

Spring 2021 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 |
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| Oct. 1, 2020 (Thurs.) | <p>Winter & Spring 2021 First Day to Submit a Petition for Colorado Residency</p> <p>The domicile qualifying date was Jan. 13, 2020. Submit your petition between Oct. 1 and Dec. 18. See Tuition Classification for Current Students.</p> |
| Oct. 19 (Mon.) | <p>Spring 2021 Assigned Enrollment Dates Post for Current Degree-Seeking Students</p> <p>View your assigned enrollment dates in Buff Portal. The Spring 2021 schedule of classes is available starting Monday, Nov. 2.</p> |
| Nov. 2 (Mon.) | <p>Spring 2021 Schedule of Classes Available</p> <p>View your assigned enrollment dates in Buff Portal, then search for classes.</p> |
| Nov. 2 (Mon.) | <p>Spring 2021 First Day to Reserve a Course</p> <p>From Nov. 2 through Nov. 6, waitlisted students not enrolled in a course during the last term it was offered may be eligible to reserve that course for Spring 2021. See Reserve a Course.</p> |
| Nov. 6 (Fri.) | <p>Spring 2021 Last Day to Reserve a Course (5 p.m.)</p> <p>See Reserve a Course.</p> |
| Nov. 9 (Mon.) | <p>Spring 2021 Main Campus Registration Begins for Current Degree-Seeking Students (By Assignment)</p> <p>View your assigned enrollment dates in Buff Portal, then search for classes. Assigned dates occur between Nov. 9 and Dec. 3; registration remains open through open enrollment, which begins Jan. 11, 2021.</p> |
| Nov. 9 (Mon.) | <p>Spring 2021 Continuing Education (CE) Registration Begins for Current Students</p> <p>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.</p> |
| Dec. 7 (Mon.) | <p>Spring 2021 Main Campus Registration Begins for New & Readmitted Students</p> <p>View your enrollment dates in Buff Portal, then search for classes. Registration remains open through open enrollment, which begins Jan. 11, 2021.</p> |
| Dec. 14 (Mon.) | <p>Spring 2021 Payment Plans Available</p> <p>See Payment Plans.</p> |
| Dec. 18 (Fri.) | <p>Summer 2021 Schedule of Classes Available</p> <p>Start searching for classes now; the shopping cart will be available starting Feb. 17. Assigned enrollment dates occur between March 3 and 5. See Summer Session.</p> |
| Dec. 18 (Fri.) | <p>Winter & Spring 2021 Last Day to Submit a Petition for Colorado Residency (5 p.m.)</p> <p>See Tuition Classification for Current Students.</p> |
| Dec. 24 (Thurs.) | <p>Christmas Eve Holiday (No Classes; University Closed)</p> |
| Dec. 25 (Fri.) | <p>Christmas Day Holiday (No Classes; University Closed)</p> |

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| Jan. 1, 2021 (Fri.) | New Year's Day Holiday (No Classes; University Closed) |
| Jan. 4 (Mon.) | Spring 2021 Last Day to Withdraw from the Semester with 100% Refund (11:59 p.m.) Through this date, continuing students who drop all Main Campus classes are eligible for a full refund of their tuition, fees and confirmation deposit. See Withdraw from the Semester . |
| Jan. 6 (Wed.) | Spring 2021 Deadline to Set Up Direct Deposit Students who are eligible for a financial aid refund and have set up direct deposit by Jan. 6, 2021, will receive their refund on or around Friday, Jan. 8. See Refunds . Note: The deadline to set up direct deposit was originally Jan. 9, with refunds scheduled to be available around Jan. 11. These dates shifted because financial aid was disbursed earlier than previously planned. |
| Jan. 11 (Mon.) | Spring 2021 Main Campus Open Enrollment Begins for All Students (12:01 a.m.) Degree-seeking and nondegree students can add or drop Main Campus classes. Faculty and staff using the tuition assistance benefit for themselves shouldn't register until the first meeting day of the class. |
| Jan. 11 (Mon.) | Spring 2021 Main Campus Registration Begins for ACCESS Students See ACCESS General Info . |
| Jan. 14 (Thurs.) | Spring 2021 Classes Begin View your class schedule in Buff Portal . |
| Jan. 14 (Thurs.) | Spring 2021 Faculty & Staff Registration Opens Register for a class no earlier than its first meeting day. See CU Boulder Tuition Assistance . |
| Jan. 14 (Thurs.) | Spring 2021 Tuition & Fee Bill Available Online Email notifications are sent to colorado.edu addresses and authorized payers. Payment is due Friday, Feb. 12. See Billing and Payments . |
| Jan. 14 (Thurs.) | Spring 2021 Last Day to Submit Private Scholarship Checks Without Late/Service Charges (5 p.m.) Submit checks to the Office of Financial Aid. See Sending in Your Scholarship Money . |
| Jan. 15 (Fri.) | Spring 2021 Campus Wednesday Classes follow a Wednesday meeting schedule (excludes law). |
| Jan. 18 (Mon.) | Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday (No Classes; University Closed) |
| Jan. 25 (Mon.) | Spring 2021 Last Day to Add a Class (11:59 p.m.) See Add a Class . |
| Jan. 25 (Mon.) | Spring 2021 Last Day to Join a Class Waitlist (11:59 p.m.) See Waitlist for a Closed Class . |
| Jan. 25 (Mon.) | Spring 2021 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 Feb. 4, waitlists are canceled and waitlisted students lose access to online course materials. See Waitlist for a Closed Class . |
| Feb. 1 (Mon.) | Spring 2021 Last Day for Undergraduate BAM Students to Submit a Master's Continuation Form (11:59 p.m.) Undergraduate BAM students are also encouraged to apply to graduate by this date. See Pursue BAM or Concurrent Degrees . |

