

Spring 2026 Main Campus Academic Calendar

This calendar applies to full-semester CU Boulder Main Campus classes. For other classes, refer to the links on our [academic calendar page](#). These dates are subject to change. All times are in Mountain Time.

Date	Title/Description
Sept. 15, 2025 (Mon.)	Spring 2026 Intra-University Transfer (IUT) Application Opens See IUT Change/Add Deadlines .
Oct. 1 (Weds.)	Winter & Spring 2026 First Day to Submit a Petition for Colorado Residency The domicile qualifying date was Jan. 7, 2025. Submit your petition between Oct. 1 and Dec. 12, 2025. See Tuition Classification for Current Students .
Oct. 1 (Weds.)	Spring 2026 Intra-University Transfer (IUT) College of Music Final Deadline See IUT Change/Add Deadlines .
Oct. 1 (Weds.)	Spring 2026 Intra-University Transfer (IUT) Priority Consideration Deadline (11:59 p.m.) See IUT Change/Add Deadlines .
Oct. 13 (Mon.)	Spring 2026 Schedule of Classes Available View your assigned Main Campus enrollment dates in Buff Portal , then search for classes .
Oct. 27 (Mon.)	Spring 2026 First Day to Reserve a Course From Oct. 27 through Oct. 31, waitlisted students not enrolled in a course during the last term it was offered may be eligible to reserve that course for Spring 2026. See Reserve a Course .
Oct. 31 (Fri.)	Spring 2026 Last Day to Reserve a Course (5 p.m.) See Reserve a Course .
Nov. 3 (Mon.)	Spring 2026 Main Campus Registration Begins for Current Degree-Seeking Students (By Assignment) View your assigned enrollment dates in Buff Portal , then search for classes . Assigned dates occur between Nov. 3 and Nov. 21; registration remains open through open enrollment, which begins Jan. 2, 2026.
Nov. 3 (Mon.)	Spring 2026 Continuing Education (CE) Registration (including Winter Session) Begins for Current Students (12:01 a.m.) All current students may enroll in Continuing Education (CE) classes starting on this date, regardless of your assigned Main Campus enrollment dates. CE registration remains open through the add deadline for that semester or session.
Nov. 5 (Weds.)	Summer 2026 Schedule of Classes Available Start searching for classes now. The shopping cart will be available starting in mid-February 2026; assigned enrollment dates occur in early March 2026. See Summer Session .
Dec. 1 (Mon.)	Spring 2026 Main Campus Registration Begins for Incoming & Readmitted Students View your enrollment dates in Buff Portal , then search for classes . Registration remains open through open enrollment, which begins Jan. 2, 2026.

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Dec. 9 (Tues.)	Spring 2026 Payment Plans Available See Payment Plans
Dec. 12 (Fri.)	Winter & Spring 2026 Last Day to Submit a Petition for Colorado Residency The domicile qualifying date was Jan. 7, 2025. See Tuition Classification for Current Students .
Dec. 20 (Sat.)	Spring 2026 Intra-University Transfer (IUT) Final Deadline (11:59 p.m.) See IUT Change/Add Deadlines .
Dec. 25 (Thurs.) – Jan. 1, 2026 (Thurs.)	Winter Break (No Classes; University Closed) CU Boulder will resume campus operations and be open for business on Friday, Jan. 2. (Exception: Winter Session classes held.)
Jan. 2 (Fri.)	Spring 2026 Main Campus Open Enrollment Begins for All Students (12:01 a.m.) Degree-seeking and nondegree students can add or drop Main Campus classes.
Jan. 2 (Fri.)	Spring 2026 Main Campus Registration Begins for Nondegree Employees (12:01 a.m.) Nondegree CU Boulder employees can register for classes at the start of open enrollment regardless of whether they are using the tuition assistance benefit. (Starting July 1, 2024, CU's TAB policy removed the requirement that employees needed to wait until seven days before classes start to register.)
Jan. 2 (Fri.)	Spring 2026 Main Campus Registration Begins for ACCESS Students (12:01 a.m.) See ACCESS General Info .
Jan. 4 (Sun.)	Spring 2026 Deadline to Set Up Direct Deposit Students who are eligible for a financial aid refund and have set up direct deposit by Jan. 4, 2026, will receive their refund on or around Friday, Jan. 9. See Refunds .
Jan. 4 (Sun.)	Spring 2026 Last Day to Enroll in a 4-Payment Plan (11:59 p.m.) See Payment Plans .
Jan. 8 (Thurs.)	Spring 2026 Classes Begin View your class schedule in Buff Portal .
Jan. 8 (Thurs.)	Spring 2026 Last Day to Submit Private Scholarship Checks Without Late/Service Charges (5 p.m.) Submit checks to the Office of Scholarship Services. See Sending in Your Scholarship Money .
Jan. 12 (Mon.)	Spring 2026 Last Day to Submit Required Immunization Forms (5 p.m.) Failure to comply results in a registration hold that will prevent registration in future terms. See Immunization Requirements .
Jan. 15 (Thurs.)	Spring 2026 Tuition & Fee Bill Available Online Email notifications are sent to colorado.edu addresses and authorized payers. Payment is due Thursday, Feb. 5. See Billing and Payments .
Jan. 16 (Fri.)	Spring 2026 Last Day to Add or Swap a Class (11:59 p.m.) See Add a Class or Swap a Class .

