



Date of Board Meeting: November 19, 2024

Subject: Academic Calendar 2025 – 2026

Recommendation: Approve the 2025 – 2026 Academic Calendar

Background and Rationale:

Each November, 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 2025 – 2026 Academic Calendar for approval.

Cost and Budgetary Support: No cost to the institution

Strategic Priority Alignment:

- ☒ Student Success
☐ Resource Optimization

- ☐ Community Impact
☐ Institutional Excellence

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

Signatures:



Cabinet-Level Supervisor

11-14-24

Date

President's Approval:

President

Date

Academic Calendar 2025-2026

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. Courses 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, 2025

Part of Term and Event Description	Date
Deadline for Guaranteed Financial Aid Processed by Start of Fall Semester	June 1
Fall Registration Opens	April 2 – August 29
Faculty and Staff Official Opening Day of Semester	August 18
17 Week Classes Begin	August 18
17 Week Late Registration (\$25) and Schedule Changes	August 18 – 19
College Convocation; 9:00 a.m.	August 22
Cafeteria and Residence Halls Open (check WCJC website for times)	August 24
16 Week and First 8 Week Classes Begin	August 25
First 8 Week Late Registration (\$25) and Schedule Changes	August 25 – 26
16 Week Late Registration (\$25) and Schedule Changes	August 25 – 29
Saturday Classes Begin	August 30
Labor Day Holiday Observed (no classes; offices and library closed)	September 1
14 Week Classes Begin	September 8
14 Week Late Registration (\$25) and Schedule Changes	September 8 – 9
Official Census Date (16 week classes ONLY)	September 10
Financial Aid Freeze Date	September 10
Financial Aid PELL Distribution Date	September 15
Constitution Day Observed (classes meet as scheduled)	September 17
First 8 Week Final Exams Begin at 12:01 a.m. and must remain open for a minimum of 24 hours	October 15
First 8 Week Part of Term Ends – Grades due no later than 11:00 a.m.	October 17
Mid-Semester Begins	October 20
Second 8 Week Classes Begin	October 20
Second 8 Week Late Registration (\$25) and Schedule Changes	October 20 – 21
Fall Break (no classes; offices and library closed) All Thursday and Saturday classes will meet regardless of class time	October 31
Last Day to Submit Application for December Graduation	November 1
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 25
Residence Halls Open (check WCJC website for times)	November 30
Thanksgiving Holiday ends; classes resume as scheduled	December 1
Final Exams Begin and Book Buy-Back at Bookstore Day classes continue through December 5	December 4 – 11
Final Exams End	December 11
Cafeteria and Residence Halls Close (check WCJC website for times)	December 12
Fall Semester Ends – Grades due no later than 11:00 a.m.	December 12
Winter Break (offices, library, cafeteria, and residence halls closed)	December 15 – January 2

Spring Semester, 2026

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 5 – December 15
Winter Mini Classes Begin Late Registration (\$25) and Schedule Changes No classes December 25 and January 1	December 15
Winter Mini Final Exams	December 31
Winter Mini Ends – Grades due no later than 11:00 a.m.	January 2
SPRING REGULAR SEMESTER	
Spring Registration Opens	November 5 – January 16
College Offices Reopen	January 5
Faculty and Staff Official Opening Day of Semester	January 5
17 Week Classes Begin	January 5
Late Registration (\$25) and Schedule Changes	January 5 – 6
College Convocation; 9:00 a.m.	January 9
Cafeteria and Residence Halls Open (check WCJC website for times)	January 11
16 Week and First 8 Week Classes Begin	January 12
First 8 Week Late Registration (\$25) and Schedule Changes	January 12 – 13
16 Week Late Registration (\$25) and Schedule Changes	January 12 – 16
Saturday Classes Begin	January 17
Martin Luther King Holiday (no classes; offices and library closed)	January 19
14 Week Classes Begin	January 26
14 Week Late Registration (\$25) and Schedule Changes	January 26 – 27
Official Census Date (16 week classes ONLY)	January 28
Financial Aid Freeze Date	January 28
Financial Aid PELL Distribution Date	February 2
Texas Community College Teachers Association Convention; Staff Professional Development Day (no classes; offices and library closed)	TBD
First 8 Week Final Exams Begin at 12:01 a.m. and must remain open for a minimum of 24 hours	March 4
First 8 Week Part of Term Ends – Grades due no later than 11:00 a.m.	March 6
Cafeteria and Residence Halls Close (check WCJC website for times)	March 6
Spring Break Begins (offices, library, cafeteria, and residence halls closed) Saturday classes will meet on March 7 but not on March 14	March 9
Residence Halls Open (check WCJC website for times)	March 15
Spring Break ends; classes resume as scheduled	March 16
Mid-Semester Begins	March 16
Second 8 Week Classes Begin	March 16
Second 8 Week Late Registration (\$25) and Schedule Changes	March 16 – 17
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	April 1
Residence Halls Open (check WCJC website for times)	April 5
Easter Holiday ends; classes resume as scheduled	April 6

Part of Term and Event Description	Date
Last Day to Submit Application for May Graduation	May 1
Final Exams Begin and Book Buy-Back at Bookstore Day classes continue through May 1	April 30 – May 7
Final Exams End	May 7
Cafeteria and Residence Halls Close (check WCJC website for times)	May 8
Spring Semester Ends – Grades due no later than 11:00 a.m.	May 8
Commencement	May 8 & 9

Summer Semester, 2026

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 11
May Mini Classes Begin Late Registration (\$25) and Schedule Changes	May 11
Memorial Day (no classes; offices and library closed)	May 25
May Mini Final Exams	May 27
May Mini Ends – Grades due no later than 11:00 a.m.	May 28
SUMMER REGULAR SEMESTER	
Summer Registration Period	April 1 – July 6
11 Week and First 5 Week Classes Begin Late Registration (\$25) and Schedule Changes	June 1
Financial Aid Freeze Date	June 4
Financial Aid PELL Distribution Date	June 8
First 5 Week Final Exams	July 1
First 5 Week Part of Term Ends – Grades due no later than 11:00 a.m.	July 2
Independence Day (no classes; offices and library closed)	July 3
Second 5 Week Classes Begin Late Registration (\$25) and Schedule Changes	July 6
Last Day to Submit Application for August Graduation	July 20
Second 5 Week Final Exams	August 5
Second 5 Week Part of Term Ends – Grades due no later than 11:00 a.m.	August 6
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.