



Date of Board Meeting: December 11, 2025

Subject: Academic Calendar 2026 – 2027

Recommendation: Approve the 2026 – 2027 Academic Calendar

Background and Rationale:

Each year, the WCJC Board of Trustees approves the Academic Calendar for the upcoming academic year, pursuant to Administrative Procedure EA, *Development of the Academic Calendar, Exam Schedule, and Catalog*.

Attached is the 2026 – 2027 Academic Calendar for approval.

Cost and Budgetary Support: No cost to the institution

Strategic Priority Alignment:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Student Success	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Impact
<input type="checkbox"/> Resource Optimization	<input type="checkbox"/> Institutional Excellence

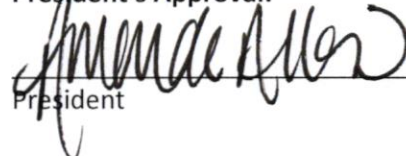
Resource Person(s): Amanda Allen, Ed.D.; Executive Vice President

Signatures:


Cabinet-Level Supervisor

12/10/25
Date

President's Approval:


President

12/11/25
Date

Academic Calendar 2026-2027

Course lengths may vary. It is imperative that students verify the start and end dates of each individual course in which they are enrolled during each semester. Classes may be offered in a variety of formats. Exact dates classes begin and end, drop days, and last days for refunds are all listed on the WCJC Website (www.wcjc.edu).

Fall Semester, 2026

Part of Term and Event Description	Date
Deadline for Guaranteed Financial Aid Processed by Start of Fall Semester	June 1
Fall Registration Opens	April 1
21 Week Classes Begin	July 27
Faculty Official Opening Day of Semester	August 24
College Convocation; 9:00 a.m.	August 24
17 Week Classes Begin	August 24
17 Week Late Registration (\$25) and Schedule Changes	August 24 – 25
Cafeteria and Residence Halls Open (check WCJC website for times)	August 28
16 Week and First 8 Week Classes Begin	August 31
First 8 Week Late Registration (\$25) and Schedule Changes	August 31 – September 1
16 Week Late Registration (\$25) and Schedule Changes	August 31 – September 4
Saturday Classes Begin	September 5
Labor Day Holiday Observed (no classes; offices and library closed)	September 7
14 Week Classes Begin	September 14
14 Week Late Registration (\$25) and Schedule Changes	September 14 – 15
Official Census Date (16 week classes ONLY)	September 16
Financial Aid Freeze Date	September 16
Constitution Day Observed (classes meet as scheduled)	September 17
Financial Aid Pell Distribution Date	September 21
Last Day to Drop – First 8 Week Classes	October 9
First 8 Week Final Exams Begin at 12:01 a.m. and must remain open for a minimum of 24 hours	October 22
First 8 Week Part of Term Ends – Grades due no later than 11:00 a.m.	October 23
Mid-Semester Begins	October 26
Second 8 Week Classes Begin	October 26
Second 8 Week Late Registration (\$25) and Schedule Changes	October 26 – 27
Fall Break (no classes; offices and library closed) All Thursday and Saturday classes will meet regardless of class time	October 30
Last Day to Submit Application for December Graduation	December 1
Last Day to Drop – 21 Week, 17 Week, and 16 Week Classes	November 20
Last Day to Drop – 14 Week Classes	November 24
Thanksgiving Holiday begins at 4:00 p.m. (offices, library, cafeteria, and residence halls closed) All Tuesday classes will meet regardless of class time	November 24
Residence Halls Open (check WCJC website for times)	November 29
Thanksgiving Holiday ends; classes resume as scheduled	November 30
Last Day to Drop – Second 8 Week Classes	December 4
Official last day of classes	December 11

Part of Term and Event Description	Date
Last Day to Submit a Complete Withdrawal	
Final Exams Begin and Book Buy-Back at Bookstore Day classes continue through December 11	December 10 – 17
Final Exams End	December 17
Cafeteria and Residence Halls Close (check WCJC website for times)	December 18
Fall Semester Ends – Grades due no later than 11:00 a.m.	December 18
Winter Break (offices, library, cafeteria, and residence halls closed)	December 21 – January 5

