Academic Calendar, 2009-10

**Fall Semester**

- **August 27, Thursday**  
  Residences open for new students; Orientation begins
- **August 29, Saturday**  
  Residences open for returning students, 10:00 a.m.
- **August 31, Monday**  
  Classes begin; Drop/Add period begins
- **September 8, Tuesday**  
  Last day for Audit; Drop/Add period ends
- **September 25, Friday**  
  Last day to change course to/from pass/D/fail
- **October 3, Saturday**  
  Homecoming
- **October 9, Friday**  
  Last day to add course with late fee
- **October 12-13, Monday-Tuesday**  
  October Reading Days
- **October 16-18, Friday-Sunday**  
  Family Weekend
- **October 23-24, Friday-Saturday**  
  Fall meeting of the board of trustees
- **October 27, Tuesday**  
  Last day to withdraw from an extra course (with late fee)
- **October 29, Thursday**  
  Founders’ Day; Matriculation
- **November 21, Saturday**  
  Thanksgiving vacation begins; student residences close at noon
- **November 28, Saturday**  
  Student residences open at 10:00 a.m.
- **November 30, Monday**  
  Classes resume
- **December 15, Tuesday**  
  Last day of classes; Last day to use withdraw-late
- **December 16-17, Wednesday-Thursday**  
  Reading Days
- **December 18-19, Friday-Saturday**  
  Examinations
- **December 20, Sunday**  
  Reading Day
- **December 21-22, Monday-Tuesday**  
  Examinations
- **December 22, Tuesday**  
  Semester ends at 4:30 p.m. (except for 6:30 exams)
- **December 23, Wednesday**  
  Student residences close at noon
- **December 28, Monday**  
  Fall semester grades due before 10:00 a.m.

**Spring Semester**

- **January 16, Saturday**  
  Student residences open at 10:00 a.m.
- **January 18, Monday**  
  Classes begin; Drop/Add period begins
- **January 26, Tuesday**  
  Last day for Audit; Drop/Add period ends
- **February 4-5, Thursday-Friday**  
  Winter meeting of the board of trustees
- **February 12, Friday**  
  Last day to change course to/from pass/D/fail
- **February 26, Friday**  
  Last day to add course with late fee
- **March 6, Saturday**  
  Spring vacation begins; student residences close at noon
- **March 20, Saturday**  
  Student residences open at 10:00 a.m.
- **March 22, Monday**  
  Classes resume
- **March 26, Friday**  
  Last day to withdraw from an extra course (with late fee)
- **March 26-27, Friday-Saturday**  
  Parents Advisory Council
- **April 6, Tuesday**  
  Honors Day
- **April 19-21, Monday-Wednesday**  
  Post-50th Reunion
- **April 22-24, Thursday-Saturday**  
  Spring meeting of the board of trustees
- **May 7, Friday**  
  Last day of classes
- **May 8-9, Saturday-Sunday**  
  Reading Days
- **May 10-11, Monday-Tuesday**  
  Examinations
- **May 12, Wednesday**  
  Reading Day
- **May 13-14, Thursday-Friday**  
  Examinations
- **May 14, Friday**  
  Semester ends at 4:30 p.m. (except for 6:30 exams)
- **May 15, Saturday**  
  Residences close at noon (except for seniors)
- **May 17, Monday**  
  Senior grades due by 10:00 a.m.
- **May 22, Saturday**  
  182nd Commencement; student residences close for all at 7:00 p.m.

Please note that classes are held as usual on Labor Day, Election Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, and Presidents’ Day, as well as on religious holidays such as Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Good Friday, and Passover.