

Academic Calendar

Guidelines and Advice

Academic Calendar and Regular Coursework

The academic year is divided into **two 15-week semesters** (fall and spring) in accordance with our accrediting body, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC). SACSCOC requires each course to assign approximately twelve hours of work per week for each of the 15 weeks. The fifteenth week is the assessment period.

Special programs (i.e. study abroad or summer contract courses) are held over the summer.

All work, except that which is part of the final assessment, shall be due no later than the end of the last official class hour, the day before Reading and Reflection Day.

Final Assessments and Examinations

Prior to the assessment period, there is a **Reading and Reflection Day** designed to provide time for students to reflect upon and consolidate their learning. There should be no for-credit assessment, exercise, or activity (e.g., juries, thesis defenses, oral exams) on Reading and Reflection Day(s), unless requested by the student and approved by the instructor.

Apart from the exceptions noted above, examinations and final assessments are to be given only during the **assessment period**, which must have either a single major assessment (such as an oral final examination, a written examination, a paper, research project, a performance or showing of creative work); or a cohesive set of smaller assessments (such as a portfolio of the semester's work, self-reflections on learning, or revisions of previous assignments).

The due date for any final assessment must be the final day of the assessment period unless it is a scheduled assessment, such as a performance, presentation, or oral exam. The instructor of the course may authorize a student to postpone an assessment for a valid reason, such as a serious health, family, or personal problem arising late in the semester in accordance with the [Incomplete Policy](#).

REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

**DAVIDSON COLLEGE
Academic Calendar 2023-24**

FALL SEMESTER 2023

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| August 1 (7:00 am) – 11 (5:00pm) | Banner Self-Service Add/Drop for Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors |
| August 24 – 27 | Orientation |
| August 25 (7:00 am until midnight) | Banner Self-Service Add/Drop for New Students only |
| August 26 (7:00 am) | Banner Self-Service Add/Drop Re-Opens for Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors |
| August 28 (Mon., 8:05 am) | Classes Begin |
| August 28 (7:00 am for new students) – Sep 1 (5:00pm) | Add/Drop Week 1 available to all students on Banner Self-Service |
| September 1 | Deadline to Remove Summer Incompletes |
| September 1 (5:01pm) – September 8 (5:00pm) | Add/Drop Week 2 via Add/Drop Permission Form and \$20 late fee Professor permission required to add. Drops not permitted after September 8. |
| September 8 | Dept. Chairs Review Posted Spring Schedule for Changes |
| September 25 – October 6 | Department Chairs Review Major Requirements in Degree Works for Senior Majors |
| October 9-10 | Fall Break |
| October 11 | Faculty textbook information due to bookstore |
| October 11 – October 31 | Student-Adviser Conferences Seniors should check Degree Works to make sure they are on track to graduate. |
| October 11 opens 7:00 am – October 31 at 5:00pm | Students Submit Course Preferences on WebTree |
| October 31 5:00pm | WebTree closes |
| November 1 | December Finisher Application Due |
| November 2 by 5:00pm | Student Schedules Available on Banner Self-Service |
| November 6 7:00 am – November 10 5:00pm | Banner Self-Service Add/Drop |
| November 10 5:00pm | Add/Drop Ends |
| November 15 | Pre-Authorization to Transfer Credit Form Due for Spring |
| November 21 (Tues., 4:20 pm) | Thanksgiving break begins |
| November 27 (Mon., 8:05 am) | Classes resume |
| December 7 | Fall semester classes end |
| December 8 | Last day to petition for an individual class withdrawal or to initiate a Personal Leave |
| December 8 | Reading and Reflection Day |
| December 11 - 15 | Request to Department Chairs for Fall 2024 and Spring 2025 Class Schedules |
| January 3, 2023 (Wed., 10:00 am) | Final Assessment Period |
| Preliminary Due: January 26 Final Due: February 2 | Exam Center (pickup at 8:40am and 1:40pm): <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Monday, December 11th▪ Wednesday, December 13th▪ Friday, December 15th Fall Semester Grades Due Fall 2024 and Spring 2025 Course Schedules Due |

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SPRING SEMESTER 2024

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| January 3 (opens 7:00 am) | Banner Self-Service Add/Drop Opens |
| January 3 (Wed. 10:00am) | Fall Semester Grades Due |
| January 16 (Tue., 8:15 am) | Classes Begin |
| January 16 (7:00 am) – 19 (5:00 pm) | Add/Drop Week 1 available to all students on Banner Self-Service |
| January 19 (5:01 pm) – 26 (5:00 pm) | Add/Drop Week 2 via Add/Drop Permission Form and \$20 late fee Professor permission required to add. Drops not permitted after January 26. |
| January 19 | Deadline to Remove Fall Incompletes |
| Preliminary Due: January 26 Final Due: February 2 | Fall 2024 and Spring 2025 Course Schedules Due |
| March 4 – 8 | Spring Break |
| March 13 | Faculty Textbook Information Due to Bookstore |
| March 13 – April 2 | Student-Adviser Conferences |
| March 13 (opens 7:00 am) – April 2 (closes 5:00 pm) | Students Submit Course Preferences in WebTree |
| March 15 (Fri., 5:00 pm) | Pass/Fail Forms for Seniors Due (Deadline is Final) |
| March 29 | Break Day (no classes) |
| April 11 11:15 am | Spring Convocation (12:15pm-only classes cancelled) |
| April 30 (Tue.) | Classes will follow the Friday class meeting schedule Spring semester classes end Last day to petition for an individual class withdrawal or to initiate a Personal Leave |
| May 1 5:00pm | Pre-Authorization Transfer Credit Form for Summer and Fall courses Due. |
| May 1 | Verna Miller Case Research & Creative Works Symposium – No Classes |
| May 2 | Reading and Reflection Day |
| May 3 – May 6 | Final Assessment Period – Seniors |
| May 3 – May 8 | Final Assessment Period – Non-Seniors |
| May 3 – May 8 | Exam Center (pickup at 8:40am and 1:40pm): <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Friday, May 3rd▪ Saturday, May 4th▪ Sunday, May 5th▪ Monday, May 6th▪ Wednesday, May 8th (non-seniors only) |
| May 8 (Wed., 10:00 am) | Grades Due – Graduating Seniors |
| May 11 (Sat., 4:30 pm) | Baccalaureate Service |
| May 12 (Sun., 10:00 am) | Commencement 2024 |
| May 14 (Tue. 10:00 am) | Grades Due – Non-Graduating Students |
| June 15 | Deadline to Remove Spring Incompletes |
| August 5 | Deadline for Summer Contract Course Grades |