

SOM Academic Calendar

Fall 2024

August

W	14	VCU Graduate Student Orientation https://graduate.vcu.edu/current-students/newly-admitted-students/
W	14	International Student Orientation https://global.vcu.edu/students/started/iso/
R	15	School of Medicine – Graduate Programs Orientation
T	20	First day of Classes
T – M	20 – 26	Add/Drop course change period begins
M	26	DEADLINE: Add/Drop course change period ends
T	27	F30/F31 Predoctoral Fellowship Grants Workshop
F	30	DEADLINE: students to provide advance written notification to instructors of intent to observe religious holidays ³

September

M	2	Holiday – University Closed
F	6	DEADLINE: fall CERT, M.S. and Ph.D. degree candidates to submit graduation applications for December degrees through eServices
T	10	NIH Predoctoral to Postdoctoral Fellow Transition Award (F99/K00) information session
W	18	30 th calendar day of the fall semester

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October

F	25	DEADLINE: Last day to withdraw from a course with a mark of "W" (Exception: students in courses not scheduled for the full semester should review the course syllabus for appropriate withdrawal deadline)
T	29	Spring semester advance registration begins

NOVEMBER

T	5	University closed [This is a new entry]
M	11	Veterans Day - University open - Classes in Session
M	18	DEADLINE: MS and PhD deadline for input of approved defense schedule into SOM GradTrak [NEW ENTRY]
W – Sn	27 – Dec 1	University Closed - University will close at 12 p.m. on Nov 27

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December

M	2	DEADLINE: M.S. and Ph.D. students to defend thesis/dissertation to graduate Fall 2024. Individual graduate programs may have additional schedules and deadlines [UPDATED ENTRY]
F	6	Last Day of Classes - MCV Campus
M	9	Last day for grades of Incomplete to be converted from spring or summer semesters
M	9	DEADLINE: M.S. and Ph.D. students to initiate ETD approval form. BEGIN ETD APPROVAL FORM WEEK.
M - F	9 – 13	Final Examinations – MCV Campus
R	12	DEADLINE: SOM M.S. and Ph.D. students to have completed: ETD Approval forms, ETD upload to VCU Scholars Compass, and completion of Survey of Earned Doctorates (Ph.D.) END ETD APPROVAL FORM WEEK.
Sa	14	December university wide commencement ceremony. https://www.commencement.vcu.edu
R	19	Final grades are due by noon using faculty eServices
Sa	21	Official date for certifying December diplomas
M – W	23 – Jan 1	University Closed
T	Jan 2	Graduation final freeze audit due (date pending)

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.

UPDATED: 13 September 2024