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Jan. 16 (Fri.)	Spring 2026 Last Day to Be Automatically Enrolled from a Waitlist (11:59 p.m.) After this date, waitlisted students may be enrolled manually by the department offering the class. On Jan. 26, waitlists are canceled and waitlisted students lose access to online course materials. See Waitlist for a Closed Class .
Jan. 19 (Mon.)	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday (No Classes; University Closed)
Jan. 20 (Tues.)	Spring 2026 Registration Begins for Continuing Education Auditors Program See Auditors .
Jan. 23 (Fri.)	Spring 2026 Intra-University Transfer (IUT) Drop Deadline (noon) Students may submit an IUT Drop Application if they are pursuing degrees in at least two different colleges/programs/programs. See IUT Change/Add Deadlines .
Jan. 23 (Fri.)	Spring 2026 Last Day to Drop a Class Without Penalty (11:59 p.m.) After this date, students who drop a Main Campus class but remain enrolled in the semester are required to pay 100 percent of tuition and fees (no refund), and a W notation is posted to their transcript. See Drop a Class .
Jan. 23 (Fri.)	Spring 2026 Last Day to Withdraw from the Semester with 100% Refund (11:59 p.m.) After this date, continuing students will be charged tuition if dropping all Main Campus classes. See Confirmation Deposit Refunds about withdrawing by this date. Students who withdraw on or after the first day of classes may be required to pay back unearned financial aid. See Return to Title IV Funds & Refund Policy . New, readmitted and transfer students will not be eligible for a confirmation deposit refund. See Withdraw from the Semester .
Jan. 23 (Fri.)	Spring 2026 Last Day to Change Variable Credit Hours & No-Credit Status (11:59 p.m.) See Credits & Grading in the university catalog.
Jan. 26 (Mon.)	Spring 2026 Courses Post to Transcripts (5 p.m.) Transcripts with courses posted are available for order .
Jan. 26 (Mon.)	Spring 2026 Waitlists Are Canceled Waitlists are canceled and students on the waitlist lose access to that class's online materials. See Waitlist for a Closed Class .
Feb. 1 (Sun.)	Spring 2026 Last Day for Undergraduate BAM Students to Submit a Master's Continuation Form (11:59 p.m.) BAM students planning to complete their bachelor's degree this spring are also encouraged to apply to graduate by this date. See Pursue BAM or Concurrent Degrees .
Feb. 4 (Weds.)	Spring 2026 Last Day to Enroll in a 3-Payment Plan (11:59 p.m.) See Payment Plans .
Feb. 5 (Thurs.)	Spring 2026 Tuition & Fees Payment Due (11:59 p.m.) Payment is due in full unless you are enrolled in a payment plan. See Billing and Payments .
Feb. 6 (Fri.)	Spring 2026 Last Day to Withdraw from the Semester with 40% Tuition Assessment & W Notations (11:59 p.m.) From Jan. 24 through Feb. 6, students who drop all Main Campus classes are required to pay 40 percent of tuition and fees (60 percent refund), and pay back unearned financial aid. W notations are posted to transcripts. See Withdraw from the Semester and Return to Title IV Funds & Refund Policy .

