

**SOM Academic Calendar
Fall 2023**

AUGUST

T	15	VCU Graduate School Orientation https://vcu.campusgroups.com/GradSchool/rsvp_boot?id=1928415
W	16	Global Education Office (GEO) Orientation https://global.vcu.edu/students/started/
R	17	School of Medicine – Graduate Programs Orientation
T	22	First day of classes
T	22	Add/Drop course change period begins
W	23	F31 NOW / F30 Workshop – tentative date. Check email for updates.
M	28	Add/Drop course change period ends

SEPTEMBER

F	1	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 ³ .
M	4	Labor Day Holiday – University closed
F	8	Last day for fall degree candidates to submit graduation applications for December degrees through eServices
W	20	30 th calendar day of the fall semester

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OCTOBER

F	28	Last day to withdraw from a course with a mark of “W” (except for courses not scheduled for the full semester – see course syllabus for deadline). [This is a date change]
T	31	Spring semester advance registration begins

NOVEMBER

T	7	University closed [This is a new entry]
Sa	11	Veterans Day – University open – Classes in Session
M – Sn	20 – 26	Fall Break, no classes held (University offices open Nov 20 through 12 p.m. Nov 22)
W – Sn	22 – 26	University Closed – University will close at 12 p.m. on Nov 22 [This is an entry change]
M	27	MS and PhD deadline for input of student’s approved defense schedule into SOM GradTrak system

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DECEMBER

F	8	Last Day of Classes – MCV Campus
F	8	Last day to hold MS and PhD final defenses. (no final defenses scheduled during 11-15 December)
Sa	9	December university wide commencement ceremony https://www.commencement.vcu.edu
M	11	Last day for grades of incomplete to be converted from spring semester or summer sessions
M	11	SOM Deadline to initiate ETD approval form. <i>Do not follow other deadlines.</i>
M – F	11 - 15	Final examinations – MCV campus
R	14	SOM Deadline for completed ETD Approval forms, ETD upload to VCU Scholars Compass, and completion of Survey of Earned Doctorates (PhD). <i>Do not follow other deadlines.</i>
W	20	Final grades are due by noon using Faculty eServices
Sa	23	Official date for certifying December diplomas
Sn – M	24 - Jan 1	University closed

NOTES:

1. Unanticipated events might necessitate changes to the calendar.
2. 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 starting the new program.
3. Reasonable accommodations for completion of work missed should be made for students observing religious holidays.