

# ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2007–2008

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## FALL 2007

Friday, August 1 .....	<b>Deadline:</b> Tuition due for entering freshmen
Sunday, August 10 .....	<b>Deadline:</b> Tuition due for returning undergraduate students
Sunday, August 19 (through Friday, August 24).....	Orientation Week for new students
Friday, August 15 .....	<b>Deadline:</b> Tuition due for graduate students
Monday, August 27.....	<b>First day of classes</b> Credit balance checks available to students
Monday, September 3.....	<b>Labor Day (holiday–no classes)</b>
Friday, September 7 .....	<b>Deadline:</b> Last day to add courses without a fee <b>Deadline:</b> Last day to add a course without obtaining instructor's permission <b>Deadline:</b> Last day to convert a "Pass/Fail" to an earned letter grade for courses taken in spring 2007 <b>Deadline:</b> Last day to withdraw with a <b>100% refund of tuition and fees</b> <b>Deadline:</b> Last day to drop to part time with a <b>refund of tuition</b>
Friday, September 14 .....	<b>Deadline:</b> Last day to withdraw with a <b>70% refund of tuition</b>
Friday, September 21 .....	<b>Deadline:</b> Last day to complete late registration or add courses <b>Deadline:</b> Last day to drop courses without a fee <b>Deadline:</b> Last day to designate a course as "Audit" or vice versa <b>Deadline:</b> Last day anticipated aid for fall shows as a credit on student accounts <b>Deadline:</b> Last day to withdraw with a <b>60% refund of tuition</b>
Friday, September 28 .....	<b>Deadline:</b> Last day for instructors to submit final grades to clear "Incompletes" for courses taken in spring and summer 2007 <b>Deadline:</b> Last day to withdraw with a <b>50% refund of tuition</b>
Friday, October 5 .....	<b>Deadline:</b> Last day to withdraw with a <b>40% refund of tuition</b>
Friday, October 12.....	<b>Deadline:</b> Mid-semester grades for first-year undergraduate students via the online grade submission process (in ESTHER) by <b>5:00 p.m.</b> <b>Deadline:</b> College course plans due to Dean of Undergraduates office for spring 2008 <b>Deadline:</b> Last day to withdraw with a <b>30% refund of tuition</b>

Monday, October 15 (through Tuesday, October 16) .....	<b>Midterm Recess</b>
Wednesday, October 17 .....	All classes normally held on Monday meet; all Wednesday classes cancelled (to equalize holidays by days of the week during the semester)
Friday, October 19 .....	<b>Deadline:</b> Last day to withdraw with a <b>20% refund of tuition</b>
Friday, October 26 .....	<b>Deadline:</b> Last day to withdraw with a <b>10% refund of tuition</b>
Wednesday, October 31 .....	<b>Deadline:</b> Last day to file an application for January 2008 degree conferral with the Office of the Registrar (undergraduate and graduate students)  <b>Deadline:</b> Last day to file an application for a May 2008 degree conferral with the Office of the Registrar (undergraduate students only)
Thursday, November 1 .....	<b>Deadline:</b> Last day to file the following in the Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies for January 2008 degree conferral: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thesis master's candidacy petitions</li> <li>• Certification of nonthesis master's</li> <li>• Form for automatic master's</li> <li>• PhD candidacy petitions</li> </ul>
Friday, November 2 .....	<b>Deadline:</b> Last day to drop courses for all graduate students and "returning" undergraduate students with a fee  <b>Deadline:</b> Last day to designate a course as "Pass/Fail"
Monday, November 12 (through Friday, November 16) .....	Spring 2008 registration for currently enrolled undergraduate, graduate, and 5th year students
Wednesday, November 14 .....	<b>Deadline:</b> Last day to complete financial aid application for fall 2008
Friday, November 16 at 5:00 p.m. ....	<b>Deadline:</b> Last day to register for spring 2008 without "failure to register" fee
Thursday, November 22 (through Friday, November 23) .....	<b>Thanksgiving Recess (holiday—no classes)</b>
Friday, December 1 .....	<b>Deadline:</b> Last day to complete loan applications for fall 2008
Friday, December 7 .....	<b>Last day of classes</b>  <b>Deadline:</b> (for fall 2007 matriculants only) Last day to drop courses—students must go to the Office of the Registrar by <b>5:00 p.m.</b>  <b>Deadline:</b> For a January 2008 conferral of degree, students must submit theses to the Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies by <b>12:00 p.m.</b>
Wednesday, December 12 (through Wednesday, December 19) .....	FINAL exams for undergraduate courses
Friday, December 28 at 12:00 p.m. ....	<b>Deadline:</b> Last day to submit final grades via the online grade submission process (ESTHER)