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Feb. 9 (Mon.)	Spring 2026 First Day to Sign Up for the 2-Payment Plan (11:59 p.m.) See Payment Plans .
Feb. 12 (Thurs.)	Spring 2026 Tuition & Fee Bill Available Online Email notifications are sent to colorado.edu addresses and authorized payers for new and/or unpaid charges. Payment is due Thursday, March 5. See Billing and Payments .
Feb. 16 (Mon.)	Spring 2026 Last Day to Select or Waive Student Health Insurance (11:59 p.m.) You must select to either enroll or waive the CU Gold SHIP by the open enrollment deadline. If you don't, you will be automatically enrolled in the CU Gold SHIP, billed and responsible for the premium. No refunds will be issued after the deadline. See Student Health Insurance .
Feb. 18 (Weds.)	Summer 2026 Shopping Cart Available Students can start adding classes to their shopping cart . Assigned enrollment dates occur between March 4 and 6.
Feb. 20 (Fri.)	Spring 2026 Last Day to Withdraw from the Semester with 60% Tuition Assessment & W Notations (11:59 p.m.) From Feb. 7 through Feb. 20 students who drop all Main Campus classes are required to pay 60 percent of tuition and fees (40 percent refund) and pay back unearned financial aid. W notations are posted to transcripts. See Withdraw from the Semester and Return to Title IV Funds & Refund Policy .
Feb. 26 (Thurs.)	Spring 2026 Midterm Reading Day (No Classes; No Exams)
March 1 (Sun.)	Spring 2026 Last Day for Graduate & MBA Students to Submit or Cancel a Graduation Application (11:59 p.m.) See Graduation & Commencement .
March 1 (Sun.)	Summer 2026 Last Day for Undergraduate BAM Students to Submit a Master's Continuation Form (11:59 p.m.) BAM students planning to complete their bachelor's degree this summer are also encouraged to apply to graduate by this date. See Pursue BAM or Concurrent Degrees .
March 2 (Mon.)	Summer 2026 First Day to Submit a Petition for Colorado Residency The domicile qualifying date was May 3, 2025. Submit your petition between March 2 and May 1. See Tuition Classification for Current Students .
March 2 (Mon.)	Fall 2026 First Day to Submit a Petition for Colorado Residency The domicile qualifying date was Aug. 19, 2025. Submit your petition between March 2 and July 10. See Tuition Classification for Current Students .
March 4 (Weds.)	Spring 2026 Last Day to Enroll in a 2-Payment Plan (11:59 p.m.) See Payment Plans .
March 4 (Weds.)	Summer 2026 Main Campus Registration Begins for Current Degree-Seeking Students (By Assignment) View your enrollment dates in Buff Portal , then search for classes . Assigned enrollment dates occur between March 4 and 6; registration remains open through the last day to add a class for that session. See How to Enroll .
March 4 (Weds.)	Summer 2026 Continuing Education (CE) Registration Begins for Current Degree-Seeking Students (By Assignment) Current degree-seeking students may enroll in Continuing Education (CE) classes during their enrollment appointment between March 4 and 6. CE registration remains open through the add deadline for that semester or session.

