

ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2008–2009

FALL 2008

Friday, August 1	Deadline: Tuition due for entering freshmen
Sunday, August 10.....	Deadline: Tuition due for returning undergraduate students
Sunday, August 17 (through Friday, August 22)	Orientation Week for new students
Friday, August 22	Deadline: Tuition due for graduate students
Monday, August 25	First day of classes Credit balance checks available to students
Monday, September 1	Labor Day (holiday–no classes)
Friday, September 5	Deadline: Last day to add courses online without a fee Deadline: Last day to add a course without obtaining instructor's permission Deadline: Last day to adjust variable credit for courses online Deadline: Last day to convert a "Pass/Fail" to an earned letter grade for courses taken in spring 2008 Deadline: Last day to withdraw with a 100% refund of tuition and fees Deadline: Last day to drop to part time with a refund for tuition
Monday, September 8	Late Registration: If you have not registered for any classes, you are charged a Late Registration Fee to add classes
Friday, September 12	Deadline: Last day to withdraw with a 70% refund of tuition
Friday, September 19	Deadline: Last day to complete late registration or add courses Deadline: Last day to adjust variable credit for 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 26	Deadline: Last day for instructors to submit final grades to clear "Incompletes" for courses taken in spring and summer 2008 Deadline: Last day to withdraw with a 50% refund of tuition
Friday, October 3	Deadline: Last day to withdraw with a 40% refund of tuition

Friday, October 10	Deadline: Mid-semester grades for first-year undergraduate students via the online grade submission process (in ESTHER) by 5:00 p.m. Deadline: College course plans due to Dean of Undergraduates office for spring 2009 Deadline: Last day to withdraw with a 30% refund of tuition
Monday, October 13 (through Tuesday, October 14)	Midterm Recess
Friday, October 17	Deadline: Last day to withdraw with a 20% refund of tuition
Friday, October 24	Deadline: Last day to withdraw with a 10% refund of tuition
Friday, October 31	Deadline: Last day to file an application for January 2009 degree conferral with the Office of the Registrar (undergraduate and graduate students) Deadline: Last day to file an application for a May 2009 degree conferral with the Office of the Registrar (undergraduate students only) Deadline: Last day to file the following in the Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies for January 2009 degree conferral: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thesis master's candidacy petitions • Certification of nonthesis master's • Form for automatic master's • PhD candidacy petitions Deadline: Last day to drop courses for all graduate students and "returning" undergraduate students with a fee Deadline: Last day to designate a course as "Pass/Fail"
Monday, November 10 (through Friday, November 14)	Spring 2009 registration begins for currently enrolled undergraduate, graduate, and 5th year students
Wednesday, November 12	Deadline: Last day to complete financial aid application for fall 2009
Friday, November 14	Deadline: Last day to register for spring 2009 by 5:00 p.m. without late registration fee
Wednesday, November 26	Deadline: Last day to complete loan applications for fall 2008
Thursday, November 27 (through Friday, November 28)	Thanksgiving Recess (holiday—no classes)
Friday, December 5	Last day of classes Deadline: (for fall 2008 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 2009 conferral of degree, students must submit theses to the Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies by 12:00 noon.

Saturday, December 6 (through Tuesday, December 9)	Study Days—No Exams
Wednesday, December 10 (through Wednesday, December 17)	All undergraduate students: Scheduled exams and take-home exams for undergraduate courses.
Friday, December 26	Deadline: Last day to submit final grades via the online grade submission process (ESTHER) 12:00 noon

SPRING 2009

Friday, January 2.....	Deadline: Tuition due for all students
Monday, January 5.....	First day of classes Credit balance checks available to students
Friday, January 9	Deadline: Last day to resolve grades of “Other” from fall 2008 by 5:00 p.m.
Friday, January 16.....	Deadline: Last day to add courses online without a fee Deadline: Last day to add a course without obtaining instructor’s permission Deadline: Last day for students to convert a “Pass/Fail” to an earned letter grade for courses taken in fall 2008 Deadline: Last day to withdraw with a 100% refund of tuition and fees Deadline: Last day to drop to part time status with a 100% refund of tuition
Monday, January 19.....	Martin Luther King Jr. Day (holiday—no classes)
Tuesday, January 20.....	Late Registration: If you have not registered for any classes, you are charged a Late Registration Fee to add classes
Friday, January 23.....	Deadline: Last day to withdraw with a 70% refund of tuition
Friday, January 30.....	Deadline: Last day to complete late registration or add course(s) Deadline: Last day to adjust variable credit for 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 to withdraw with a 60% refund of tuition Deadline: Last day anticipated aid for spring shows as credit on student accounts Deadline: Last day to file the following in the Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies for a May 2009 conferral of degree: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thesis master’s candidacy petitions • Certification for nonthesis master’s • Form for automatic master’s • PhD candidacy petitions