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| Feb. 1 (Mon.) | <p>Spring 2021 Last Day to Drop a Class Without Penalty (11:59 p.m.)</p> <p>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 grade is posted to their transcript. See Drop a Class.</p> |
| Feb. 1 (Mon.) | <p>Spring 2021 Last Day to Withdraw from the Semester with 100% Refund; \$200 Fee Applies (11:59 p.m.)</p> <p>From Jan. 5 through Feb. 1, continuing students are required to pay a \$200 withdrawal fee if they drop all Main Campus classes. Students who withdraw on or after the first day of classes may be required to refund or repay unearned financial aid. See Withdraw from the Semester and Return to Title IV Funds & Refund Policy.</p> |
| Feb. 3 (Wed.) | <p>Spring 2021 Last Day to Change Variable Credit Hours and No-Credit Status (11:59 p.m.)</p> <p>See Edit Your Class Options.</p> |
| Feb. 3 (Wed.) | <p>Spring 2021 Last Day for Non-Enrolled Students to Register Without a \$100 Late Fee (11:59 p.m.)</p> <p>See Register for Classes.</p> |
| Feb. 4 (Thurs.) | <p>Spring 2021 Waitlists Are Canceled</p> <p>Waitlists are canceled and students on the waitlist lose access to that class's online materials. See Waitlist for a Closed Class.</p> |
| Feb. 4 (Thurs.) | <p>Spring 2021 Courses Post to Transcripts (5 p.m.)</p> <p>Transcripts with courses posted are available for order.</p> |
| Feb. 4 (Thurs.) | <p>Spring 2021 Last Day to Enroll in a Payment Plan (11:59 p.m.)</p> <p>See Payment Plans.</p> |
| Feb. 5 (Fri.) | <p>Spring 2021 Tuition & Fee Payment Plan Auto Payments Processed (11:59 p.m.)</p> <p>Automatic deductions/debits for payment plans are processed (subject to change). View your bill in Buff Portal for students or CUBill&Pay for authorized payers.</p> |
| Feb. 12 (Fri.) | <p>Spring 2021 Tuition & Fees Payment Due (Extended Deadline) (11:59 p.m.)</p> <p>For Spring 2021, the payment deadline has been extended from Feb. 5 to Feb. 12 (subject to change). View your bill in Buff Portal for students or CUBill&Pay for authorized payers. For late payments, see Paying Late.</p> |
| Feb. 12 (Fri.) | <p>Spring 2021 Last Day to Submit Required Immunization Forms (5 p.m.)</p> <p>Failure to comply results in a \$25 fee and a registration hold. See Immunization Requirements.</p> |
| Feb. 12 (Fri.) | <p>Spring 2021 Last Day to Select or Waive Student Health Insurance (11:59 p.m.)</p> <p>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> |
| Feb. 15 (Mon.) | <p>Spring 2021 Last Day to Withdraw from the Semester with 40% Tuition Assessment & W Grades (11:59 p.m.)</p> <p>From Feb. 2 through 15, students who drop all Main Campus classes are required to pay 40 percent of tuition and fees (60 percent refund) and refund or repay any unearned financial aid. W grades are posted to transcripts. See Withdraw from the Semester and Return to Title IV Funds & Refund Policy.</p> |
| Feb. 17 (Wed.) | <p>Wellness Day (No Classes; University Remains Open)</p> |

