

ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2005–2006

FALL 2005

- Monday, August 1 **Deadline:** Tuition due for entering freshmen
- Wednesday, August 10 **Deadline:** Tuition due for returning undergraduate students
- Sunday, August 14
(through Friday, August 19) Orientation week for new students
- Monday, August 15 **Deadline:** Tuition due for graduate students
- Friday, August 19 Credit balance checks available to students
- Monday, August 22 **First day of classes**
- Friday, September 2 **Deadline:** Last day to add courses without a fee
Deadline: Last day to add a course without obtaining instructors permission
Deadline: Last day to withdraw with a **100% refund of tuition and fees**
Deadline: Last Day to drop to part-time with a **100% refund of tuition**
- Monday, September 5 **Labor Day (holiday—no classes)**
- Friday, September 9 **Deadline:** Last day to withdraw with a **70% refund of tuition**
- Friday, September 16 **Deadline:** Last day to complete late registration or add courses
Deadline: Last day to drop courses without a fee
Deadline: Last day to designate a course as “Audit” or vice versa
Deadline: Last day anticipated aid for fall shows as a credit on student accounts
Deadline: Last day to withdraw with a **60% refund of tuition**
- Friday, September 23 **Deadline:** Last day to convert a “Pass/Fail” to an earned letter grade for courses taken in spring 2005
Deadline: Last day for instructors to submit final grades to clear “Incompletes” for courses taken in spring 2005
Deadline: Last day to withdraw with a **50% refund of tuition**
- Friday, September 30 **Deadline:** Last day to withdraw with a **40% refund of tuition**
- Friday, October 7 **Deadline:** Mid-semester grades for first-year undergraduate students due
Deadline: College course plans due to Dean of Undergraduates
Deadline: Last day to withdraw with a **30% refund of tuition**

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| Monday, October 10 (through Tuesday, October 11) | Midterm Recess |
| Wednesday, October 12 | All classes normally held on Monday meet; all Wednesday classes canceled (to equalize holidays by days of the week during the semester) |
| Friday, October 14 | Deadline: Last day to withdraw with a 20% refund of tuition |
| Friday, October 21 | Deadline: Last day to withdraw with a 10% refund of tuition |
| Friday, October 28 | Deadline: Last day to drop courses for all graduate students and “returning” undergraduate students with a \$10.00 fee Deadline: Last day to designate a course as “Pass/Fail” |
| Monday, October 31 | Deadline: Last day to file an application for a May 2006 conferral of degree with the Office of the Registrar Deadline: Last day to file an application for January 2006 conferral of degree with the Office of the Registrar |
| Tuesday, November 1 | Deadline: Last day to file the following in the Office of Graduate Studies for January 2006 degree conferral: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thesis master’s candidacy petitions • Certification of non-thesis master’s • Form for automatic master’s • PhD candidacy petitions |
| Monday, November 14 (through Friday, November 18) | Spring 2006 registration for currently enrolled undergraduate, graduate and fifth-year students Registration for SELF-scheduled final exams for undergraduate courses |
| Tuesday, November 15 | Deadline: Last day to complete financial aid application for fall 2005 |
| Friday, November 18 at 5:00 P.M. | Deadline: Last day to register for spring 2006 without \$60 “failure to register” fee Deadline: Last day to register for SELF-scheduled final exams for undergraduate courses |
| Thursday, November 24 (through Friday, November 25) | Thanksgiving Recess (holiday—no classes) |
| Thursday, December 1 | Deadline: Last day to complete loan applications for fall 2005 |
| Friday, December 2 | Last day of classes Deadline: (for fall 2005 matriculants only) Last day to drop courses—students must go to the Office of the Registrar by 5:00 P.M. Deadline: For a January 2006 conferral of degree, students must submit theses to the Office of Graduate Studies by 12:00 noon Deadline: All Faculty Evaluations are due to the Office of the Registrar by 5:00 P.M. |

- Saturday, December 3
(through Wednesday, December 14) SELF-scheduled exams for undergraduate courses
- Wednesday, December 7
(through Wednesday, December 14) Scheduled FINAL exams for undergraduate courses
- Wednesday, December 14 at 5:00 P.M. **Deadline:** All take home final examinations are due
- Wednesday, December 21 at 12:00 NOON **Deadline:** All final grades are due to the Office of the Registrar

