

School of Marine Science Academic Calendar

Fall Semester 2024

April 16-19	Fall 2024 Priority Registration for Continuing Students
April 20 – add/drop	Fall 2024 Schedule Adjustment Period for Continuing Students
August 1-11	Fall 2024 Priority Registration for New Degree-Seeking Students
August 12 – add/drop	Fall 2024 Schedule Adjustment Period for New Degree-Seeking Students
August 12 – add/drop	Registration for Non-Degree Seeking Students
August 26-27	New Student Orientation
August 28	First Day of Classes Opening Convocation at W&M
August 28 – September 9	Add/Drop Period
September 2	Labor Day – Offices Closed; No Classes
September 10 – October 28	Course Withdrawal Period
September 13-15	New Student Orientation Field Trip to Eastern Shore Lab
October 1	Online Filing Deadline for Graduation in 2025 (all terms)
October 10-13	Fall Break; No Classes
October 18	VIMS/SMS Graduate Program Town Hall
November 4-8	Spring 2025 Priority Registration for Continuing Students
November 9 – add/drop	Spring 2025 Schedule Adjustment Period for Continuing Students
November 5	Election Day – Offices Closed, No Classes
November 25-26	Remote Learning Days During Thanksgiving Week – Offices Closed
November 27 – December 1	Thanksgiving Break – Offices Closed, No Classes
December 6	Last Day of Classes Last Day to Submit Grades for Spring 2024 Incomplete (I) Coursework Last Day to Submit Theses/Dissertations or Capstone Products for January Graduation
December 7-8 & 14-15	Reading Periods
December 9-13 & 16-17	Final Exams
December 23 – January 1	Winter Break – Offices Closed
January 2 by 9:00 a.m.	Final Grades Due
January 17, 2025	Winter Degree Conferral Date; No Ceremony

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Spring Semester 2025

November 4-8	Spring 2025 Priority Registration for Continuing Students
November 9 – add/drop	Spring 2025 Schedule Adjustment Period for Continuing Students
January 6-14	Spring 2025 Priority Registration for New Degree-Seeking Students
January 15 – add/drop	Spring 2025 Schedule Adjustment Period for New Degree-Seeking Students
January 15 – add/drop	Registration Period for Non-Degree-Seeking Students
January 20	MLK Holiday – Offices Closed, No Classes
January 22	First Day of Classes
January 22-31	Add/Drop Period
February 1 – March 24	Course Withdrawal Period
February 15	Online Filing Begins for Graduation in 2026 (all terms)
March 8-16	Spring Break; No Classes
March 28	VIMS/SMS Graduate Program Town Hall
April 14-18	Summer and Fall 2025 Priority Registration for Continuing Students
April 19 – add/drop	Summer and Fall 2025 Schedule Adjustment Period for Continuing Students
May 2	Last Day of Classes Last Day to Submit Grades for Fall 2024 Incomplete (I) Coursework Last Day to Submit Theses/Dissertations or Capstone Products for May Graduation
May 3-4 & 10-11	Reading Periods
May 5-9 & 12-13	Final Exams
May 15-17	Commencement Weekend
May 17	VIMS Diploma Ceremony, McHugh Auditorium Reception to follow on Riverfront Lawn
May 20 by 9:00 a.m.	Final Grades Due
May 26	Memorial Day Holiday – Offices closed

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Summer Sessions 2025 – Overall Important Dates

April 14-18	Summer 2025 Priority Registration for Continuing Students
April 19 – add/drop	Summer 2025 Schedule Adjustment Period for Continuing Students
May 1 – add/drop	Registration Period for Non-Degree-Seeking Students
May 26	Memorial Day Holiday – Offices Closed; No Classes
June 19	Juneteenth Holiday – Offices Closed; Classes may be in session
July 4	Independence Day Holiday – Offices Closed; Classes may be in session
August 1	Last Day to Submit Theses/Dissertations or Capstone Products for August Graduation
August 22	Summer Degree Conferral Date; No Ceremony

Summer Session #1:

May 27	First Day of Classes
May 27-30	Add/Drop Period
June 1-13	Course Withdrawal Period
June 27	Last Day of Classes
July 3 by Noon	Final Grades Due

Summer Session #2:

June 30	First Day of Classes
June 30 – July 3	Add/Drop Period
July 4	Independence Day Holiday – Offices Closed, Classes may be in session
July 4-18	Course Withdrawal Period
August 1	Last Day of Classes
August 8 by Noon	Final Grades Due

Summer Session #3:

May 27	First Day of Classes
May 27 – June 5	Add/Drop Period
June 6 – July 4	Course Withdrawal Period
June 19	Juneteenth Holiday – Offices Closed, Classes may be in session
July 4	Independence Day Holiday – Offices Closed, Classes may be in session
August 1	Last Day of Classes Last Day to Submit Theses/Dissertations or Capstone Products for August Graduation
August 8 by Noon	Final Grades Due

Non-Standard: May 18 – August 1, 2025

MSCI field courses and short courses generally fall within this session. See SMS Registrar for course specific details. After the last day of spring classes, registration and add/drop/withdraw must be done manually through SMS Registrar's Office.

May 18	First Day of Classes – start date varies per course
August 1	Last Day of Classes – end date varies per course
One Week After Class End Date by Noon	Final Grades Due