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JANUARY

F	2	University closed [this is a begin date change] F30/31 Predoctoral Fellowship Grants Workshop (TBA)
M	12	First day of classes
M-F	12-16	(!) IMPORTANT (!) DEADLINE CHANGED Add/Drop course change period begins
F	16	(!) IMPORTANT (!) DEADLINE CHANGED DEADLINE: Add/Drop course change period ends
M	19	University Closed
F	23	DEADLINE: CERTIFICATE, M.S., and Ph.D. degree candidates to submit graduation applications for May degrees through eServices
F	23	DEADLINE: Students to provide advance written notification to instructors of intent to observe religious holidays ³

FEBRUARY

T	10	Summer semester Advance Registration begins
T	10	30 th calendar day of semester
F	20	DegreeWorks – Preliminary Freeze audits due (anticipated)

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MARCH

Su – Su	8-15	Spring Break - from classes only. University is open
T	24	Fall semester Advance Registration begins

APRIL

F	3	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)
M	13	DEADLINE: M.S. and Ph.D. deadline for input of approved defense schedule into SOM GradTrak
F	24	DEADLINE: M.S. and Ph.D. students to defend thesis/dissertation to graduate Spring 2026. Individual graduate programs may have additional schedules and deadlines.

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MAY

F	1	Last day of classes—MCV Campus
Sa	2	Last day for grades of incomplete to be converted from fall semester
M	4	DEADLINE: M.S and Ph.D. student to have initiated ETD approval form; BEGIN ETD APPROVAL FORM WEEK
M - F	4 - 8	Final examinations—MCV Campus
R	7	DEADLINE: 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
F	8	SOM Advanced Degree Recognition Ceremony
Sa	9	May university-wide commencement ceremony https://commencement.vcu.edu/
T	12	Final grades are due by noon using Faculty eServices
Sa	16	Official date for certifying May diplomas
M	18	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.