

Official Academic Calendar 2025-2026



Fall Semester 2025

Official term dates: Aug. 25 to Dec. 12

President's Opening Address and faculty meetings	Thursday, Aug. 21
New student Orientation and registration	Friday, Aug. 22
Academic Convocation	Sunday, Aug. 24
Classes begin	Monday, Aug. 25
Labor Day (no classes in session)	Monday, Sept. 1
Fall break begins (8 a.m.)	Monday, Oct. 6
Classes resume (8 a.m.)	Wednesday, Oct. 8
First-quarter classes end	Friday, Oct. 10
October Open House	Monday, Oct. 13
Second-quarter classes begin	Monday, Oct. 13
November Open House	Tuesday, Nov. 11
Last day for in-class examinations*	Tuesday, Nov. 25
Thanksgiving break begins (8 a.m.)	Wednesday, Nov. 26
Classes resume (8 a.m.)	Monday, Dec. 1
Classes end	Friday, Dec. 5
Final examination period	Monday, Dec. 8, to Friday, Dec. 12

Spring Semester 2026

Official term dates: Jan. 26 to May 15

President's State of the University Address and faculty meetings	Thursday, Jan. 22
New student Orientation and registration	Friday, Jan. 23
Classes begin	Monday, Jan. 26
Third-quarter classes end	Friday, March 13
Spring break	Monday, March 16, to Friday, March 20
Classes resume (8 a.m.)	Monday, March 23
Fourth-quarter classes begin	Monday, March 23
Spring Open House	Saturday, April 11
Honors Convocation	Saturday, April 18
Last day for in-class examinations*	Friday, May 1
Classes end	Friday, May 8
Final examination period	Monday, May 11, to Friday, May 15
Graduate Commencement	Friday, May 15
Undergraduate Commencement	Saturday, May 16

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.

Full calendar, including religious observances and important dates/deadlines

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