**Fall 2020 Academic Calendar**

This calendar applies to CU Boulder Main Campus 16-week classes. For other classes, see the [Continuing Education](#) or [special session calendars](#). Dates are subject to change; please refer to the [online academic calendar](#) for current dates.

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<td><strong>Fall 2020 Registration Begins for Current Degree-Seeking Undergraduates</strong> View your assigned enrollment dates in <a href="#">Buff Portal</a>, then <a href="#">search for classes</a>. Assigned dates occur between March 30 and April 17; registration remains open through Friday, June 12. The schedule adjustment period is Aug. 10–14.</td>
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<td><strong>Fall 2020 Registration Begins for Current Degree-Seeking Graduate Students</strong> View your assigned enrollment dates in <a href="#">Buff Portal</a>, then <a href="#">search for classes</a>. Assigned dates occur between March 30 and April 17; registration remains open through Tuesday, Aug. 18.</td>
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<td>April 27 (Mon.)</td>
<td><strong>Fall 2020 Registration Begins for Readmitted Undergraduates</strong> View your enrollment dates in <a href="#">Buff Portal</a>, then <a href="#">search for classes</a>. Registration remains open through Friday, June 12; the schedule adjustment period is Aug. 10–14.</td>
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<td>April 27 (Mon.)</td>
<td><strong>Fall 2020 Registration Begins for New &amp; Readmitted Graduate Students</strong> View your enrollment dates in <a href="#">Buff Portal</a>, then <a href="#">search for classes</a>. Registration remains open through Tuesday, Aug. 18.</td>
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<td>May 26 (Tues.)</td>
<td><strong>Fall 2020 Registration Begins for Incoming Transfer &amp; Summer-to-Fall Students</strong> Registration remains open through Friday, June 12. A second registration window occurs July 6–Aug. 18.</td>
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<td>May 29 (Fri.)</td>
<td><strong>Fall 2020 Registration Begins for New &amp; Readmitted Law Students</strong> View your enrollment dates in <a href="#">Buff Portal</a>, then <a href="#">search for classes</a>. Registration remains open through Tuesday, Aug. 18.</td>
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| June 12 (Fri.) | **Fall 2020 Registration Closes for Incoming Transfer, Summer-to-Fall, Readmitted & Current Degree-Seeking Undergraduates (11:59 p.m.)**  
                The schedule adjustment period is Aug. 10–14.                                                                                      |
| July 6 (Mon.) | **Fall 2020 Registration Begins for Incoming Freshmen (By Assignment)**  
                New undergraduates are notified of registration procedures by the New Student & Family Programs Office.                                      |
| July 6 (Mon.) | **Fall 2020 Registration Reopens for Incoming Transfer & Summer-to-Fall Students**  
                The first registration window occurred May 26–June 12. Registration remains open through Tuesday, Aug. 18.                            |
| July 17 (Fri.) | **Fall 2020 Last Day to Submit a Petition for Colorado Residency (4:30 p.m.)**  
                See Tuition Classification for Current Students.                                                                                     |
| Aug. 6 (Thurs.) | **Fall 2020 Registration Closes for Incoming Freshmen**  
                Freshmen not previously registered are assigned to the final registration period on Aug. 17 and 18. Open enrollment begins Wednesday, Aug. 19. |
| Aug. 10 (Mon.) | **Fall 2020 Registration Reopens for Current & Readmitted Degree-Seeking Undergraduates**  
                Schedule adjustment ends Friday, Aug. 14.                                                                                            |
| Aug. 13 (Thurs.) | **Fall 2020 Tuition & Fee Bills Are Available**  
                Email notifications are sent to colorado.edu addresses and authorized payers. Payment is due Saturday, Sept. 5. See Billing and Payments. |
| Aug. 14 (Fri.) | **Fall 2020 Registration Recloses for Current & Readmitted Degree-Seeking Undergraduates (11:59 p.m.)**  
                Open enrollment begins Wednesday, Aug. 19.                                                                                            |
| Aug. 14 (Fri.) | **Fall 2020 Last Day to Withdraw from the Semester with 100% Refund (11:59 p.m.)**  
                From March 16 through Aug. 14, 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. |
| Aug. 17 (Mon.) | **Fall 2020 Deadline to Set Up Direct Deposit**  
                Students who have set up direct deposit by this date and are eligible for a financial aid refund will receive it on or around Friday, Aug. 21. See Refunds. |
| Aug. 17 (Mon.) | **Fall 2020 Registration Begins for Incoming Freshmen Not Previously Registered**  
                Registration remains open through Tuesday, Aug. 18. New undergraduates are notified of registration procedures by the New Student & Family Programs Office. |
| Aug. 18 (Tues.) | **Fall 2020 Registration Closes for All Students (11:59 p.m.)**  
                Open enrollment begins Wednesday, Aug. 19.                                                                                            |
