

Fall 2026 Academic Calendar

This calendar applies to full-semester CU Boulder Main Campus classes. For other classes, see the [special session](#), [partnership programs](#), [Colorado Law](#) or [continuing education](#) calendars. These dates are subject to change; please refer to the [academic calendar page](#) for updated information. All times are in Mountain Time.

Date	Title/Description
March 2, 2026 (Mon.)	<p>First Day to Submit a Fall 2026 Petition for Colorado Residency</p> <p>The domicile qualifying date was Aug. 19, 2025. Submit your petition between March 2 and July 10, 2026. See Tuition Classification for Current Students.</p>
March 4 (Weds.)	<p>Schedule of Classes & Enrollment Dates Available</p> <p>View your assigned Main Campus enrollment dates in Buff Portal, then search for classes.</p>
March 23 (Mon.)	<p>First Day to Reserve a Course</p> <p>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.</p>
March 27 (Fri.)	<p>Last Day to Reserve a Course (5 p.m.)</p> <p>See Reserve a Course.</p>
March 30 (Mon.)	<p>Main Campus Registration Begins for Current Degree-Seeking Undergraduates (By Assignment)</p> <p>View your assigned enrollment dates in Buff Portal, then search for classes. Registration remains open through Thursday, May 21. Registration reopens for schedule adjustment on Tuesday, July 21.</p>
March 30 (Mon.)	<p>Main Campus Registration Begins for Current Degree-Seeking Graduate Students (By Assignment)</p> <p>View your assigned enrollment dates in Buff Portal, then search for classes. Registration remains open through open enrollment, which begins Thursday, Aug. 13.</p>
April 27 (Mon.)	<p>Main Campus Registration Begins for Readmitted Undergraduates</p> <p>View your enrollment dates in Buff Portal, then search for classes. Registration remains open through Thursday, May 21. Registration reopens for schedule adjustment on Tuesday, July 21.</p>
April 27 (Mon.)	<p>Main Campus Registration Begins for Incoming & Readmitted Graduate Students</p> <p>View your enrollment dates in Buff Portal, then search for classes. Registration remains open through open enrollment, which begins Thursday, Aug. 13.</p>
April 27 (Mon.)	<p>Main Campus Registration Begins for Partnership Program Students (By assignment)</p> <p>View your assigned enrollment dates in Buff Portal, then search for classes. Registration remains open through Thursday, May 21. Registration reopens for schedule adjustment on Tuesday, July 21.</p>
May 15 (Fri.)	<p>IUT Application Opens</p> <p>Fall admission may not be available for all colleges/schools/programs due to space limitations or audition scheduling. See IUT Dates and Deadlines.</p>

