



# CALIFORNIA

## 2026–2027 Academic Calendar

### First Semester

Aug 19	Wednesday	Residence halls open for freshmen
Aug 20	Thursday	Freshman Orientation begins
Aug 22	Saturday	Residence halls open for returning students
Aug 24	Monday	Convocation Day – First semester begins with junior and senior seminars
Aug 25	Tuesday	Tutorials begin; freshman and sophomore seminars begin
Oct 12	Monday	Columbus Day – no classes, office holiday
Oct 20–22	Tue–Thu	Don Rags – evening classes only
Nov 26	Thursday	Thanksgiving Day – no classes, office holiday
Nov 27	Friday	Day after Thanksgiving – no classes, office holiday
Nov 30	Monday	Classes resume
Dec 8	Tuesday	Feast of the Immaculate Conception – no classes, office holiday
Dec 12–18	Sat–Fri	Final examinations
Dec 18	Friday	First semester ends after last exam
Dec 19	Saturday	Residence halls close

### Second Semester

Jan 9	Saturday	Residence halls re-open at 12 noon (first meal served: dinner)
Jan 11	Monday	Second semester classes begin
Jan 28	Thursday	Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas – no classes
Feb 15	Monday	Presidents' Day – no classes, office holiday
Mar 2–4	Tue–Thu	Don Rags – evening classes only
Mar 22–Apr 23		Senior thesis defenses
Mar 25	Thursday	Easter break begins
Mar 26	Friday	Good Friday – office holiday
Mar 29	Monday	Easter Monday – office holiday
Apr 1	Thursday	Classes resume
May 6–12	Thu–Wed	Final examinations – seniors
May 8–14	Sat–Fri	Final examinations – freshmen, sophomores, & juniors
May 14	Friday	Second semester ends after last exam
May 15	Saturday	Commencement
May 17	Monday	Residence halls close at 12 noon