

Draft Academic Calendar 2028-2029



Full calendar, including religious observances and important dates/deadlines

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Fall Semester 2028

Official term dates: Aug. 28 to Dec. 15

President's Opening Address and faculty meetings	Wednesday, Aug. 23
Academic Convocation	Sunday, Aug. 27
Classes begin	Monday, Aug. 28
Labor Day (no classes in session)	Monday, Sept. 4
October Open House	Monday, Oct. 9
First-quarter classes end	Friday, Oct. 13
Fall break begins (8 a.m.)	Monday, Oct. 16
Classes resume (8 a.m.)	Wednesday, Oct. 18
Second-quarter classes begin	Wednesday, Oct. 18
November Open House	Friday, Nov. 10
Thanksgiving break begins (8 a.m.)	Wednesday, Nov. 22
Classes resume (8 a.m.)	Monday, Nov. 27
Last day for in-class examinations*	Friday, Dec. 1
Classes end	Friday, Dec. 8
Final examination period	Monday, Dec. 11, to Friday, Dec. 15

Spring Semester 2029

Official term dates: Jan. 22 to May 11

President's State of the University Address and faculty meetings	Thursday, Jan. 18
Classes begin	Monday, Jan. 22
Third-quarter classes end	Friday, March 9
Spring break	Monday, March 12, to Friday, March 16
Classes resume (8 a.m.)	Monday, March 19
Fourth-quarter classes begin	Monday, March 19
Spring Open House	Saturday, April 7
Honors Convocation	Saturday, April 21
Last day for in-class examinations*	Friday, April 27
Classes end	Friday, May 4
Final examination period	Monday, May 7, to Friday, May 11
Graduate Commencement	Friday, May 11
Undergraduate Commencement	Saturday, May 12

Semester start dates are guided by Labor Day and Martin Luther King Jr. Day respectively. Please review the Extended Learning Office website for Summer and Winter term dates: cortland.edu/elo.

***Final exam policy:** All courses must adhere to the final examination policy published in the [SUNY Cortland Handbook, section 415.03](#).

Religious holidays: Students who miss classes, exams or work requirements because of religious beliefs shall be excused and will be provided with opportunities to make up exams or work missed because of the absence. This does not prohibit faculty from giving assignments/exams on a given day. The purpose is to allow individual students alternatives based on religious practice when they make a request in advance.