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May 21 (Thurs.)	<p>Main Campus Registration Closes for Current & Readmitted Degree-Seeking Undergraduates (11:59 p.m.)</p> <p>Registration reopens for schedule adjustment Tuesday, July 21 and remains open through open enrollment, which begins Thursday, Aug. 13.</p>
May 21 (Thurs.)	<p>Main Campus Registration Closes for Partnership Program Students (11:59 p.m.)</p> <p>Registration reopens for schedule adjustment on Tuesday, July 21 and remains open through open enrollment, which begins Thursday, Aug. 13.</p>
May 22 (Fri.)	<p>Registration Begins for Incoming & Readmitted Law Students</p> <p>View your enrollment dates in Buff Portal, then search for classes. Registration remains open through open enrollment, which begins Thursday, Aug. 13.</p>
June 5 (Fri.)	<p>Payment Plans Available</p> <p>See Payment Plans.</p>
June 9 (Tues.)	<p>Main Campus Registration Begins for Summer-Start Students</p> <p>View your enrollment dates in Buff Portal, then search for classes. Registration remains open through open enrollment, which begins Thursday, August 13.</p>
June 9 (Tues.)	<p>Main Campus Registration Begins for Incoming First-Year Fall Students (By Assignment)</p> <p>Incoming undergraduates are notified of registration procedures by the New Student & Family Programs Office. Enrollment appointment will be assigned to align with your selected orientation date.</p>
June 17 (Weds.)	<p>Main Campus Registration Begins for Incoming Fall Transfer Students (By Assignment)</p> <p>Incoming undergraduates are notified of registration procedures by the New Student & Family Programs Office. Enrollment appointment will be assigned to align with your selected orientation date.</p>
July 10 (Fri.)	<p>Last Day to Submit a Fall 2026 Petition for Colorado Residency</p> <p>The domicile qualifying date was Aug. 19, 2025. See Tuition Classification for Current Students.</p>
July 21 (Tues.)	<p>Main Campus Schedule Adjustment Begins for Continuing Undergraduates, Partnership Program, New Transfer and Readmitted Undergraduate Students</p> <p>Registration remains open through open enrollment, which begins Thursday, Aug. 13.</p>
Aug. 4 (Tues.)	<p>Last Day to Enroll in the Five-Payment Plan (11:59 p.m.)</p> <p>See Payment Plans.</p>
Aug. 9 (Sun.)	<p>Deadline to Set Up Direct Deposit</p> <p>Students who are eligible for a financial aid refund and have set up direct deposit by this date will receive their refund on or around Friday, Aug. 14. See Refunds.</p>
Aug. 10 (Mon.)	<p>IUT Application Add or Change Final Deadline (11:59 p.m.)</p> <p>Apply by this date for an IUT add or change to a new academic program. Note that some academic programs may no longer have space availability by this date. For best availability, please apply by the priority consideration deadline. See IUT Change/Add Deadlines.</p>
Aug. 10 (Mon.)	<p>Last Day to Complete Immunization Requirements (5 p.m.)</p> <p>Failure to comply results in a registration hold. See Immunization Requirements.</p>
Aug. 13 (Thurs.)	<p>Main Campus Open Enrollment Begins for All Students (12:01 a.m.)</p> <p>Degree-seeking and non-degree students can add or drop Main Campus classes.</p>

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Aug. 13 (Thurs.)	<p>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.)</p>
Aug. 13 (Thurs.)	<p>First Day Tuition and Fee Bill is Available Online Email notifications are sent to colorado.edu addresses and authorized payers with links to access the bill. Payment is due Saturday, Sept. 5. See Billing and Payments.</p>
Aug. 20 (Thurs.)	<p>Classes Begin View your class schedule in Buff Portal.</p>
Aug. 20 (Thurs.)	<p>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.</p>
Aug. 28 (Fri.)	<p>Last Day to Add or Swap a Class (11:59 p.m.) See Add a Class or Swap a Class.</p>
Aug. 28 (Fri.)	<p>Last Day to Waitlist for a Closed Class (11:59 p.m.) On Tuesday, Sept. 8, waitlists are canceled and waitlisted students lose access to online class materials. See Waitlist for a Closed Class.</p>
Aug. 28 (Fri.)	<p>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 Tuesday, Sept. 8, waitlists are canceled and waitlisted students lose access to online course materials. See Waitlist for a Closed Class.</p>
Sept. 1 (Tues.)	<p>Last Day to Select or Waive Student Health Insurance (11:59 p.m.) If you do not take action to waive or enroll by the deadline, you will be automatically enrolled in and billed for the CU Gold SHIP. See Student Health Insurance.</p>
Sept. 4 (Fri.)	<p>Last Day to Enroll in the Four-Payment Plan (11:59 p.m.) See Payment Plans.</p>
Sept. 4 (Fri.)	<p>IUT Drop Deadline (11:59 p.m.) Students may submit an IUT Drop Application if they are pursuing degrees in at least two different colleges/programs/schools. See IUT Drop Deadlines.</p>
Sept. 4 (Fri.)	<p>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.</p>

