

**School of Medicine  
Office of Graduate Education  
Academic Calendar  
Spring 2025**

**January**

R	2	University Opens
R	9	F30/31 Predoctoral Fellowship Grants Workshop
M	13	First day of classes
M-Sn	13-19	Add/Drop course change period begins
Sn	19	<b>DEADLINE:</b> Add/Drop course change period ends
M	20	University Closed
F	24	<b>DEADLINE:</b> Spring CERT, M.S., and Ph.D. degree candidates to submit graduation applications for May degrees through eServices
F	24	<b>DEADLINE:</b> Students to provide advance written notification to instructors of intent to observe religious holidays <sup>3</sup>

**February**

T	11	Summer semester 2025 Advance Registration begins
T	11	30 <sup>th</sup> calendar day of semester
F	21	DegreeWorks – Preliminary Freeze audits due (anticipated)

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**March**

<b>Su – Su</b>	<b>9 - 16</b>	Spring Break - from classes only. University is open
<b>T</b>	<b>25</b>	Fall semester 2025 Advance Registration begins
<b>F</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>DEADLINE:</b> 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)

**April**

<b>M</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>DEADLINE:</b> M.S. and Ph.D. deadline for input of approved defense schedule into SOM GradTrak [NEW ENTRY]
<b>F</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>DEADLINE:</b> M.S. and Ph.D. students to defend thesis/dissertation to graduate Spring 2025. Individual graduate programs may have additional schedules and deadlines [NEW ENTRY]

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**MAY**

<b>F</b>	<b>2</b>	Last day of classes—MCV Campus
<b>Sa</b>	<b>3</b>	Last day for Fall semester grades of Incomplete to be converted to final grade
<b>M</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>DEADLINE:</b> M.S and Ph.D. student to have initiated ETD approval form; BEGIN ETD APPROVAL FORM WEEK
<b>M - F</b>	<b>5 - 9</b>	<b>Final examinations—MCV Campus</b>
<b>R</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>DEADLINE:</b> SOM M.S. and Ph.D. students to have completed: ETD Approval forms, Finalized and Approved Thesis upload to VCU Scholars Compass, and completion of Survey of Earned Doctorates (Ph.D.) END ETD APPROVAL FORM WEEK
<b>F</b>	<b>9</b>	SOM Advanced Degree Recognition Ceremony <a href="https://medschool.vcu.edu/education/graduate/recognition-ceremony/">https://medschool.vcu.edu/education/graduate/recognition-ceremony/</a>
<b>Sa</b>	<b>10</b>	May university-wide commencement ceremony <a href="https://commencement.vcu.edu/">https://commencement.vcu.edu/</a>
<b>T</b>	<b>13</b>	Final grades are due by noon using Faculty eServices
<b>Sa</b>	<b>17</b>	Official date for certifying May diplomas
<b>M</b>	<b>19</b>	Summer session start

**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.