

2025-2026 Academic Year

Fall Semester 2025

Classes Begin (Full-Term, 1 st Bi-Term, 5-Week Session 1)	Monday, August 18
Labor Day (University closed)	Monday, September 1
5-week Session 1 Ends	Friday, September 19
5-week Session 2 Begins	Monday, September 22
Fall Break (University closed)	Monday – Tuesday, October 6-7
1 st Bi-Term Finals	Thursday – Friday, October 9-10
2 nd Bi-Term Begins	Monday, October 13
5-week Session 2 Ends	Friday, October 24
5-week Session 3 Begins	Monday, October 27
Thanksgiving Holiday (University closed)	Wednesday – Friday, November 26-28
Final Day of Class (Full-term, 2 nd Bi-term)	Wednesday, December 3
5-week Session 3 Ends	Thursday, December 4
Reading Day*	Thursday, December 4
Final Examinations	Friday, December 5 and Monday -Thursday, December 8-11 (2 nd Bi-term Finals Dec. 5&8)
College Recognition Ceremonies	Friday, December 12
Final Grades Due	Tuesday, December 16

** **Reading Day** at WKU is a designated day (or series of days) set aside during the academic semester, typically before final exams, to allow students to prepare for their exams or complete assignments without having regular classes or lectures. It is meant to give students time to review course materials, study, and catch up on work, providing a break from the usual academic schedule. During these days, there are no classes, instructors cannot assign due dates, and there are no exams.

Winter Session 2026

3-week and 5-week Sessions Begin	Monday, December 15
Winter Break (University Closed - Winter Session Classes in Session)	December 17 – January 2
3-Week Classes End	Saturday, January 3
2-Week Classes Begin	Monday, January 5
2-Week and 5-Week Classes End	Saturday, January 17
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (University closed)	Monday, January 19
Final Grades Due	Tuesday, January 20

*3-week and 5-week sessions utilize weekends to meet instructional minutes.

Spring Semester 2026

Classes Begin (Full-Term, 1 st Bi-Term, 5-Week Session 1)	Tuesday, January 20
5-week Session 1 Ends	Friday, February 20
5-week Session 2 Begins	Monday, February 23
1 st Bi-Term Finals	Thursday-Friday, March 5-6
2 nd Bi-Term Begins	Monday, March 9
Spring Break (University closed Wednesday-Friday)	Monday-Friday, March 16-20
5-week Session 2 Ends	Friday, April 3

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5-week Session 3 Begins	Monday, April 6
2 nd Bi-Term Finals	Thursday-Friday April 30-May 1
Final Examinations	Monday-Thursday, May 4-7
5-week Session 3 Ends	Thursday, May 7
Commencement	Thursday, May 7
College Recognition Ceremonies	Friday, May 8
Final Grades Due	Tuesday, May 12

Summer Session 2026

Classes Begin	Monday, May 11
Memorial Day (University closed)	Monday, May 25
Juneteenth Holiday (University closed)	Friday, June 19
Independence Day observed (University closed)	Friday, July 3
Summer Term Ends	Friday, August 7