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Sept. 4 (Fri.)	<p>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 during this period. 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.</p> <p>Continuing Education students are not assessed a financial penalty if they withdraw by the end of this period.</p> <p>New, readmitted and transfer students will not be eligible for a confirmation deposit refund. See Withdraw from the Semester.</p>
Sept. 4 (Fri.)	<p>Last Day to Change Variable Credit Hours & No-Credit Status (11:59 p.m.) See Edit Your Class Options.</p>
Sept. 5 (Sat.)	<p>Payment Due (11:59 p.m.) Payment is due in full unless you are enrolled in a payment plan. See Billing and Payments.</p>
Sept. 5 (Sat.)	<p>Scheduled Auto-Payments are Processed for Tuition Payment Plans A scheduled auto-payment is processed if you are enrolled in either the four-payment or five-payment plan for fall tuition and fees.</p>
Sept. 7 (Mon.)	<p>Labor Day Holiday (No Classes; University Closed)</p>
Sept. 8 (Tues.)	<p>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.</p>
Sept. 8 (Tues.)	<p>Courses Post to Transcripts (5 p.m.) Transcripts with courses posted are available for order.</p>
Sept. 9 (Weds.)	<p>First Day to Enroll in the Three-Payment Plan (11:59 p.m.) See Payment Plans.</p>
Sept. 9 (Weds.)	<p>Tuition & Fee Bill Available Online Bills for new or unpaid charges are online. Email notifications are sent to colorado.edu addresses and authorized payers. Payment is due Monday, Oct. 5. See Billing and Payments.</p>
Sept. 18 (Fri.)	<p>Last Day to Withdraw from the Semester with 40% Tuition Assessment & W Notations (11:59 p.m.) From Sept. 5 through 18, students who drop all Main Campus classes are required to pay 40 percent of tuition and fees (60 percent refund), and refund or repay unearned financial aid. W notations are posted to transcripts. See Withdraw from the Semester and Return to Title IV Funds & Refund Policy.</p> <p>*The 60 percent refund apply to the student share of tuition after COF has been paid for a resident undergraduate student.</p>
Oct. 1 (Thurs.)	<p>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 fall are also encouraged to apply to graduate by this date. See Pursue BAM or Concurrent Degrees.</p>

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Oct. 1 (Thurs.)	<p>Last Day for Graduate & MBA Students to Submit or Cancel a Graduation Application (11:59 p.m.)</p> <p>See Graduation & Commencement.</p>
Oct. 2 (Fri.)	<p>Last Day to Withdraw from the Semester with 60% Tuition Assessment & W Notations (11:59 p.m.)</p> <p>From Sept. 19 through Oct. 2, students who drop all Main Campus classes are required to pay 60 percent of tuition and fees (40 percent refund), and refund or repay unearned financial aid. W notations are posted to transcripts. See Withdraw from the Semester and Return to Title IV Funds & Refund Policy.</p> <p>*The 40 percent refunds apply to the student share of tuition after COF has been paid for a resident undergraduate student.</p>
Oct. 4 (Sun.)	<p>Last Day to Enroll in the Three-Payment Plan (11:59 p.m.)</p> <p>See Payment Plans.</p>
Oct. 5 (Mon.)	<p>Payment Due (11:59 p.m.)</p> <p>Payment for new or unpaid charges is due. See Billing and Payments.</p>
Oct. 8 (Thurs.)	<p>Midsemester Reading Day (No Classes; No Exams)</p> <p>(Exception: Law school classes held.)</p>
Oct. 9 (Fri.)	<p>First Day to Enroll in the Two-Payment Plan (11:59 p.m.)</p> <p>See Payment Plans.</p>
Oct. 15 (Thurs.)	<p>Tuition & Fee Bill Available Online</p> <p>Bills for new or unpaid charges are online. Email notifications are sent to colorado.edu addresses and authorized payers. Payment is due Wednesday, Nov. 5. See Billing and Payments.</p>
Oct. 21 (Weds.)	<p>Last Day to Withdraw from the Semester with Financial Aid Adjustment (11:59 p.m.)</p> <p>From Oct. 3 through 21, 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. W notations are posted to transcripts. See Withdraw from the Semester and Return to Title IV Funds & Refund Policy.</p>
Oct. 27 (Tues.)	<p>Last Day to Change Your Final Exam Schedule</p> <p>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.</p>
Oct. 27 (Tues.)	<p>Last Day for Class Withdrawal (11:59 p.m.)</p> <p>After Sept. 4, 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 withdrawal from a class using Buff Portal through this date. See Drop a Class.</p>
Oct. 27 (Tues.)	<p>Last Day to Change Your Grade Mode to or from Pass/Fail (11:59 p.m.)</p> <p>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.</p>
Nov. 1 (Sun.)	<p>Last Day for Law Students to Submit or Cancel a Graduation Application (11:59 p.m.)</p> <p>See Graduation & Commencement.</p>