Spring Semester, 2027

Part of Term and Event Description	Date
Deadline for Guaranteed Financial Aid Processed by Start of Spring Semester	November 1
WINTER MINI SESSION	
Winter Mini Registration Period	November 4 – December 21
Winter Mini Classes Begin Late Registration (\$25) and Schedule Changes No classes December 25 and January 1	December 21
Winter Mini Final Exams	January 8
Winter Mini Ends – Grades due no later than 11:00 a.m.	January 11
SPRING REGULAR SEMESTER	
Spring Registration Opens	November 4
College Offices Reopen	January 6
Faculty Official Opening Day of Semester	January 11
17 Week Classes Begin	January 11
17 Week Late Registration (\$25) and Schedule Changes	January 11 – 12
Cafeteria and Residence Halls Open (check WCJC website for times)	January 18
Martin Luther King Holiday (no classes; offices and library closed)	January 18
21 Week, 16 Week, and First 8 Week Classes Begin	January 19
First 8 Week Late Registration (\$25) and Schedule Changes	January 19 – 20
16 Week Late Registration (\$25) and Schedule Changes	January 19 – 22
Saturday Classes Begin	January 23
14 Week Classes Begin	February 1
14 Week Late Registration (\$25) and Schedule Changes	February 1 – 2
Official Census Date (16 week classes ONLY)	February 3
Financial Aid Freeze Date	February 3
Financial Aid Pell Distribution Date	February 8
Texas Community College Teachers Association Convention; Staff Professional Development Day (no classes; offices and library closed)	TBD
Last Day to Drop – First 8 Week Classes	February 26
First 8 Week Final Exams Begin at 12:01 a.m. and must remain open for a minimum of 24 hours	March 11
First 8 Week Part of Term Ends – Grades due no later than 11:00 a.m.	March 12
Cafeteria and Residence Halls Close (check WCJC website for times)	March 12
Spring Break Begins (offices, library, cafeteria, and residence halls closed) Saturday classes will meet on March 13 but not on March 20	March 15
Residence Halls Open (check WCJC website for times)	March 21

Part of Term and Event Description	Date
Spring Break ends; classes resume as scheduled	March 22
Mid-Semester Begins	March 22
Second 8 Week Classes Begin	March 22
Second 8 Week Late Registration (\$25) and Schedule Changes	March 22 – 23
University Interscholastic League (UIL) (no classes; all offices open)	TBD
Easter Holiday begins at 4:00 p.m. (offices, library, cafeteria, and residence halls closed) All Wednesday classes will meet regardless of class time	March 24
Residence Halls Open (check WCJC website for times)	March 28
Easter Holiday ends; classes resume as scheduled	March 29
Last Day to Drop – 21 Week, 17 Week, and 16 Week Classes	April 16
Last Day to Drop – 14 Week and Second 8 week Classes	April 30
Last Day to Submit Application for May Graduation	May 1
Final Exams Begin and Book Buy-Back at Bookstore Day classes continue through May 7	May 6 – 13
Final Exams End	May 13
Cafeteria and Residence Halls Close (check WCJC website for times)	May 14
Spring Semester Ends – Grades due no later than 11:00 a.m.	May 14
Commencement	May 14 – 15
21 Week Final Exams Begin at 12:01 a.m. and must remain open for a minimum of 24 hours	June 17
21 Week Part of Term Ends – Grades due no later than 11:00 a.m.	June 18

Summer Semester, 2027

Part of Term and Event Description	Date
Deadline for Guaranteed Financial Aid Processed by Start of Summer Semester	April 1
MAY MINI SESSION	
May Mini Registration Period	April 1 – May 17
May Mini Classes Begin	May 17
Late Registration (\$25) and Schedule Changes	
Last Day to Drop	May 28
Memorial Day (no classes; offices and library closed)	31
May Mini Final Exams	June 2
May Mini Ends – Grades due no later than 11:00 a.m.	June 3
SUMMER REGULAR SEMESTER	
Summer Registration Period	April 1 – July 6
11 Week Classes Begin	June 1
Late Registration (\$25) and Schedule Changes	
First 5 Week Classes Begin	June 7
Late Registration (\$25) and Schedule Changes	
Financial Aid Freeze Date	June 14
Financial Aid Pell Distribution Date	June 21
Last Day to Drop – First 5 Week Classes	July 2
Independence Day (no classes; offices and library closed)	July 5
First 5 Week Final Exams	July 8

Part of Term and Event Description	Date
First 5 Week Part of Term Ends – Grades due no later than 11:00 a.m.	July 9
Second 5 Week Classes Begin	July 12
Late Registration (\$25) and Schedule Changes	
Last Day to Submit Application for August Graduation	July 20
Last Day to Drop – 11 Week Classes	July 29
Last Day to Drop – Second 5 Week Classes	August 5
Second 5 Week Final Exams	August 11
Second 5 Week Part of Term Ends – Grades due no later than 11:00 a.m.	August 12
11 Week Final Exams	August 12
11 Week Part of Term Ends – Grades due no later than 11:00 a.m.	August 13

In the event that unforeseen circumstances necessitate the cancellation of classes, the classes missed will be made up on Saturdays and/or holidays or by extension of the college calendar.