SPRING 2006

- Thursday, January 5 **Deadline:** Tuition due for all students
- Thursday, January 10 Credit balance checks available to students
- Wednesday, January 11 **First day of classes**
- Monday, January 16 **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (holiday—no classes)**
- Wednesday, January 18 All classes normally held on Monday meet; all Wednesday classes canceled (to equalize holidays by days of the week during the semester)
- Friday, January 20 at 5:00 P.M. **Deadline:** Last day to resolve grades of “Other” from fall 2005
- Friday, January 27 **Deadline:** Last day to add courses without a fee
Deadline: Last day to add a course without obtaining instructor’s permission
Deadline: Last day to withdraw with a **100% refund of tuition and fees**
Deadline: Last day to drop to part-time status with **100% refund of tuition**
- Wednesday, February 1 **Deadline:** Last day to file the following in the Office of Graduate Studies for a May 2006 conferral of degree:
 - Thesis master’s candidacy petitions
 - Certification for non-thesis master’s
 - Form for automatic master’s
 - PhD candidacy petitions
- Friday, February 3 **Deadline:** Last day to withdraw with a **70% refund of tuition**
- Friday, February 10 **Deadline:** Last day to complete late registration or add course(s)
Deadline: Last day to drop courses without a fee
Deadline: Last day to designate a course as “Audit” or vice versa
Deadline: Last day to withdraw with a **60% refund of tuition**
Deadline: Last day anticipated aid for spring shows as credit on student accounts
- Wednesday, February 15 Financial aid application materials available to returning students to apply for need-based aid for 2006–2007
- Friday, February 17 **Deadline:** Last day for students to convert a “Pass/Fail” to an earned letter grade for courses taken in fall 2005

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| | Deadline: Last day for instructors to submit final grades to clear “Incompletes” for courses taken in fall 2005 |
| | Deadline: Last day to withdraw with a 50% refund of tuition |
| Friday, February 24..... | Deadline: Last day to withdraw with a 40% refund of tuition |
| Friday, March 3 | Deadline: Mid-semester grades for first-year undergraduate students are due |
| | Deadline: College course plans are due to the Dean of Undergraduates |
| | Deadline: Last day to withdraw with a 30% refund of tuition |
| Friday, March 10 | Deadline: Last day to withdraw with a 20% refund of tuition |
| Monday, March 13 (through Friday, March 17) | Spring Break (no classes) |
| Friday, March 17 | Deadline: Last day to withdraw with a 10% refund of tuition |
| Friday, March 24 | Deadline: Sophomores must file a Declaration of Major form with the Office of the Registrar |
| Friday, March 31 | Deadline: Last day to drop course(s) for all graduate students and “returning” undergraduate students with a \$10.00 fee |
| | Deadline: Last day to designate a course as “Pass/Fail” |
| | Deadline: Last day to complete financial aid applications for spring 2006 |
| | Summer School financial aid application available |
| Thursday, April 7 (through Friday, April 8) | Spring Recess (no classes) |
| Friday, April 14..... | Deadline: Last day to complete loan applications for spring 2006 |
| | Priority Deadline: For returning and graduate students to submit financial aid applications for 2006–2007 |
| Monday, April 17 (through Friday, April 21) | Register for self-scheduled final exams for undergraduate courses |
| | Fall 2006 registration begins for currently enrolled undergraduate, graduate and fifth-year students |
| Friday, April 21 at 5:00 P.M..... | Deadline: Last day to register for Fall 2006 without a \$60 “failure to register” fee |
| | Deadline: Last day to register for SELF-scheduled final exams for undergraduate courses |
| Thursday, April 27 | Last day of classes except for lab courses and seminars that meet once a week |

Deadline: (for spring 2006 undergraduate matriculants only) Last day to drop courses

Deadline: For a May 2006 conferral of degree, students must submit theses to the Office of Graduate Studies **by 12:00 noon**

Deadline: All Faculty Evaluations are due to the Office of the Registrar **by 5:00 p.m.**

