

Fall 2020 Academic Calendar

This calendar applies to full-semester CU Boulder Main Campus classes. For other classes, see the [Continuing Education](#) or [special session 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 (Mon.)	Fall 2020 First Day to Submit a Petition for Colorado Residency Submit your petition between March 2 and July 17. See Tuition Classification for Current Students .
March 4 (Wed.)	Fall 2020 Schedule of Classes Available View your assigned enrollment dates in Buff Portal , then search for classes .
March 16 (Mon.)	Fall 2020 First Day to Reserve a Course From March 16 through 26, waitlisted students not enrolled in a course during the last term it was offered may be eligible to reserve that course for Fall 2020. See Reserve a Course .
March 26 (Thurs.)	Fall 2020 Last Day to Reserve a Course See Reserve a Course .
March 30 (Mon.)	Fall 2020 Registration Begins for Current Degree-Seeking Undergraduates View your assigned enrollment dates in Buff Portal , then search for classes . Assigned dates occur between March 30 and April 17; registration remains open through Friday, June 12.
March 30 (Mon.)	Fall 2020 Registration Begins for Current Degree-Seeking Graduate Students View your assigned enrollment dates in Buff Portal , then search for classes . Assigned dates occur between March 30 and April 17; registration remains open through open enrollment, which begins Aug. 10.
April 27 (Mon.)	Fall 2020 Registration Begins for Readmitted Undergraduates View your enrollment dates in Buff Portal , then search for classes . Registration remains open through Friday, June 12.
April 27 (Mon.)	Fall 2020 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. 10.
May 29 (Fri.)	Fall 2020 Registration Begins for Incoming & Readmitted Law Students View your enrollment dates in Buff Portal , then search for classes . Registration remains open through open enrollment, which begins Aug. 10.
June 5 (Fri.)	Fall 2020 Payment Plans Available See Payment Plans .
June 12 (Fri.)	Fall 2020 Registration Closes for Current & Readmitted Degree-Seeking Undergraduates (11:59 p.m.) Schedule adjustment begins Monday, Aug. 3.

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July 16 (Thurs.)	<p>Fall 2020 Registration Begins for Incoming Fall Transfer & Summer-to-Fall Transfer Students (8 a.m.) Registration remains open through open enrollment, which begins Aug. 10.</p>
July 17 (Fri.)	<p>Fall 2020 Last Day to Submit a Petition for Colorado Residency (4:30 p.m.) See Tuition Classification for Current Students.</p>
July 20 (Mon.)	<p>Fall 2020 Registration Begins for Incoming Fall First-Year Students (By Assignment) New undergraduates are notified of registration procedures by the New Student & Family Programs Office.</p>
July 20 (Mon.)	<p>Fall 2020 Registration Begins for Incoming Summer-to-Fall First-Year Students (8:30 a.m.) This two-day registration window ends at 4:30 p.m. on July 21.</p>
July 21 (Tues.)	<p>Fall 2020 Registration Closes for Incoming Summer-to-Fall First-Year Students (4:30 p.m.) Schedule adjustment begins Monday, Aug. 3.</p>
July 31 (Fri.)	<p>Fall 2020 Registration Closes for Incoming Fall First-Year Students Schedule adjustment begins Monday, Aug. 3.</p>
Aug. 3 (Mon.)	<p>Fall 2020 Schedule Adjustment Begins for Degree-Seeking Students (8 a.m.) Registration remains open through open enrollment, which begins Aug. 10.</p>
Aug. 10 (Mon.)	<p>Fall 2020 Open Enrollment Begins (12:01 a.m.) All students can add or drop Main Campus classes through Buff Portal.</p>
Aug. 10 (Mon.)	<p>Fall 2020 Registration Begins for ACCESS/Nondegree Students See ACCESS General Info.</p>
Aug. 14 (Fri.)	<p>Fall 2020 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.</p>
Aug. 17 (Mon.)	<p>Fall 2020 Last Day to Join a Waitlist for an In-Person or Hybrid In-Person Class (5 p.m.) After this date, in-person and hybrid-in person class waitlists will stop accepting new students to allow instructors time to communicate with students about first-day attendance expectations. See Waitlist for a Closed Class.</p>
Aug. 17 (Mon.)	<p>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.</p>
Aug. 19 (Wed.)	<p>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.</p>
Aug. 24 (Mon.)	<p>Fall 2020 Faculty & Staff Registration Opens Register for a class no earlier than its first meeting day. See CU Boulder Tuition Assistance.</p>
Aug. 24 (Mon.)	<p>Fall 2020 Classes Begin View your schedule in Buff Portal.</p>
Aug. 24 (Mon.)	<p>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.</p>

Date	Title/Description
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 Join a Waitlist for a Remote, Online or Hybrid Remote/Online Class (11:59 p.m.) The last day to join a waitlist for an in-person or hybrid in-person class was Aug. 17. See Waitlist for a Closed 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. 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 .
Sept. 11 (Fri.)	Fall 2020 Last Day to Change Variable Credit Hours & 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. 14 (Mon.)	Fall 2020 Waitlists Are Canceled Waitlists are canceled and students on the waitlist lose access to class materials. See Waitlist for a Closed Class .
Sept. 14 (Mon.)	Fall 2020 Courses Post to Transcripts (5 p.m.) Transcripts with courses posted are available for order .

