for degree candidates to submit graduation applications for May degrees [This is a date change]
M  8   Last day to DROP a course [This is a new entry]
T  16  Summer semester advance registration begins
T  23  Reading Day, no classes held ** [This is a new entry]
T  23  30th day of the spring semester

MARCH

W  24  Reading, no classes held** [This is a new entry]
T  30  Fall semester advance registration begins

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APRIL

M 19  Deadline to submit completed “Notice of Final X Examination” to School of Medicine Office of Graduate Education for spring degree completion

MAY

M 3  Last day to hold final defense

W 5  Last day to withdraw from a course with a mark of “W” – Monroe Park campus (Except for courses not scheduled for the full semester. The withdrawal deadline for nonstandard courses is the last day of the course listed in eServices.) [This is a date and entry change]

F 7  Last day of classes – MCV campus

F 7  Last day to withdraw from a course with a mark of “W” – MCV campus (Except for courses not scheduled for the full semester. The withdrawal deadline for nonstandard courses is the last day of the course listed in eServices.) [This is a new and entry change]

Sa 8  Last day for grades of incomplete to be converted from fall semester

M-F 10-14  Final examinations – MCV campus

R-Sn 13-16  May School and Departmental commencement ceremonies

R 13  SOM Deadline for ETD Approval forms, ETD uploads and Survey of Earned Doctorates

F 14  (tentative) SOM Advanced Degree Recognition Ceremony

F 14  Graduate Associate Dean’s approval signature on completion of graduate thesis/dissertation for May degree candidates

Sa 15  May universitywide commencement ceremony

T 18  Final grades are due by noon using Faculty eServices

Sa 22  Official date for certifying May diplomas

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NOTE: SOM students entering other SOM programs (M.S., Ph.D., and including M.D., and VCU D.D.S.) programs must successfully complete their current program prior to orientation/matriculation activities for the new program for summer or fall 2021.

* Reasonable accommodations for completion of work missed should be made for students observing religious holidays.

** No classes or exams are held on a reading day except in instances where a student is involved in clinical and field placements, practica, co-ops, internships and other work-related experiential learning activities. Students are encouraged to use reading days for relaxation, study and/or review of class materials. Faculty may not give an examination or an assignment on a reading day.