



**Date of Board Meeting:** March 25, 2025

**Subject:** Academic Calendar 2025 – 2026

**Recommendation:** Approve the 2025 – 2026 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 2025 – 2026 Academic Calendar for approval.

**Cost and Budgetary Support:** No cost to the institution

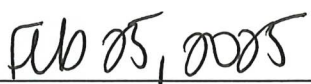
**Strategic Priority Alignment:**

<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:**

  
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Cabinet-Level Supervisor

  
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**President's Approval:**

  
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# Wharton County Junior College

## Academic Calendar 2025 – 2026

Course lengths may vary. It is imperative that students verify the start and end dates of the individual courses 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](http://www.wcjc.edu)).

### Fall Semester, 2025

Part of Term and Event Descriptions	Date
Fall Registration Opens	April 2
Deadline for Guaranteed Financial Aid Processed by Start of Fall Semester	June 1
Faculty and Staff Official Opening Day of Semester	August 18
<b>17 Week Classes Begin</b>	<b>August 18</b>
17 Week Late Registration (\$25) and Schedule Changes	August 18 – 19
College Convocation; 9:00am	August 22
Cafeteria and Residence Halls Open (check WCJC website for times)	August 24
<b>16 Week and First 8 Week Classes Begin</b>	<b>August 25</b>
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
<b>14 Week Classes Begin</b>	<b>September 8</b>
14 Week Late Registration (\$25) and Schedule Changes	September 8 – 9
<b>Official Census Date</b> (16 Week classes ONLY)	<b>September 10</b>
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 12:01am and must remain open for a minimum of 24 hours	October 15
<b>First 8 Week Part of Term Ends – Grades due no later than 11:00am</b>	<b>October 17</b>
Mid-Semester Begins	October 20
<b>Second 8 Week Classes Begin</b>	<b>October 20</b>
Second 8 Week Late Registration (\$25) and Schedule Changes	October 20 – 21
Fall Break (no classes; offices and library closed) <b>All Thursday and Saturday classes will meet regardless of class time</b>	October 24
Last Day to Submit Application for December Graduation	November 1
Thanksgiving Holiday begins at 4:00pm (offices, library, cafeteria, and residence halls closed) <b>All Tuesday classes will meet regardless of class time</b>	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 <b>Day classes continue through December 5</b>	December 4 – 11
Official Last Day of Classes for the Fall Semester	December 5



Part of Term and Event Descriptions	Date
Final Exams End	December 11
Cafeteria and Residence Halls Close (check WCJC website for times)	December 12
<b>Fall Semester Ends</b> – Grades due no later than 11:00am	<b>December 12</b>
Winter Break (offices, library, cafeteria, and residence halls closed)	December 15 – January 2

### Spring Semester, 2026

Part of Term and Event Descriptions	Date
Deadline for Guaranteed Financial Aid Processed by Start of Spring Semester	November 1
<b>WINTER MINI SESSION</b>	
Winter Mini Registration Period	November 5 – December 15
<b>Winter Mini Classes Begin</b> No classes December 25 and January 1	<b>December 15</b>
Winter Mini Late Registration (\$25) and Schedule Changes	December 15
Winter Mini Final Exams	December 31
<b>Winter Mini Ends</b> – Grades due no later than 11:00am	<b>January 2</b>
<b>SPRING REGULAR SEMESTER</b>	
Spring Registration Opens	November 5
College Offices Reopen	January 5
Faculty and Staff Official Opening Day of Semester	January 5
<b>17 Week Classes Begin</b>	<b>January 5</b>
17 Week Late Registration (\$25) and Schedule Changes	January 5 – 6
College Convocation; 9:00 AM	January 9
Cafeteria and Residence Halls Open (check WCJC website for times)	January 11
<b>16 Week and First 8 Week Classes Begin</b>	<b>January 12</b>
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
<b>14 Week Classes Begin</b>	<b>January 26</b>
14 Week Late Registration (\$25) and Schedule Changes	January 26 – 27
<b>Official Census Date</b> (16 Week classes ONLY)	<b>January 28</b>
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 12:01am and must remain open for a minimum of 24 hours	March 4
<b>First 8 Week Part of Term Ends</b> – Grades due no later than 11:00am	<b>March 6</b>
Cafeteria and Residence Halls Close (check WCJC website for times)	March 6
Spring Break Begins (offices, library, cafeteria, and residence halls closed) <b>Saturday classes will meet on March 7 but not on March 14</b>	March 9
Residence Halls Open (check WCJC website for times)	March 15
Spring Break ends; classes resume as scheduled	March 16

Part of Term and Event Descriptions	Date
Mid-Semester Begins	March 16
<b>Second 8 Week Classes Begin</b>	<b>March 16</b>
Second 8 Week Late Registration (\$25) and Schedule Changes	March 16 – 17
University Interscholastic League (no classes; all offices open)	TBD
Easter Holiday begins at 4:00pm (offices, library, cafeteria, and residence halls closed) <b>All Wednesday classes will meet regardless of class time</b>	April 1
Residence Halls Open (check WCJC website for times)	April 5
Easter Holiday ends; classes resume as scheduled	April 6
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 1</b>	April 30 – May 7
Official Last Day of Classes for the Spring Semester	May 1
Final Exams End	May 7
Cafeteria and Residence Halls Close (check WCJC website for times)	May 8
<b>Spring Semester Ends</b> – Grades due no later than 11:00am	<b>May 8</b>
<b>Commencement</b>	<b>May 8 &amp; 9</b>

### Summer Semester, 2026

Part of Term and Event Descriptions	Date
Deadline for Guaranteed Financial Aid Processed by Start of Summer Semester	April 1
<b>MAY MINI SESSION</b>	
May Mini Registration Opens	April 1
<b>May Mini Classes Begins</b>	<b>May 11</b>
May Mini Late Registration (\$25) and Schedule Changes	May 11
Memorial Day (no classes; offices and library closed)	May 25
May Mini Final Exams	May 27
<b>May Mini Ends</b> – Grades due no later than 11:00am	<b>May 28</b>
<b>SUMMER REGULAR SEMESTER</b>	
Summer Registration Opens	April 1
<b>11 Week Classes and First Five Week Classes Begin</b>	<b>June 1</b>
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
<b>First 5 Week Part of Term Ends</b> – Grades due no later than 11:00am	<b>July 2</b>
Independence Day (no classes; offices and library closed)	July 3
<b>Second 5 Week Classes Begin</b>	<b>July 6</b>
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
<b>Second 5 Week Part of Term Ends</b> – Grades due no later than 11:00am	<b>August 6</b>
11 Week Final Exams	August 12

Part of Term and Event Descriptions	Date
<b>11 Week Part of Term Ends – Grades due no later than 11:00am</b>	<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.