| Aug. 19 (Wed.) | **Fall 2020 Open Enrollment Begins (12:01 a.m.)**  
                All students can add or drop Main Campus classes through Buff Portal.                                                                      |
| Aug. 19 (Wed.) | **Fall 2020 Registration Begins for ACCESS/Nondegree Students**  
                See ACCESS General Info.                                                                                                                   |
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| Aug. 24 (Mon.) | **Fall 2020 Faculty & Staff Registration Opens**  
Register for a class no earlier than its first meeting day. See [CU Boulder Tuition Assistance Benefit.](#) |
| Aug. 24 (Mon.) | **Fall 2020 Classes Begin**  
View your schedule in [Buff Portal.](#) |
| Aug. 24 (Mon.) | **Fall 2020 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.](#) |
| Sept. 2 (Wed.) | **Fall 2020 First Day of Space-Available Registration for Senior Auditors (Ages 55+)**  
Registration occurs at the [Koenig Alumni Center.](#) 8 a.m.–3 p.m. See [Senior Auditors.](#) |
| Sept. 2 (Wed.) | **Fall 2020 Last Day to Add a Class (11:59 p.m.)**  
See [Add a Class.](#) |
| Sept. 2 (Wed.) | **Fall 2020 Last Day to Be Automatically Enrolled from a Waitlist (11:59 p.m.)**  
From Sept. 3 through 11, waitlisted students may be enrolled manually by the department offering the class. On Sept. 11, waitlists are canceled and waitlisted students lose access to class materials and Canvas. See [Waitlist for a Closed Class.](#) |
| Sept. 3 (Thurs.) | **Fall 2020 Last Day of Space-Available Registration for Senior Auditors (Ages 55+)**  
Registration occurs at the [Koenig Alumni Center.](#) 8 a.m.–3 p.m. See [Senior Auditors.](#) |
| Sept. 4 (Fri.) | **Fall 2020 Last Day to Enroll in a Payment Plan (11:59 p.m.)**  
See [Payment Plans.](#) |
| Sept. 5 (Sat.) | **Fall 2020 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.](#) |
| Sept. 7 (Mon.) | **Labor Day Holiday (No Classes; University Closed)** |
| Sept. 9 (Wed.) | **Fall 2020 Last Day to Drop a Class without Tuition/Fee Charges & without a W Grade (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 grade is posted to their transcript. See [Drop a Class.](#) |
| Sept. 9 (Wed.) | **Fall 2020 Last Day to Withdraw from the Semester without Tuition Charges & without W Grades; $200 Fee Applies (11:59 p.m.)**  
From Aug. 15 through Sept. 9, 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.](#) |
| Sept. 11 (Fri.) | **Fall 2020 Last Day to Submit Required Immunization Forms (5 p.m.)**  
Failure to comply results in a $25 fee and a registration hold. See [New Student Requirements.](#) |
| Sept. 11 (Fri.) | **Fall 2020 Last Day to Select or Waive Health Insurance (11:59 p.m.)**  
See [Health Insurance Requirement.](#) |
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| Sept. 11 (Fri.)   | **Fall 2020 Waitlists Are Canceled (11:59 p.m.)**  
Waitlists are canceled and students on the waitlist lose access to class materials. See Waitlist for a Closed Class.                                                                                                                     |
| Sept. 11 (Fri.)   | **Fall 2020 Last Day to Change Variable Credit Hours and Pass/Fail & No-Credit Status (11:59 p.m.)**  
See Edit Your Class Options.                                                                                                        |
| Sept. 11 (Fri.)   | **Fall 2020 Last Day for Non-Enrolled Students to Register without a $100 Late Fee (11:59 p.m.)**  
See Register for Classes.                                                                                                           |
| Sept. 11 (Fri.)   | **Fall 2020 Courses Post to Transcripts (5 p.m.)**  
Transcripts with courses posted are available for order.                                                                                     |
| Sept. 23 (Wed.)   | **Fall 2020 Last Day to Withdraw from the Semester with 40% Tuition Assessment & W Grades (11:59 p.m.)**  
From Sept. 10 through Sept. 23, 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 grades are posted to transcripts. See Withdraw from the Semester and Return to Title IV Funds & Refund Policy. |
| Sept. 30 (Wed.)   | **Fall 2020 Last Day to Submit Selective Service Form before Registration Hold Applied (11:59 p.m.)**  
See Register with Selective Service.                                                                                                   |
| Oct. 1 (Thurs.)   | **Winter & Spring 2021 First Day to Submit a Petition for Colorado Residency**  
Submit your petition between Oct. 1 and Dec. 18. See Tuition Classification for Current Students.                                                                                                             |
| Oct. 1 (Thurs.)   | **Fall 2020 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.                                                                                       |
| Oct. 2 (Fri.)     | **Fall 2020 Last Day to Waive CU Student Government Fees (5 p.m.)**  
Petitions may be picked up and turned in at the CU Student Government office in UMC 125.                                                                                                        |
| Oct. 5 (Mon.)     | **Fall 2020 Payment Due (11:59 p.m.)**  