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| Friday, April 28..... | Last day of class for lab courses and seminars that meet only on Friday. |
| Saturday, April 29 (through Thursday, May 4 at 12:00 NOON) | All degree candidates: All SELF-scheduled, scheduled final, and take-home exams must be completed |
| Saturday, April 29 (through Wednesday, May 10) | All non-graduating students: SELF-scheduled exams for undergraduate courses |
| Monday, May 1 | Deadline: For financial aid application for early summer session |
| Wednesday, May 3 (through Wednesday, May 10) | All non-graduating students: Scheduled FINAL exams for undergraduate courses |
| Saturday, May 6 at 9:00 A.M. | Deadline: Grades for all degree candidates are due in the Office of the Registrar |
| Saturday, May 13 | Ninety-Third Commencement |
| Monday, May 15 | Deadline: For financial aid application for general summer session |
| Wednesday, May 17 at 9:00 A.M. | Deadline: All grades for non-graduating students are due in the Office of the Registrar |
| Friday, June 9 | Deadline: Last day to resolve grades of "Other" from spring 2006 |

SUMMER 2006

Early Session (May 16–June 2)

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| Friday, March 31 | Summer term financial aid applications available |
| Wednesday, April 19 | Deadline: For early application discount (by 2:30 P.M.) |
| Monday, May 1 | Deadline: To submit financial aid applications |
| Friday, May 5 | Deadline: For application to Early Session courses (by 2:30 P.M.) |
| Tuesday, May 9 | Admission status emailed Online registration for Rice students begins |
| Monday, May 15 | Registration: 9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. for visiting students Deadline: For final tuition payment |
| Tuesday, May 16 | First day of classes—Early Session |
| Thursday, May 18 | Deadline: For adding courses (by 3:00 P.M.) Deadline: For late registration (by 3:00 P.M.) |

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| Monday, May 22 | Deadline: For visiting and Class III students to submit official transcripts (must be received by this date) Deadline: For dropping courses without academic penalty (by 3:00 P.M.) Deadline: For designating “Pass/Fail” option (by 3:00 P.M.) Deadline: For submitting refund requests (must be received by this date). Please see section on Withdrawal Penalty and Tuition Refund. |
| Monday, May 29 | University holiday |
| Friday, June 2 | Last day of classes—Early Session |
| Tuesday, June 6 | Deadline: For completion of all Early Session course work, including final examinations. Exam schedule determined by instructor. |
| Friday, June 9 | Deadline: For submitting grades to the School of Continuing Studies Summer School Office (by 3:00 P.M.) |

SUMMER 2006

General Session (June 5–July 28)

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| Friday, March 31 | Summer term financial aid applications available |
| Wednesday, April 19 | Deadline: For early application discount (by 2:30 P.M.) |
| Tuesday, May 9 | Online registration for Rice students begins |
| Monday, May 15 | Deadline: For financial aid application for General Summer Session |
| Friday, May 19 | Deadline: For application to General Session courses (by 2:30 P.M.) |
| Thursday, May 25 | Admission status emailed |
| Monday, May 29 | University holiday |
| Friday, June 2 | Registration, 9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. for visiting students Deadline: For final tuition payment |
| Monday, June 5 | First day of classes—General Session |
| One week after first class | Deadline: For dropping courses without academic penalty (no refunds after June 19th) (by 3:00 P.M.) Deadline: For designating “Pass/Fail” option (by 3:00 P.M.) |
| Monday, June 12 | Deadline: For adding courses (by 3:00 P.M.) Deadline: For late registration (by 3:00 P.M.) |
| Monday, June 19 | Deadline: For visiting and Class III students to submit official transcripts (must be received by this date) Deadline: For submitting refund requests (must be received by this day.) Please see section on Withdrawal Penalty and Tuition Refund. |
| Monday, July 3 & Tuesday July 4 | University holidays |

- Friday, July 28..... **Last day of classes—General Session**
- Tuesday, August 1 **Deadline:** For completion of all General Session course work, including final examinations
- Friday, August 4 **Deadline:** For submitting grades to School of Continuing Studies Summer School Office (by 3:00 P.M.)
- Friday, August 11 Final grades for Early and General Summer terms mailed to visiting students from the Office of the Registrar