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| Feb. 17 (Wed.) | <p>Summer 2021 Shopping Cart Available</p> <p>Students can start adding classes to their shopping cart. Assigned enrollment dates occur between March 3 and 5.</p> |
| Feb. 22 (Mon.) | <p>Spring 2021 Last Day to Register with Selective Service Before Registration Hold Applied (11:59 p.m.)</p> <p>See Register with Selective Service.</p> |
| March 1 (Mon.) | <p>Summer 2021 First Day to Submit a Petition for Colorado Residency</p> <p>The domicile qualifying date was May 9, 2020. Submit your petition between March 1 and May 7. See Tuition Classification for Current Students.</p> |
| March 1 (Mon.) | <p>Fall 2021 First Day to Submit a Petition for Colorado Residency</p> <p>The domicile qualifying date was Aug. 22, 2020. Submit your petition between March 1 and July 16. See Tuition Classification for Current Students.</p> |
| March 1 (Mon.) | <p>Spring 2021 Last Day to Withdraw from the Semester with 60% Tuition Assessment & W Grades (11:59 p.m.)</p> <p>From Feb. 16 through March 1, students who drop all Main Campus classes are required to pay 60 percent of tuition and fees (40 percent refund), and refund or repay any unearned financial aid. W grades are posted to transcripts. See Withdraw from the Semester and Return to Title IV Funds & Refund Policy.</p> |
| March 1 (Mon.) | <p>Summer 2021 Last Day for Undergraduate BAM Students to Submit a Master's Continuation Form (11:59 p.m.)</p> <p>Undergraduate BAM students are also encouraged to apply to graduate by this date. See Pursue BAM or Concurrent Degrees.</p> |
| March 3 (Wed.) | <p>Summer 2021 Main Campus Registration Begins for Current Degree-Seeking Students (By Assignment)</p> <p>View your enrollment dates in Buff Portal, then search for classes. Assigned enrollment dates occur between March 3 and 5; registration remains open through the last day to add a class for that session. See How to Enroll.</p> |
| March 5 (Fri.) | <p>Spring 2021 Payment Due (11:59 p.m.)</p> <p>Payment for new or unpaid charges is due. See Billing and Payments.</p> |
| March 8 (Mon.) | <p>Summer 2021 Main Campus Registration Begins for New & Readmitted Students</p> <p>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.</p> |
| March 21 (Sun.) | <p>Spring 2021 Last Day to Withdraw from the Semester & Be Required to Return Unearned Financial Aid (11:59 p.m.)</p> <p>From March 2 through 21, students who drop all Main Campus classes are required to pay 100 percent of tuition and fees (no refund) and refund or repay unearned financial aid. W grades are posted to transcripts. See Withdraw from the Semester and Return to Title IV Funds & Refund Policy.</p> |
| March 24 (Wed.) | <p>Spring 2021 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> |
| March 25 (Thurs.) | <p>Wellness Day (No Classes; University Remains Open)</p> |

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| March 29 (Mon.) | <p>Fall 2021 Schedule of Classes Available View your assigned Main Campus enrollment dates in Buff Portal, then search for classes.</p> |
| March 29 (Mon.) | <p>Fall 2021 First Day to Reserve a Course From March 29 through April 2, waitlisted students not enrolled in a course during the last term it was offered may be eligible to reserve that course for Fall 2021. See Reserve a Course.</p> |
| March 31 (Wed.) | <p>Spring 2021 Last Day to Drop a Class (11:59 p.m.) <i>Deadline extended from March 24.</i> After Feb. 1, 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 grade is posted to their transcript. See Drop a Class.</p> |
| March 31 (Wed.) | <p>Spring 2021 Last Day for Students Retaking a Class to Submit or Cancel a Grade Replacement Request (11:59 p.m.) <i>Deadline extended from March 24.</i> If you're retaking a course for grade replacement, you must submit a grade replacement request form by this date. Simply registering for a class you've already taken does not automatically opt you in to grade replacement. See Retake a Course for Grade Replacement.</p> |
| March 31 (Wed.) | <p>Spring 2021 Last Day to Change Pass/Fail Grade Mode (11:59 p.m.) <i>Deadline extended from March 24.</i> 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> |
| April 1 (Thurs.) | <p>Spring 2021 Last Day to Submit a Graduation Application to Get Your Name in the 2020–21 Commencement Program (11:59 p.m.) See Graduation & Commencement.</p> |
| April 1 (Thurs.) | <p>Spring 2021 Last Day for MBA, Law & Graduate Students to Submit or Cancel a Graduation Application (11:59 p.m.) See Graduation & Commencement.</p> |
| April 2 (Fri.) | <p>Fall 2021 Last Day to Reserve a Course (5 p.m.) See Reserve a Course.</p> |
| April 5 (Mon.) | <p>Fall 2021 Main Campus Registration Begins for Current Degree-Seeking Undergraduates (By Assignment) View your assigned enrollment dates in Buff Portal, then search for classes. Assigned dates occur between April 5 and 23; registration remains open through June 18. The schedule adjustment period is Aug. 9–15.</p> |
| April 5 (Mon.) | <p>Fall 2021 Main Campus Registration Begins for Current Degree-Seeking Graduate Students (By Assignment) View your assigned enrollment dates in Buff Portal, then search for classes. Assigned dates occur between April 5 and 23; registration remains open through open enrollment, which begins Aug. 16.</p> |
| April 5 (Mon.) | <p>Fall 2021 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.</p> |
| April 5 (Mon.) | <p>Spring 2021 Payment Due (11:59 p.m.) Payment for new or unpaid charges is due. See Billing and Payments.</p> |

