

ACADEMIC CALENDAR
FALL 2009, SPRING 2010 and SUMMER 2010 SEMESTERS

August 7, 2009	Deadline for Completion of all degree requirements for Summer Term degree completion (all students)
Fall 2009 Semester	
August 20, 2009	First day of classes – Fall Semester
August 26, 2009	Add/Drop period ends
September 7, 2009	Labor Day Holiday
September 9, 2009	Degree Completion Workshop
September 25, 2009	Last day for Fall degree candidates to submit graduation applications for December graduation
October 30, 2009	Last day to withdraw from a course with a grade of "W"
November 2, 2009	Advance registration begins for Spring semester for all continuing students
November 13, 2009	*Suggested last day to submit completed "Notice of Final Examination" to School of Medicine Office of Graduate Education for Fall degree completion. Completed draft of thesis/dissertation must be distributed prior to submission of schedule notice to Office of Graduate Education.
November 26 - 29, 2009	University closed for Thanksgiving holiday
December 1, 2009	*Suggested last day to defend for December graduation
December 5, 2009	Last day of classes, Fall semester
December 10, 2009	Final copies of thesis/dissertation signature pages must be in the School of Medicine Office of Graduate Education for December completion of degree.
December 12, 2009	University Fall Commencement (includes graduates for August, 2009 and December, 2009 terms)

December 19, 2009	Winter University closing
January 3, 2010	University reopens
Spring 2010 Semester	
January 18, 2010	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
January 19, 2010	First day of classes – Spring semester
January 25, 2010	Add/drop period ends
January 27, 2010	Degree Completion Workshop
January 29, 2010	Last day for Spring degree candidates to submit graduation applications for May graduation
March 14 - 21, 2010	Spring break
March 26, 2010	Last day to withdraw from a course with a grade of "W"
March 29, 2010	Advance registration begins for Summer semester
April 5, 2010	Advance registration begins for Fall semester
April 16, 2010	*Suggested last day to submit completed "Notice of Final Examination" to School of Medicine Office of Graduate Education for Spring degree completion. Completed draft of thesis/dissertation must be distributed prior to submission of schedule notice.
April 30, 2010	*Suggested last day to defend for Spring graduation
May 7, 2010	Last day of classes, Spring semester
May 13, 2010	Final copies of thesis/dissertation signature pages must be in the School of Medicine Office of Graduate Education for May completion of degree.
May 21, 2010	School of Medicine Graduate Programs Recognition Event
May 22, 2010	University Spring Commencement

Summer 2010 Semester

For students initiating M.D. or D.D.S. training in the Fall 2010 term, please be aware that all advanced degree requirements must be completed *prior* to matriculation in either program.

May 24, 2010	Summer term begins
May 31, 2010	Memorial Day Holiday
June 2, 2010	Degree Completion Workshop
June 25, 2010	Last day for Summer degree candidates to submit graduation applications for August graduation

Students matriculating into other VCU programs in the Fall 2010 term must complete all degree requirements for the current degree program prior to initiating a new program

July 19, 2010	Suggested last day to submit "Notice of Final Examination" to School of Medicine Office of Graduate Education for Summer degree completion. Completed draft of thesis/dissertation must be distributed prior to submission of schedule notice.
August 2, 2010	Suggested last day to defend for Summer graduation
August 12, 2010	Final copies of thesis/dissertation signature pages must be in the School of Medicine Office of Graduate Education for August completion of degree.