Payment for new or unpaid charges is due. See Billing and Payments.                                                                                          |
| Oct. 7 (Wed.)     | **Fall 2020 Last Day to Withdraw from the Semester with 60% Tuition Assessment & W Grades (11:59 p.m.)**  
From Sept. 24 through Oct. 7, 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 grades are posted to transcripts. See Withdraw from the Semester and Return to Title IV Funds & Refund Policy. |
| Oct. 12 (Mon.)    | **Spring 2021 Schedule of Classes Available**  
View your assigned enrollment dates in Buff Portal, then search for classes.                                                                                |
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<td>Oct. 25 (Sun.)</td>
<td><strong>Fall 2020 Last Day to Withdraw from the Semester &amp; Be Required to Return Unearned Financial Aid (11:59 p.m.)</strong>&lt;br&gt;From Oct. 8 through Oct. 25, 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 &amp; Refund Policy.</td>
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<td><strong>Spring 2021 First Day to Reserve a Course</strong>&lt;br&gt;From Oct. 26 through Oct. 30, 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.</td>
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<td><strong>Fall 2020 Last Day to Change Your Final Exam Schedule</strong>&lt;br&gt;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.</td>
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<td><strong>Fall 2020 Last Day to Submit or Cancel a Grade Replacement Request (11:59 p.m.)</strong>&lt;br&gt;See Retake a Course for Grade Replacement.</td>
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<td>Nov. 1 (Sun.)</td>
<td><strong>Fall 2020 Last Day for MBA, Law &amp; Graduate Students to Submit, Update or Cancel a Graduation Application (11:59 p.m.)</strong>&lt;br&gt;See Graduation &amp; Commencement.</td>
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<td><strong>Spring 2021 Registration Begins for Current Degree-Seeking Students</strong>&lt;br&gt;View your assigned enrollment dates in Buff Portal, then search for classes. Assigned dates occur between Nov. 2 and Nov. 29; registration remains open through Jan. 7.</td>
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<td><strong>Summer 2021 Schedule of Classes Available</strong>&lt;br&gt;Start searching for classes now. Registration begins Tuesday, March 2. See Summer Session.</td>
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See [Payment Plans](#).          |
| Dec. 10 (Thurs.) | Fall 2020 Last Day of Classes                                                      |
| Dec. 10 (Thurs.) | Fall 2020 Last Day to Apply for COF or Submit a COF Lifetime Limit Extension Request (5 p.m.)  
See [College Opportunity Fund](#) (COF).          |
| Dec. 10 (Thurs.) | Fall 2020 Last Day to Apply for a Graduate Leave of Absence (5 p.m.)  
See [Leave of Absence](#).          |
| Dec. 10 (Thurs.) | Fall 2020 Last Day for Undergraduates to Submit, Update or Cancel a Graduation Application (11:59 p.m.)  
See [Graduation & Commencement](#).          |
| Dec. 11 (Fri.) | Fall 2020 Reading Day *(No Classes; No Exams)*                                     |
| Dec. 12 (Sat.) | Fall 2020 First Day of Final Exams (1:30 p.m.)  
On Sunday, Dec. 13, finals run from 1:30 to 10 p.m. See [Buff Portal](#) or [Final Exam Schedules](#).          |
| Dec. 16 (Wed.) | Fall 2020 Last Day of Final Exams                                                  |
| Dec. 16 (Wed.) | Fall 2020 Last Day to Dispute Tuition (5 p.m.)  
See [Tuition Dispute](#).          |
| Dec. 16 (Wed.) | Fall 2020 Last Day to Authorize COF (11:59 p.m.)  
See [College Opportunity Fund](#) (COF).          |
| Dec. 17 (Thurs.) | Fall 2020 Degree Conferral Date (No Campuswide Ceremony)  
See [Winter Conferral](#).          |
| Dec. 18 (Fri.) | Winter & Spring 2021 Last Day to Submit a Petition for Colorado Residency (5 p.m.)  
See [Tuition Classification for Current Students](#).          |
| Dec. 21 (Mon.) | Fall 2020 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 Friday, Dec. 28.          |
| Dec. 24 (Thurs.) | Christmas Eve Holiday *(No Classes; University Closed)*                          |
| Dec. 25 (Fri.) | Christmas Day Holiday *(No Classes; University Closed)*                          |
| Dec. 28 (Mon.) | Fall 2020 Grades Post to Transcripts (5 p.m.)  
Transcripts with grades posted are [available for order](#).          |
| Jan. 1 (Fri.) | New Year’s Day Holiday *(No Classes; University Closed)*                          |
| Jan. 18 (Mon.) | Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday *(No Classes; University Closed)*                 |
| Jan. 19 (Tues.) | Fall 2020 Deadline to Update Diploma Name & Address (11:59 p.m.)  
See [Graduation & Commencement](#).          |
| Jan. 22 (Fri.) | Fall 2020 Degrees Post to Transcripts (5 p.m.)  
Transcripts with degrees posted are [available for order](#).          |
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| Feb. 5 (Fri.)| **Fall 2020 Certificates Post to Transcripts (5 p.m.)**  
Transcripts with certificates posted are [available for order](#). |
| Feb. 15 (Mon.)| **Fall 2020 Diplomas Mail to Graduates**  
See [Graduation & Commencement](#). |
| March 1 (Mon.)| **Fall 2020 Certificates Mail to Graduates**  
See [Graduation & Commencement](#). |