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| April 19 (Mon.) | Summer 2021 Payment Plans Available See Payment Plans . |
| April 26 (Mon.) | Fall 2021 Main Campus Registration Begins for Readmitted Undergraduates View your enrollment dates in Buff Portal , then search for classes . Registration remains open through June 18. The schedule adjustment period is Aug. 9–15. |
| April 26 (Mon.) | Fall 2021 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. 16. |
| April 29 (Thurs.) | Spring 2021 Last Day of Classes |
| April 29 (Thurs.) | Spring 2021 Last Day to Apply for COF or Submit a COF Lifetime Limit Extension Request (5 p.m.) See College Opportunity Fund (COF). |
| April 29 (Thurs.) | Spring 2021 Last Day to Apply for a Graduate Leave of Absence (5 p.m.) See Leave of Absence . |
| April 29 (Thurs.) | Spring 2021 Last Day to Withdraw from the Semester (11:59 p.m.) After March 1, students who drop all Main Campus classes are required to pay 100 percent of tuition and fees (no refund), and W grades are posted to transcripts. After March 21, if attendance is confirmed, students have earned 100 percent of their financial aid award (i.e., no refund or repayment is necessary). See Return to Title IV Funds & Refund Policy . After March 24, environment, law, music and MBA students require their dean's approval to withdraw. See Withdraw from the Semester . |
| April 29 (Thurs.) | Spring 2021 Last Day for Undergraduates to Submit or Cancel a Graduation Application (11:59 p.m.) See Graduation & Commencement . |
| April 30 (Fri.) | Spring 2021 Reading Day (No Classes; No Exams) |
| May 1 (Sat.) | Spring 2021 First Day of Final Exams On Sunday, May 2, finals run from 1:30 to 10 p.m. View your finals schedule in Buff Portal or see Final Exam Schedules . |
| May 4 (Tues.) | Spring 2021 Payment Due (11:59 p.m.) Payment for new or unpaid charges is due. See Billing and Payments . |
| May 5 (Wed.) | Spring 2021 Last Day of Final Exams |
| May 5 (Wed.) | Spring 2021 Last Day to Dispute Tuition (5 p.m.) See Tuition Dispute . |
| May 5 (Wed.) | Spring 2021 Last Day to Authorize COF (11:59 p.m.) See College Opportunity Fund (COF). |
| May 6 (Thurs.) | Spring 2021 Commencement Ceremony (Livestreamed) & Degree Conferral Date See Spring Ceremony . |

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| May 7 (Fri.) | Summer 2021 Last Day to Submit a Petition for Colorado Residency (4:30 p.m.) See Tuition Classification for Current Students . |
| May 10 (Mon.) | Spring 2021 Deadline for Instructors to Post Grades (11:59 p.m.) Final semester grades appear in Buff Portal as instructors submit them, and post to transcripts after 5 p.m. on Thursday, May 13. |
| May 13 (Thurs.) | Spring 2021 Grades Post to Transcripts (5 p.m.) Transcripts with grades posted are available for order . |
| May 31 (Mon.) | Memorial Day Holiday (No Classes; University Closed) |
| June 1 (Tues.) | Spring 2021 Deadline to Update Diploma Name & Address (11:59 p.m.) See Graduation & Commencement . |
| June 4 (Fri.) | Spring 2021 Degrees Post to Transcripts (5 p.m.) Transcripts with degrees posted are available for order . |
| June 18 (Fri.) | Spring 2021 Certificates Post to Transcripts (5 p.m.) Transcripts with certificates posted are available for order . |
| June 28 (Mon.) | Spring 2021 Diplomas Mail to Graduates See Graduation & Commencement . |
| July 12 (Mon.) | Spring 2021 Certificates Mail to Graduates See Graduation & Commencement . |