Date	Title/Description
March 4 (Weds.)	Fall 2026 Schedule of Classes Available View your assigned Main Campus enrollment dates in Buff Portal , then search for classes .
March 5 (Thurs.)	Spring 2026 Payment Due (11:59 p.m.) Payment for new or unpaid charges is due. See Billing and Payments .
March 9 (Mon.)	Summer 2026 Main Campus Registration Begins for New & Readmitted Students View your enrollment dates in Buff Portal , then search for classes . Registration remains open through the last day to add a class for that session. See How to Enroll .
March 9 (Mon.)	Summer 2026 Continuing Education (CE) Registration Begins for Current Students All current students may enroll in Continuing Education (CE) classes starting on this date, regardless of their assigned Main Campus enrollment dates. CE registration remains open through the add deadline for that semester or session.
March 11 (Weds.)	Spring 2026 Last Day to Withdraw from the Semester with Financial Aid Adjustment (11:59 p.m.) From Feb. 21 through March 11, students who drop all Main Campus classes are required to pay 100 percent of tuition and fees (no refund), and an adjustment to financial aid is required (possibly creating a bill). W notations are posted to transcripts. See Withdraw from the Semester and Return to Title IV Funds & Refund Policy .
March 12 (Thurs.)	Spring 2026 Tuition & Fee Bill Available Online Email notifications are sent to colorado.edu addresses and authorized payers. Payment is due Sunday, April 5. See Billing and Payments .
March 16 (Mon.) – March 20 (Fri.)	Spring Break (No Classes; University Closed Friday, March 20) See CU Boulder Holiday Schedule .
March 23 (Mon.)	Fall 2026 First Day to Reserve a Course From March 23 through 27, waitlisted students not enrolled in a course during the last term it was offered may be eligible to reserve that course for Fall 2026. See Reserve a Course .
March 24 (Tues.)	Spring 2026 Last Day for Class Withdrawal (11:59 p.m.) After Jan. 23, students who drop a Main Campus class but remain enrolled in the semester are required to pay 100 percent of tuition and fees (no refund), and a W notation is posted to their transcript. Students can withdraw from a class using Buff Portal through March 24. See Drop a Class .
March 24 (Tues.)	Spring 2026 Last Day to Change Your Grade Mode to or from Pass/Fail (11:59 p.m.) Change your grade mode for a student-option class from pass/fail to letter grade or vice versa through Buff Portal . See Edit Your Class Options .
March 24 (Tues.)	Spring 2026 Last Day to Change Your Final Exam Schedule Last day to make arrangements with your instructor(s) if you have three or more final exams on the same day or two final exams scheduled to meet at the same time. See Final Exam Schedules .
March 27 (Fri.)	Fall 2026 Last Day to Reserve a Course (5 p.m.) See Reserve a Course .
March 30 (Mon.)	Fall 2026 Main Campus Registration Begins for Current Degree-Seeking Undergraduates (By Assignment) View your assigned enrollment dates in Buff Portal , then search for classes .

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March 30 (Mon.)	Fall 2026 Main Campus Registration Begins for Current Degree-Seeking Graduate Students (By Assignment) View your assigned enrollment dates in Buff Portal , then search for classes . Registration remains open through open enrollment, which begins Aug. 13.
March 30 (Mon.)	Fall 2026 Continuing Education (CE) Registration Begins for Current Students All current students may enroll in Continuing Education (CE) classes starting on this date, regardless of your assigned Main Campus enrollment dates. CE registration remains open through the add deadline for that semester or session.
April 1 (Tues.)	Spring 2026 Last Day to Submit a Graduation Application to Get Your Name in the 2025-26 Commencement Program (11:59 p.m.) See Graduation & Commencement .
April 1 (Tues.)	Spring 2026 Last Day for Law Students to Submit or Cancel a Graduation Application (11:59 p.m.) See Graduation & Commencement .
April 5 (Sun.)	Spring 2026 Payment Due (11:59 p.m.) Payment for new or unpaid charges is due. See Billing and Payments .
April 9 (Thurs.)	Spring 2026 Tuition & Fee Bill Available Online Email notifications are sent to colorado.edu addresses and authorized payers. Payment is due Tuesday, May 5. See Billing and Payments .
April 20 (Mon.)	Summer 2026 Payment Plans Available See Payment Plans .
April 24 (Fri.)	Spring 2026 Last Day of Classes
April 24 (Fri.)	Spring 2026 Last Day to Apply for COF or Submit a COF Lifetime Limit Extension Request (5 p.m.) See College Opportunity Fund (COF).
April 24 (Fri.)	Spring 2026 Last Day to Apply for a Graduate Leave of Absence (5 p.m.) See Leave of Absence .
April 24 (Fri.)	Spring 2026 Last Day to Withdraw from the Semester (11:59 p.m.) After Feb. 26, students who drop all Main Campus classes are required to pay 100 percent of tuition and fees (no refund), and W notations are posted to transcripts. On or after March 12, if attendance is confirmed, an adjustment to financial aid is not required. See Return to Title IV Funds & Refund Policy . After March 21, law, music and MBA students require their dean's approval to withdraw. See Withdraw from the Semester .
April 25 (Sat.)	Spring 2026 Last Day for Undergraduates to Submit or Cancel a Graduation Application (11:59 p.m.) See Graduation & Commencement .
April 25 (Sat.)	Spring 2026 End of Term Reading Day 1 (No Classes; No Exams)
April 26 (Sun.)	Spring 2026 End of Term Reading Day 2 (No Classes; No Exams)
April 27 (Mon.)	Fall 2026 Main Campus Registration Begins for Readmitted Undergraduates View your enrollment dates in Buff Portal , then search for classes .