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Nov. 4 (Weds.)	Last Day to Enroll in the Two-Payment Plan (11:59 p.m.) See Payment Plans .
Nov. 5 (Thurs.)	Payment Due (11:59 p.m.) Payment for new or unpaid charges is due. See Billing and Payments .
Nov. 12 (Thurs.)	Tuition & Fee Bill Available Online Bills for new or unpaid charges are online. Email notifications are sent to colorado.edu addresses and authorized payers. Payment is due Saturday, Dec. 5. See Billing and Payments .
Nov. 23 (Mon.)– Nov. 27 (Fri.)	Fall Break (No Classes; University Closed Nov. 26 & 27)
Dec. 4 (Fri.)	Last Day of Classes Campus follows Monday class schedule.
Dec. 4 (Fri.)	Last Day to Apply for a Graduate Leave of Absence (5 p.m.) See Leave of Absence .
Dec. 4 (Fri.)	Last Day to Apply for COF or Submit a COF Lifetime Limit Extension Request (5 p.m.) See College Opportunity Fund (COF).
Dec. 4 (Fri.)	Last Day for Undergraduates to Submit or Cancel a Graduation Application (11:59 p.m.) See Graduation & Commencement .
Dec. 4 (Fri.)	Last Day to Withdraw from the Semester (11:59 p.m.) After Oct. 2, 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. After Oct. 21, if course participation is confirmed, an adjustment to financial aid is not required. See Return to Title IV Funds & Refund Policy . After Oct. 27, music and MBA students require their dean's approval to withdraw. See Withdraw from the Semester .
Dec. 5 (Sat.)	Payment Due (11:59 p.m.) Payment for new or unpaid charges is due. See Billing and Payments .
Dec. 5 (Sat.)	End of Term Reading Day 1 (No Classes; No Exams)
Dec. 6 (Sun.)	End of Term Reading Day 2 (No Classes; No Exams)
Dec. 7 (Mon.)– Dec. 11 (Fri.)	Final Exam Period See Buff Portal or Final Exam Schedules . (Exception: Law school follows a different final exam schedule .)
Dec. 10 (Thurs.)	Tuition & Fee Bill Available Online Bills for new or unpaid charges are online. Email notifications are sent to colorado.edu addresses and authorized payers. Payment is due Tuesday, Jan. 5. See Billing and Payments .
Dec. 11 (Fri.)	Last Day to Authorize COF (11:59 p.m.) See College Opportunity Fund (COF).
Dec. 11 (Fri.)	Degree Conferral Date (No Campus-wide Ceremony) See Winter Conferral . (Exception: Law school follows a different schedule .)

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Dec. 15 (Tues.)	<p>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 after 5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 18.</p>
Dec. 18 (Fri.)	<p>Grades Post to Transcripts (5 p.m.) Transcripts with grades posted are available for order.</p>
Jan. 4, 2027 (Mon.)	<p>Deadline to Update Diploma Name & Address (11:59 p.m.) See Graduation & Commencement.</p>
Jan. 5 (Tues.)	<p>Payment Due (11:59 p.m.) Payment for new or unpaid charges is due. See Billing and Payments.</p>
Jan. 8 (Fri.)	<p>Degrees Post to Transcripts (5 p.m.) Transcripts with degrees posted are available for order.</p>
Jan. 15 (Fri.)	<p>Certificates Post to Transcripts (5 p.m.) Transcripts with certificates posted are available for order.</p>
Jan. 27 (Weds.)	<p>Complimentary CeDiplomas Available for Download Graduates will receive notification through their colorado.edu email account. See Graduation & Commencement.</p>
Jan. 27 (Weds.)– March 26 (Fri.)	<p>Diploma Delivery Window Delivery to fall graduates with U.S. addresses should be complete by March 26; international delivery continues through April 30. See Graduation & Commencement.</p>
Feb. 3 (Weds.)	<p>Complimentary CeCertificates Available for Download Graduates will receive notification through their colorado.edu email account. See Graduation & Commencement.</p>
Feb. 3 (Weds.)– April 2 (Fri.)	<p>Certificate Delivery Window Delivery to fall graduates with U.S. addresses should be complete by April 2; international delivery continues through May 7. See Graduation & Commencement.</p>
April 30, 2027 (Fri.)	<p>Last Day to Appeal Tuition (5 p.m.) See Tuition Appeals.</p>