## SPRING 2008

Friday, January 4.....	<b>Deadline:</b> Tuition due for all students
Monday, January 7.....	<b>First day of classes</b> Credit balance checks available to students
Friday, January 11 .....	<b>Deadline:</b> Last day to resolve grades of “Other” from fall 2007
Friday, January 18.....	<b>Deadline:</b> Last day to add courses without a fee <b>Deadline:</b> Last day to add a course without obtaining instructor’s permission <b>Deadline:</b> Last day for students to convert a “Pass/Fail” to an earned letter grade for courses taken in fall 2007 <b>Deadline:</b> Last day to withdraw with a <b>100% refund of tuition and fees</b> <b>Deadline:</b> Last day to drop to part time status with <b>refund of tuition</b>
Monday, January 21.....	<b>Martin Luther King Jr. Day (holiday—no classes)</b>
Friday, January 25.....	<b>Deadline:</b> Last day to withdraw with a <b>70% refund of tuition</b>
Friday, February 1 .....	<b>Deadline:</b> Last day to complete late registration or add course(s) <b>Deadline:</b> Last day to drop courses without a fee <b>Deadline:</b> Last day to designate a course as “Audit” or vice versa <b>Deadline:</b> Last day to withdraw with a <b>60% refund of tuition</b> <b>Deadline:</b> Last day anticipated aid for spring shows as credit on student accounts <b>Deadline:</b> Last day to file the following in the Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies for a May 2008 conferral of degree: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Thesis master’s candidacy petitions</li><li>• Certification for nonthesis master’s</li><li>• Form for automatic master’s</li><li>• PhD candidacy petitions</li></ul>
Friday, February 8.....	<b>Deadline:</b> Last day for instructors to submit final grades to clear “Incompletes” for courses taken in fall 2007 <b>Deadline:</b> Last day to withdraw with a <b>50% refund of tuition</b>
Wednesday, February 13 .....	Financial aid application materials available to returning students to apply for need-based aid for 2008–09
Friday, February 15.....	<b>Deadline:</b> Last day to withdraw with a <b>40% refund of tuition</b>

Friday, February 22.....	<b>Deadline:</b> Mid-semester grades for first-year undergraduate students via the online grade submission process (ESTHER) by <b>5:00 p.m.</b> <b>Deadline:</b> College course plans are due to the Dean of Undergraduates office for fall 2008 <b>Deadline:</b> Last day to withdraw with a <b>30% refund of tuition</b>
Friday, February 29.....	<b>Deadline:</b> Last day to withdraw with a <b>20% refund of tuition</b> <b>Deadline:</b> Last day to file an application for a May 2008 degree conferral with the Office of the Registrar (graduate students only)
Saturday, March 1 (through Sunday, March 9) .....	<b>Midterm Recess (no classes)</b>
Friday, March 14.....	<b>Deadline:</b> Last day to withdraw with a <b>10% refund of tuition</b> <b>Deadline:</b> Sophomores must file a Declaration of Major form with the Office of the Registrar
Friday, March 21.....	<b>Deadline:</b> Last day to drop course(s) for all graduate students and “returning” undergraduate students with a fee <b>Deadline:</b> Last day to designate a course as “Pass/Fail” <b>Deadline:</b> Last day to complete financial aid applications for spring 2008
Monday, April 2.....	Summer school financial aid application available
Thursday, April 3 (through Friday, April 4) .....	<b>Spring Recess (no classes)</b>
Monday, April 7 (through Friday, April 11) .....	Fall 2008 registration begins for currently enrolled undergraduate, graduate, and 5th year students
Friday, April 11.....	<b>Deadline:</b> Last day to complete loan applications for spring 2008 <b>Priority Deadline:</b> For returning and graduate students to submit financial aid applications for 2008–09 <b>Deadline:</b> Last day to register for fall 2008 without a “failure to register” fee
Tuesday, April 22.....	All classes normally held on Thursday meet; all Tuesday classes canceled (to equalize holidays by days of the week during the semester)
Wednesday, April 23.....	<b>Last day of classes</b> All classes normally held on Friday meet; all Wednesday classes canceled (to equalize holidays by days of the week during the semester) <b>Deadline:</b> For spring 2008 undergraduate matriculants only: Last day to drop courses, students must go the Office of the Registrar by <b>5:00 p.m.</b>

**Deadline:** For a May 2008 conferral of degree, students must submit theses to the Office of Graduate and Post-doctoral Studies by **12:00 p.m.**

- Thursday, April 24  
(through Wednesday, April 30 at 12:00 p.m.) **All degree candidates:** All scheduled exams and take-home exams must be completed
- Monday, April 28  
(through Wednesday, May 5) ..... **All nongraduating students:** All scheduled exams and take-home exams for undergraduate courses
- Monday, April 30 ..... **Deadline:** For financial aid application for early summer session
- Friday, May 2 at 5:00 p.m. .... **Deadline:** Last day to submit final grades for all degree candidates via the online grade submission process (ESTHER) by **5:00 p.m.**
- Monday, May 5 ..... **Deadline:** Last day for May 2008 degree candidates to convert a “pass/fail” to an earned letter grade for spring 2008 courses, by **12:00 noon**
- Saturday, May 10 ..... **Ninety-Fifth Commencement**
- Tuesday, May 15 ..... **Deadline:** For financial aid application for general summer session
- Wednesday, May 14 at 5:00 p.m. .... **Deadline:** Last day to submit final grades for all non-graduating students via the online grade submission process (ESTHER) by **5:00 p.m.**
- Friday, May 28 ..... **Deadline:** Last day to resolve grades of “Other” from spring 2008

