

Full-Time Faculty Report Dates 2026-2027

Employees on academic year appointments are contracted for August–May. Such employees may also be subject to call for duty during that period, regardless of whether classes are in session. Department Chairs are responsible for the management of this procedure.

Purpose of Establishing these Faculty Report Dates:

- Human Resources can apply sick leave, parental leave, and FMLA on a consistent and fair basis across the university.
- Deans, Department Chairs, and others, can clearly articulate to students, parents, and other stakeholders when faculty are available to respond to questions and concerns.

The following have been established as report dates for Fall and Spring semesters:

Fall Semester report date:

For “returning” full-time faculty, this date shall be two weeks prior to the first day of Fall semester. In 2026, the first day of Fall semester is Monday, August 24, and the report date for “returning” full-time faculty is Monday, August 10, 2026.

For new first-year faculty, the 2026 report date is the 31st day of July since the first day of August is a Saturday. This allows new faculty additional time to become oriented to the university and triggers health benefits (insurance) coverage to begin September 1, rather than October 1.

The syllabus and first week assignments should be posted in D2L and accessible to students at least two business days prior to the first day of Fall semester. In Fall 2026, D2L will open for students at 8:30am, Thursday, August 20.

Fall Semester end date:

This date shall be the day after Fall Semester final grades are due. In 2026, the end date is Wednesday, December 16. *Faculty are encouraged to respond to students seeking grade changes or appeals or have advising and registration questions between this date and the Spring Semester report date.*

Spring Semester report date:

This date shall be one week (or 5 business days) prior to the start of Spring Semester. In 2027, the first day of the Spring semester is Tuesday, January 19, 2027, and the report date is Monday, January 11, 2027.

The syllabus and first week assignments should be posted in D2L and accessible to students at least two business days prior to the first day of Spring semester. In Spring 2027, D2L will open for students at 8:30am, Thursday, January 14, 2027.

Spring Semester end date:

This date shall be the day after Spring Semester final grades are due. In 2027, the end date is Wednesday, May 12.

Note: Faculty are not required to be on campus or hold office hours during Fall Break, Spring Break, and the day before Thanksgiving. However, they are encouraged to respond to students seeking grade changes or appeals or have advising and registration questions during these time periods.