

**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:**  Student Success  Community Impact  
 Resource Optimization  Institutional Excellence

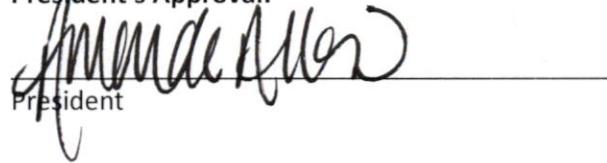
**Resource Person(s):** Amanda Allen, Ed.D.; Executive Vice President

**Signatures:**

  
Cabinet-Level Supervisor

  
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**President's Approval:**

  
President

  
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](http://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
<b>21 Week Classes Begin</b>	July 27
Faculty Official Opening Day of Semester	August 24
College Convocation; 9:00 a.m.	August 24
<b>17 Week Classes Begin</b>	<b>August 24</b>
17 Week Late Registration (\$25) and Schedule Changes	August 24 – 25
Cafeteria and Residence Halls Open (check WCJC website for times)	August 28
<b>16 Week and First 8 Week Classes Begin</b>	<b>August 31</b>
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
<b>14 Week Classes Begin</b>	<b>September 14</b>
14 Week Late Registration (\$25) and Schedule Changes	September 14 – 15
<b>Official Census Date (16 week classes ONLY)</b>	<b>September 16</b>
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
<b>First 8 Week Part of Term Ends – Grades due no later than 11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>October 23</b>
Mid-Semester Begins	October 26
<b>Second 8 Week Classes Begin</b>	<b>October 26</b>
Second 8 Week Late Registration (\$25) and Schedule Changes	October 26 – 27
Fall Break (no classes; offices and library closed) <b>All Thursday and Saturday classes will meet regardless of class time</b>	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) <b>All Tuesday classes will meet regardless of class time</b>	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 <b>Day classes continue through December 11</b>	December 10 – 17
Final Exams End	December 17
Cafeteria and Residence Halls Close (check WCJC website for times)	December 18
<b>Fall Semester Ends – Grades due no later than 11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>December 18</b>
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
<b>WINTER MINI SESSION</b>	
Winter Mini Registration Period	November 4 – December 21
<b>Winter Mini Classes Begin</b>	
Late Registration (\$25) and Schedule Changes No classes December 25 and January 1	<b>December 21</b>
Winter Mini Final Exams	January 8
<b>Winter Mini Ends – Grades due no later than 11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>January 11</b>
<b>SPRING REGULAR SEMESTER</b>	
Spring Registration Opens	November 4
College Offices Reopen	January 6
Faculty Official Opening Day of Semester	January 11
<b>17 Week Classes Begin</b>	<b>January 11</b>
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
<b>21 Week, 16 Week, and First 8 Week Classes Begin</b>	<b>January 19</b>
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
<b>14 Week Classes Begin</b>	<b>February 1</b>
14 Week Late Registration (\$25) and Schedule Changes	February 1 – 2
<b>Official Census Date (16 week classes ONLY)</b>	<b>February 3</b>
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
<b>First 8 Week Part of Term Ends – Grades due no later than 11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>March 12</b>
Cafeteria and Residence Halls Close (check WCJC website for times)	March 12
Spring Break Begins (offices, library, cafeteria, and residence halls closed) <b>Saturday classes will meet on March 13 but not on March 20</b>	March 15
Residence Halls Open (check WCJC website for times)	March 21

<b>Part of Term and Event Description</b>	<b>Date</b>
Spring Break ends; classes resume as scheduled	March 22
Mid-Semester Begins	March 22
<b>Second 8 Week Classes Begin</b>	<b>March 22</b>
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)	March 24
<b>All Wednesday classes will meet regardless of class time</b>	
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 <b>Day classes continue through May 7</b>	May 6 – 13
Final Exams End	May 13
Cafeteria and Residence Halls Close (check WCJC website for times)	May 14
<b>Spring Semester Ends – Grades due no later than 11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>May 14</b>
<b>Commencement</b>	<b>May 14 – 15</b>
21 Week Final Exams	June 17
Begin at 12:01 a.m. and must remain open for a minimum of 24 hours	
<b>21 Week Part of Term Ends – Grades due no later than 11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>June 18</b>

## Summer Semester, 2027

<b>Part of Term and Event Description</b>	<b>Date</b>
Deadline for Guaranteed Financial Aid Processed by Start of Summer Semester	April 1
<b>MAY MINI SESSION</b>	
May Mini Registration Period	April 1 – May 17
<b>May Mini Classes Begin</b>	<b>May 17</b>
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
<b>May Mini Ends – Grades due no later than 11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>June 3</b>
<b>SUMMER REGULAR SEMESTER</b>	
Summer Registration Period	April 1 – July 6
<b>11 Week Classes Begin</b>	<b>June 1</b>
Late Registration (\$25) and Schedule Changes	
<b>First 5 Week Classes Begin</b>	<b>June 7</b>
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
<b>First 5 Week Part of Term Ends</b> – Grades due no later than 11:00 a.m.	<b>July 9</b>
<b>Second 5 Week Classes Begin</b>	<b>July 12</b>
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
<b>Second 5 Week Part of Term Ends</b> – Grades due no later than 11:00 a.m.	<b>August 12</b>
11 Week Final Exams	August 12
<b>11 Week Part of Term Ends</b> – Grades due no later than 11:00 a.m.	<b>August 13</b>

**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.**