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# Academics

## Academic Calendar

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### Fall 2011

EVENT	DAY(S) OF THE WEEK	DATE
Course Add/Drop Begins <sup>1</sup>	Monday	August 8
Check for Holds Preventing Registration <sup>1</sup>	Monday	August 15
New Undergraduate Student Registration	Friday	August 19
Residence Halls Open	Friday	August 19
Orientation Begins	Friday	August 19
New Graduate Student Registration	Monday	August 22
Instruction Begins	Wednesday	August 24
Labor Day Holiday -- No Classes	Monday	September 5
Fall Break Begins, 1:10 PM	Saturday	October 8
Instruction Resumes, 7:30 AM	Wednesday	October 12
Thanksgiving Recess Begins, 1:10 PM	Wednesday	November 23
Instruction Resumes, 7:30 AM	Monday	November 28
Last Day of Classes	Saturday	December 3
Study Period	Sunday - Wednesday	December 4-7
First Days of Scheduled Exams	Wednesday <sup>2</sup> - Friday	December 7-9
Last Days of Scheduled Exams	Monday - Friday	December 12-16
January Graduation Recognition	Saturday	December 17

### Winter 2011-12

Overview	EVENT	DAY(S) OF THE WEEK	DATE
<b>Research and Scholarship</b>	Winter Session Period Begins	Monday	December 26
<b>Colleges and Schools</b>	3-Week Classes Begin	Tuesday	January 3, 2012
<b>Departments</b>	Winter Session Period Ends	Saturday	January 21
<b>Centers and Institutes</b>	<b>Spring 2012</b>		
<b>Undergraduate Majors</b>	EVENT	DAY(S) OF THE WEEK	DATE
<b>Undergraduate Minors</b>	Course Add/Drop Begins	Monday	January 16
<b>Graduate and Professional</b>	Check for Holds Preventing Registration <sup>1</sup>	Monday	January 16
<b>Continuing Education</b>	Instruction Begins	Monday	January 23
<b>Courses and Exams (Ithaca Campus)</b>	Spring Break Begins, 1:10 PM	Saturday	March 17
<b>Academic Calendar</b>	Instruction Resumes, 7:30 AM	Monday	March 26
<b>Faculty Highlights</b>	Last Day of Classes	Saturday	May 5
<b>Student Highlights</b>	Study Period	Sunday - Wednesday	May 6-9
	First Days of Scheduled Exams	Wednesday <sup>2</sup> - Friday	May 9-11
	Last Days of Scheduled Exams	Monday - Friday	May 14-18
	Senior Week	Sunday - Saturday	May 20-26
	<u>Commencement</u>	Sunday	May 27



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#### **Summer 2012**

There are many summer programs that follow different calendars from the one shown here. For more information on these programs, visit [Summer Sessions](#).

EVENT	DAY(S) OF THE WEEK	DATE
3-Week Session Registration / Classes Begin	Wednesday	May 30
8-Week Session Registration / Classes Begin	Monday	June 11
3-Week Session Final Exams	Friday	June 22
6-Week Session Registration / Classes Begin	Monday	June 25
6- and 8-Week Sessions Final Exams	Monday / Tuesday	August 6-7

<sup>1</sup> Verify Add/Drop appointment window and registration holds on [Student Center](#)

<sup>2</sup> Exams begin Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

For complete semester start-up information visit: [Cornell University Campus Life](#) and the [Office of the University Registrar](#).

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