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Sept. 29 (Tues.)	<p>Fall 2020 Last Day to Withdraw from the Semester with 40% Tuition Assessment & W Grades (11:59 p.m.)</p> <p>From Sept. 10 through Sept. 29 (postponed from 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.</p>
Sept. 30 (Wed.)	<p>Fall 2020 Last Day to Submit Selective Service Form before Registration Hold Applied (11:59 p.m.)</p> <p>See Register with Selective Service.</p>
Oct. 1 (Thurs.)	<p>Winter & Spring 2021 First Day to Submit a Petition for Colorado Residency</p> <p>Submit your petition between Oct. 1 and Dec. 18. See Tuition Classification for Current Students.</p>
Oct. 1 (Thurs.)	<p>Fall 2020 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>
Oct. 5 (Mon.)	<p>Fall 2020 Payment Due (11:59 p.m.)</p> <p>Payment for new or unpaid charges is due. See Billing and Payments.</p>
Oct. 7 (Wed.)	<p>Fall 2020 Last Day to Withdraw from the Semester with 60% Tuition Assessment & W Grades (11:59 p.m.)</p> <p>From Sept. 30 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.</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>
Oct. 25 (Sun.)	<p>Fall 2020 Last Day to Withdraw from the Semester & Be Required to Return Unearned Financial Aid (11:59 p.m.)</p> <p>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 & Refund Policy.</p>
Oct. 30 (Fri.)	<p>Fall 2020 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. 30 (Fri.)	<p>Fall 2020 Last Day to Drop a Class (11:59 p.m.)</p> <p>After Sept. 9, 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>
Oct. 30 (Fri.)	<p>Fall 2020 Last Day to Submit or Cancel a Grade Replacement Request (11:59 p.m.)</p> <p>See Retake a Course for Grade Replacement.</p>

Date	Title/Description
Oct. 30 (Fri.)	<p>Fall 2020 Last Day to Change Pass/Fail Grade Mode (11:59 p.m.) Change your grade mode for a student-option class through Buff Portal. See Edit Your Class Options.</p>
Nov. 1 (Sun.)	<p>Fall 2020 Last Day for MBA, Law & Graduate Students to Submit, Update or Cancel a Graduation Application (11:59 p.m.) See Graduation & Commencement.</p>
Nov. 2 (Mon.)	<p>Spring 2021 Schedule of Classes Available 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 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. 5 (Thurs.)	<p>Fall 2020 Payment Due (11:59 p.m.) Payment for new or unpaid charges is due. See Billing and Payments.</p>
Nov. 6 (Fri.)	<p>Spring 2021 Last Day to Reserve a Course (5 p.m.) See Reserve a Course.</p>
Nov. 9 (Mon.)	<p>Spring 2021 Registration Begins for Current Degree-Seeking Students 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. 8, 2021.</p>
Nov. 26 (Thurs.) – Nov. 27 (Fri.)	<p>Shortened Fall Break & Thanksgiving Holiday (No Classes; University Closed)</p>
Dec. 5 (Sat.)	<p>Fall 2020 Payment Due (11:59 p.m.) Payment for new or unpaid charges is due. See Billing and Payments.</p>
Dec. 7 (Mon.)	<p>Spring 2021 Registration Begins for New & Readmitted Students View your enrollment dates in Buff Portal, then search for classes. Registration remains open through open enrollment, which begins Jan. 8, 2021.</p>
Dec. 7 (Mon.)	<p>Spring 2021 Payment Plans Available See Payment Plans.</p>
Dec. 7 (Mon.)	<p>Fall 2020 Last Day of Classes</p>
Dec. 7 (Mon.)	<p>Fall 2020 Last Day to Apply for COF or Submit a COF Lifetime Limit Extension Request (5 p.m.) See College Opportunity Fund (COF).</p>
Dec. 7 (Mon.)	<p>Fall 2020 Last Day to Apply for a Graduate Leave of Absence (5 p.m.) See Leave of Absence.</p>
Dec. 7 (Mon.)	<p>Fall 2020 Last Day to Withdraw from the Semester (11:59 p.m.) After Oct. 7, 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 Oct. 25, 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 Oct. 29, environment, law, music and MBA students require their dean's approval to withdraw. See Withdraw from the Semester.</p>

Date	Title/Description
Dec. 7 (Mon.)	Fall 2020 Last Day for Undergraduates to Submit, Update or Cancel a Graduation Application (11:59 p.m.) See Graduation & Commencement .
Dec. 8 (Tues.)	Fall 2020 Reading Day (No Classes; No Exams)
Dec. 9 (Wed.)	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. 13 (Sun.)	Fall 2020 Last Day of Final Exams
Dec. 13 (Sun.)	Fall 2020 Last Day to Dispute Tuition (5 p.m.) See Tuition Dispute .
Dec. 13 (Sun.)	Fall 2020 Last Day to Authorize COF (11:59 p.m.) See College Opportunity Fund (COF).
Dec. 14 (Mon.)	Fall 2020 Degree Conferral Date (No Campuswide Ceremony) See Winter Conferral .
Dec. 17 (Thurs.)	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. 18 (Fri.)	Winter & Spring 2021 Last Day to Submit a Petition for Colorado Residency (5 p.m.) See Tuition Classification for Current Students .
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. 16 (Sat.)	Fall 2020 Deadline to Update Diploma Name & Address (11:59 p.m.) See Graduation & Commencement .
Jan. 19 (Tues.)	Fall 2020 Degrees Post to Transcripts (5 p.m.) Transcripts with degrees posted are available for order .
Feb. 2 (Tues.)	Fall 2020 Certificates Post to Transcripts (5 p.m.) Transcripts with certificates posted are available for order .
Feb. 12 (Fri.)	Fall 2020 Diplomas Mail to Graduates See Graduation & Commencement .
Feb. 26 (Fri.)	Fall 2020 Certificates Mail to Graduates See Graduation & Commencement .