

**School of Medicine
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Spring 2027**

JANUARY

M – F	Dec 21 – Jan 1	University closed SOM New Student Orientation: Contact your program director for specific schedule
M	18	University closed
T	19	DEADLINE: Spring 2027 Classes begin
TBA	TBA	F30/31 Predoctoral Fellowship Grants Workshop
T - M	19 – 25	DEADLINE: Add/drop schedule change period begins
M	25	DEADLINE: Add/drop schedule change period ends
F	29	DEADLINE: SPRING M.S., Ph. D and Certificate degree candidates to submit graduation applications for May degrees through eServices

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FEBRUARY

T	16	DEADLINE: Summer semester advance registration begins. Certificate, M.S and Ph. D. students should register for summer semester at this time.
W	17	30 th calendar day of semester
F	19 (Date approximate)	DEADLINE: Program Directors – DegreeWorks Preliminary Freeze Audits are due for graduating students

MARCH

Sn – Sn	7 – 14	DEADLINE: Spring Break
T	30	DEADLINE: Fall semester advance registration begins

APRIL

F	9	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)
F	16	DEADLINE: M.S. and Ph.D. deadline for registration of approved defense schedule into SOM GradTrak.
F	30	DEADLINE: Last day to defend thesis/dissertation for graduate students planning to graduate Spring 2027. Check with the graduate program director regarding internal schedules for submission of copy and school/college dean approval.

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MAY

F	7	Last day of classes – MCV Campus
Sa	8	DEADLINE: Last day for grades of Incomplete to be converted from fall semester
M	10	DEADLINE: M.S. and Ph.D. students to have initiated the ETD approval form. BEGIN ETD APPROVAL FORM WEEK
M-F	10 – 14	Final examinations – MCV Campus
R	13	DEADLINE: SOM M.S. and Ph.D. graduating students to have completed: (1) ETD approval form; (2) finalized and approved thesis upload to VCU Scholars Compass, and (3) completion of Survey of Earned Doctorates (SED). END ETD APPROVAL FORM WEEK.
F	14 - Morning	SOM Advanced Degree Recognition Ceremony
Sa	15	May university-wide commencement ceremony https://commencement.vcu.edu/
T	18	Final grades are due by noon using Faculty eServices
Sa	22	Official date for certifying May diplomas
M	24	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 VCU M.D. and D.D.S. programs) must successfully complete the current program prior to starting the new program.