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April 27 (Mon.)	Fall 2026 Main Campus Registration Begins for Incoming & Readmitted Graduate Students View your enrollment dates in Buff Portal , then search for classes . Registration remains open through open enrollment, which begins Aug. 14.
April 27 (Mon.)	Spring 2026 Deadline for Doctoral Students to Update Diploma Name & Address (11:59 p.m.) See Graduation & Commencement .
April 27 (Mon.) – May 1 (Fri.)	Spring 2026 Final Exam Period See Buff Portal or Final Exam Schedules .
May 1 (Fri.)	Summer 2026 Last Day to Submit a Petition for Colorado Residency The domicile qualifying date was May 3, 2025. See Tuition Classification for Current Students .
May 1 (Fri.)	Spring 2026 Last Day to Authorize COF (11:59 p.m.) See College Opportunity Fund (COF).
May 2 (Sat.)	Spring 2026 University Commencement Ceremony (Folsom Field, 8:30 a.m.) & Degree Conferral Date See Spring Ceremony .
May 4 (Mon.)	Spring 2026 Doctoral Degrees Post to Transcripts (5 p.m.) Transcripts with degrees posted are available for order .
May 5 (Tues.)	Spring 2026 Payment Due (11:59 p.m.) Payment for new or unpaid charges is due. See Billing and Payments .
May 5 (Tues.)	Spring 2026 Deadline for Instructors to Post Grades (11:59 p.m.) Final semester grades appear in Buff Portal as instructors submit them. Grades post to transcripts on Monday, May 11.
May 11 (Mon.)	Spring 2026 Grades Post to Transcripts (5 p.m.) Transcripts with grades posted are available for order . If you retook a course for grade replacement , your transcript has been updated accordingly.
May 22 (Fri.)	Spring 2026 Deadline for Undergraduate, Master's and Law Students to Update Diploma Name & Address (11:59 p.m.) See Graduation & Commencement .
May 25 (Mon.)	Memorial Day Holiday (No Classes; University Closed)
May 29 (Fri.)	Spring 2026 Degrees Post to Transcripts (5 p.m.) Transcripts with degrees posted are available for order .
June 5 (Fri.)	Spring 2026 Certificates Post to Transcripts (5 p.m.) Transcripts with certificates posted are available for order .
June 16 (Tues.) – Aug. 14 (Fri.)	Spring 2026 Diploma Delivery Window Delivery to spring graduates with U.S. addresses should be complete by Aug. 14; international delivery continues through Sept. 18. See Graduation & Commencement .
June 24 (Weds.) – Aug. 21 (Fri.)	Spring 2026 Certificate Delivery Window Delivery to spring graduates with U.S. addresses should be complete by Aug. 21; international delivery continues through Sept. 25. See Graduation & Commencement .

Date	Title/Description
Aug. 13 (Thurs.)	Spring 2026 Last Day to Appeal Tuition (5 p.m.) See Tuition Appeals .