



2025-26 Academic Calendar

FIRST SEMESTER

August 17	Sunday	Early Childhood Student Teacher Orientation
August 21-23	Thursday to Saturday	New Student Orientation
August 23-24	Saturday & Sunday	Arrival of Upper Classes
August 25	Monday	Classes Begin
August 25	Monday	Elementary and Middle/Secondary Student Teachers Begin (Seminars)
September 1	Monday	Labor Day – No Classes
October 15*	Wednesday	Midterm
October 15	Wednesday	Midterm Break begins after scheduled classes*
October 16-17	Thursday & Friday	No Classes – WELS Minnesota District Teachers Conference
October 20	Monday	Classes Resume
November 5	Wednesday	Evangelism Day
November 25	Tuesday	Thanksgiving Break begins after scheduled classes*
December 1	Monday	Classes Resume
December 12	Friday	Last Day of Classes before Exams
December 13	Saturday	7:30 p.m. – Christmas Concert
December 14	Sunday	4:00 p.m. – Christmas Concert
December 13-18	Saturday to Thursday	Exams (Exams begin Saturday Morning & end Thursday at 4:35 p.m.)

**Note: Students in their professional semester (Student Teaching) follow the school calendar where they are teaching.*

J TERM

January 4	Sunday	Early Childhood Student Teacher Orientation
January 5-21	Monday to Wednesday	Education Majors Complete Clinical Courses
January 12	Monday	Elementary and Middle/Secondary Student Teachers begin (Seminars)
January 16-20	Friday to Tuesday	Education and Staff Ministry Majors Complete Early Field Experience (EFE) I

*Note: Education students may complete Early Field Experience II during J-Term
Staff Ministry students may complete Staff Ministry Field Experience II, III, or Individual Field Experience during J-Term
Pre-Seminary students may complete Pre-Seminary Early Ministry Experience I or II during J-Term*

SECOND SEMESTER

January 22	Thursday	Classes Begin
March 6	Friday	Midterm
March 6	Friday	Spring Break begins after scheduled classes*
March 7-15	Saturday to Sunday	Spring Break (<i>field experiences may be completed during this time</i>)
March 16	Monday	Classes Resume
April 1	Wednesday	Easter Break begins after scheduled classes*
April 2-6	Thursday to Monday	Easter Break
April 7	Tuesday	Classes Resume
April ?	M, W, F?	Arbor Day – TBD
May 8	Friday	Last Day of Classes before Exams
May 11-15	Monday to Friday	Exams (Exams begin Monday morning & end Friday at 2:30 p.m.)
May 15	Friday	4:00 p.m. – Honors Recital 7:30 p.m. – Commencement Concert
May 16	Saturday	10:00 a.m. – Commencement Service

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2026 SUMMER SESSION

June 8-July 31, 2026