## **SUMMER 2008**

### **Early Session (May 13–May 30)**

- Monday, March 31 ..... Summer term financial aid applications available
- Wednesday, April 2 ..... **Deadline:** For early application discount (by **2:30 p.m.**)
- Friday, April 18 ..... **Deadline:** For application to Early Summer Session courses (by **2:30 p.m.**)
- Monday, April 28 ..... **Deadline:** To submit financial aid applications for Early Summer Session
- Tuesday, May 6 ..... Early Summer Session admission status emailed  
Early Summer Session registration for Rice students begins online via Esther (esther.rice.edu/)
- Monday, May 12 ..... **Registration:** 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. for visiting students  
**Deadline:** For final tuition payment
- Tuesday, May 13 ..... **First day of classes—Early Summer Session**
- Thursday, May 15 ..... **Deadline:** For adding courses (by **3:00 p.m.**)  
**Deadline:** For online registration
- Monday, May 19 ..... **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 on the Tuition and Fees page on the School of Continuing Studies Web site.

Monday, May 26.....	<b>Memorial Day (holiday—no classes)</b>
Friday, May 30.....	<b>Last day of classes—Early Summer Session</b>
Tuesday, June 3.....	<b>Deadline:</b> For completion of all Early Summer Session course work, including final examinations. Exam schedule determined by instructor.
Friday, June 6.....	<b>Deadline:</b> For submitting grades for Early Summer Session online via Esther(esther.rice.edu/)
Monday, June 9.....	Grades for Early Summer Session available to students online via Esther(esther.rice.edu/). If grade is not posted, please contact instructor.

## SUMMER 2008

### General Session (June 2–July 25)

Monday, March 31.....	Summer term financial aid applications available
Wednesday, April 2.....	<b>Deadline:</b> For early application discount (by 2:30 p.m.)
Friday, May 2.....	<b>Deadline:</b> For application to General Summer Session courses (by 2:30 p.m.)
Tuesday, May 6.....	General Summer Session registration for Rice students begins online via Esther (esther.rice.edu/)
Monday, May 12.....	<b>Deadline:</b> For financial aid application for General Summer Session
Thursday, May 22.....	General Summer Session admission status emailed
Monday, May 26.....	<b>Memorial Day (holiday—no classes)</b>
Friday, May 30.....	<b>Registration,</b> 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. for visiting students <b>Deadline:</b> For final tuition payment
Monday, June 2.....	<b>First day of classes—General Summer Session</b>
Monday, June 9.....	<b>Deadline:</b> For adding courses (by 3:00 p.m.) <b>Deadline:</b> For online registration <b>Deadline:</b> For dropping courses without academic penalty (no refunds after June 19) (by 3:00 p.m.)* <b>Deadline:</b> For designating “Pass/Fail” option (by 3:00 p.m.)
Monday, June 16.....	<b>Deadline:</b> For visiting and Class III students to submit official transcripts (must be received by this date) <b>Deadline:</b> For submitting refund requests (must be received by this day). Please see section on Withdrawal Penalty and Tuition Refund on the Tuition and Fees page on the School of Continuing Studies Web site.
Friday, July 4.....	<b>Independence Day (holiday—no classes)</b>

Friday, July 25 .....	<b>Last day of classes—General Summer Session</b>
Tuesday, July 29 .....	<b>Deadline:</b> For completion of all General Summer Session course work, including final examinations
Friday, August 1 .....	<b>Deadline:</b> For submitting grades for General Summer Sessions online via Esther (esther.rice.edu/)
Monday, August 4.....	Grades for General Summer Session available to students online via Esther (esther.rice.edu/). If a grade is not posted, please contact the instructor.

## SUMMER 2008

### Full Session (Graduate Students Only)

Monday, April 28.....	Full Summer Session registration begins for graduate students online via ESTHER (esther.rice.edu/)
Tuesday, May 13.....	<b>First day of classes—Full Session</b>
Friday, May 16 .....	<b>Deadline:</b> For dropping courses without academic penalty
Monday, May 26 .....	<b>Memorial Day</b> (holiday—no classes)
Friday, July 4.....	<b>Independence Day</b> (holiday—no classes)
Friday, August 22.....	<b>Last day of classes—Full Session</b>
Friday, August 29.....	<b>Deadline:</b> For submitting grades for Early Full Session online via ESTHER (esther.rice.edu)
Tuesday, September 2.....	Grades for Full Summer Session available to students online via ESTHER (esther.rice.edu/). If a grade is not posted, please contact the instructor.

\*For courses starting after the first day of classes, the drop deadline is one week from the first day the class meets.