

Open University Dates to Remember - Spring 2026

January 16	Instruction and registration begin.
January 19	Martin Luther King Jr Day—CAMPUS CLOSED
January 30	LAST DAY to drop and be eligible for a full refund (10th day of Instruction)
January 31–February 12	65% refund available for drops during these dates. No refunds are granted after February 12, 2026.
February 12	Last day to drop classes online (hard copy Schedule Change form required to drop classes after this date LAST DAY TO DROP WITHOUT A 'W' GRADE on the student's transcript (Drops after this date must have a serious and compelling reason and will have a grade of 'W' listed on the transcript). No refunds granted after this date.
February 13	All drops will show a 'W' grade on the student's transcript CENSUS DATE LAST DAY TO: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Add a class• Change grading option to/from CR/NC on courses with a mixed grading basis• Change from credit to audit or audit to credit grading• Application period ends for BACCALAUREATE Degree ends to be granted in May 2026
February 13 – April 9	Serious and Compelling Drop/Withdrawal Period. All drops/withdrawals must be for a serious and compelling reason which makes it impossible for the student to complete course requirements. Student must provide written documentation that substantiates the condition. The reason must be acceptable to and verified by the instructor(s) of record and the department chair(s) who must both sign the form. Once the form is filled out and appropriate signatures obtained, submit form and documentation to Continuing and Global Education.
February 16	Presidents' Day—CAMPUS CLOSED.
March 30 - April 3	SPRING BREAK—NO CLASSES; OFFICES OPEN.
March 31	Cesar Chavez Day—CAMPUS CLOSED.
April 9	Last day to drop classes for a serious and compelling reason (no refunds allowed). Only complete withdrawal from all classes, for circumstances beyond the student's control, may be permitted after this date.
April 10–May 6	Last three weeks of semester. Drops/withdrawals are NOT permitted except in cases such as accident or serious illness where the cause of the withdrawal is due to circumstances clearly beyond the student's control and the assignment of an Incomplete is not practical. Student must provide written documentation and obtain approval signatures from each instructor and department chair, AND the Dean of Undergraduate/Graduate Studies. Once the form is filled out and appropriate signatures obtained, submit form and documentation to Continuing and Global Education.
May 6	LAST DAY OF INSTRUCTION. LAST DAY TO <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drop/withdraw for circumstances clearly beyond student's control. Instructor, department chair and Dean of Undergraduate/Graduate Studies signatures required.
May 7 - 8	Final Exam Preparation & Faculty Consultation Days
May 11 - 14	SEMESTER FINAL EXAMINATIONS.
May 22	Spring 2026 SEMESTER ENDS
May 25	Memorial Day—CAMPUS CLOSED
May 26	Spring 2026 grades due from faculty