

Open University Dates to Remember - Fall 2026

August 24	Instruction and registration begin.
September 4	10th Day of Instruction LAST DAY to drop and be eligible for a full refund.
September 7	Labor Day—CAMPUS CLOSED
September 5 - 18	65% refund available for drops during these dates. No refunds are granted after September 18, 2026.
September 18	LAST DAY TO: - Drop/Withdraw online without permission. Hard copy drop form must be submitted to the Continuing and Global Education office after this date. - Drop a course without "W" grade on student's transcript (Drops after this date must have a serious and compelling reason and will have a grade of "W" listed on student's transcript). Drop a course and be eligible for a 65% refund. Only classes meeting for the full semester is eligible for a 65% refund. No refunds granted after this date.
September 21	CENSUS DATE LAST DAY TO: - Add a class - Change to/from CR/NC grading - Change from credit to audit or audit to credit registration
September 22 - November 12	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.
November 11	Veterans Day—CAMPUS CLOSED.
November 12	LAST DAY TO drop classes for a serious and compelling reason (no refunds allowed). Only complete withdrawal from all classes, for circumstances beyond student's control, may be permitted after this date.
November 13 - December 9	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.
November 23 - 27	Thanksgiving Recess—No Classes
November 26 - 27	Thanksgiving Recess—CAMPUS CLOSED
December 9	LAST DAY OF INSTRUCTION. LAST DAY TO Drop/withdraw for circumstances clearly beyond student's control. Instructor, department chair and Dean of Undergraduate/Graduate Studies signatures required.
December 10 - 11	Final Exam Preparation & Faculty Consultation Days
December 14 - 17	SEMESTER FINAL EXAMINATIONS.
December 22	Fall 2026 SEMESTER ENDS
December 24, 2026 - January 1, 2027	Winter Break—CAMPUS CLOSED
January 4, 2027	Fall 2026 grades due from faculty