Friday, February 6.....	Deadline: Last day for instructors to submit final grades to clear “Incompletes” for courses taken in fall 2008 Deadline: Last day to withdraw with a 50% refund of tuition
Wednesday, February 11.....	Financial aid application materials available to returning students to apply for need-based aid for 2009–10
Friday, February 13.....	Deadline: Last day to withdraw with a 40% refund of tuition
Friday, February 20.....	Deadline: Mid-semester grades for first-year undergraduate students via the online grade submission process (ESTHER) by 5:00 p.m. Deadline: College course plans are due to the Dean of Undergraduates office for fall 2009 Deadline: Last day to withdraw with a 30% refund of tuition
Friday, February 27.....	Deadline: Last day to withdraw with a 20% refund of tuition Deadline: Last day to file an application for a May 2009 degree conferral with the Office of the Registrar (graduate students only)
Saturday, February 28 (through Sunday, March 8)	Midterm Recess (no classes)
Friday, March 13	Deadline: Last day to withdraw with a 10% refund of tuition Deadline: Sophomores must file a Declaration of Major form with the Office of the Registrar
Friday, March 20	Deadline: Last day to drop course(s) for all graduate students and “returning” undergraduate students with a fee Deadline: Last day to designate a course as “Pass/Fail” Deadline: Last day to complete financial aid applications for spring 2009
Thursday, April 2 (through Friday, April 3)	Spring Recess (no classes)
Monday, April 6 (through Friday, April 10)	Fall 2009 registration begins for currently enrolled undergraduate, graduate, and 5th year students
Friday, April 10.....	Deadline: Last day to complete loan applications for spring 2009 Deadline: Last day to register for fall 2009 without a late registration fee
Wednesday, April 15	Deadline: Last day for returning students to submit financial aid applications for 2009–10

Friday, April 17	Last day of classes Deadline: For spring 2009 undergraduate matriculants only: Last day to drop courses, students must go the Office of the Registrar by 5:00 p.m. Deadline: For a May 2009 conferral of degree, students must submit theses to the Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies by 12:00 NOON
Saturday, April 18 (through Tuesday, April 21)	Study Days—No Exams
Wednesday, April 22 (through Wednesday, April 29)	All undergraduate students: Scheduled exams and take-home exams for undergraduate courses
Friday, May 1	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 4	Deadline: Last day for May 2009 degree candidates to convert a “pass/fail” to an earned letter grade for spring 2009 courses, by 12:00 NOON
Saturday, May 9	Ninety-Sixth Commencement
Wednesday, May 13	Deadline: Last day to submit final grades for all nongraduating students via the online grade submission process (ESTHER) by 5:00 p.m.
Friday, May 15	Deadline: Last day for graduate students to submit financial aid applications for 2009–10
Friday, May 29	Deadline: Last day to resolve grades of “Other” from spring 2009

SUMMER 2009

Early Session (May 12–May 29)

Monday, March 9	Summer term online registration begins for Rice undergraduate students (esther.rice.edu) Summer term financial aid information available
Wednesday, April 1	Deadline: For early application discount for visiting students by 12:00 NOON
Friday, April 17	Deadline: For application to Early Summer Session for visiting students by 12:00 NOON
Tuesday, May 5	Early Summer Session admission status e-mailed to visiting students
Monday, May 11	Registration Period for Visiting Students: 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Registrations from visiting students received after that time will be assessed at late registration fee Deadline: For Rice undergraduate students to register online for Early Summer Session without a late registration fee Deadline: For adding courses by 12:00 NOON for Rice undergraduates who have already registered Deadline: For final tuition payment for all students

Tuesday, May 12	First day of classes—Early Summer Session
Monday, May 18	Deadline: For visiting and Class III students to submit official transcripts for Early Summer Session Deadline: For dropping courses and withdrawing from Early Summer Session without academic penalty by 12:00 NOON Deadline: For designating “Pass/Fail” option for Early Summer Session Deadline: For submitting refund requests for Early Summer Session
Monday, May 25	Memorial Day (holiday—no classes)
Friday, May 29	Last day of classes—Early Summer Session
Tuesday, June 2	Deadline: For completion of all Early Summer Session course work, including final examinations
Friday, June 5	Deadline: For instructors to submit grades online
Monday, June 8	Grades for Early Summer Session available to students online (esther.rice.edu)

SUMMER 2009

General Session (June 1–July 24)

Monday, March 9	Summer term online registration begins for Rice undergraduate students (esther.rice.edu) Summer term financial aid information available
Wednesday, April 1	Deadline: For early application discount for the summer term by 12:00 NOON for visiting students
Friday, May 1	Deadline: For application to the General Summer Session by 12:00 NOON for visiting students
Thursday, May 21	General Summer Session admission status e-mailed to visiting students
Monday, May 25	Memorial Day (holiday—no classes)
Friday, May 29	Deadline: For final tuition payment for all students Registration period for visiting students: 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Registrations from visiting students received after that time will be assessed at late registration fee
Monday, June 1	First day of classes—General Summer Session
Friday, June 5	Deadline: For adding courses for the General Summer Session by 12:00 NOON Deadline: For Rice undergraduate students to register online for General Summer Session without a late registration fee Deadline: For designating “Pass/Fail” option for General Summer Session
Monday, June 8	Deadline: For dropping courses and withdrawing from General Summer Session without academic penalty (no refunds after June 19) by 12:00 NOON*

Monday, June 15.....	Deadline: For visiting and Class III students to submit official transcripts for General Summer Session Deadline: For submitting refund requests for General Summer Session
Friday, July 3.....	Independence Day observed (holiday–no classes)
Friday, July 24.....	Last day of classes–General Summer Session
Tuesday, July 28.....	Deadline: For completion of all General Summer Session course work, including final examinations
Friday, July 31.....	Deadline: For instructors to submit General Summer Session grades online
Monday, August 3	Grades for Summer term available to students online (esther.rice.edu)

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

2009 FULL SUMMER SESSION (Graduate Students Only)

Monday, March 9.....	Full Summer Session registration for Rice graduate students begins online (esther.rice.edu) Financial aid information available for Summer Session
Tuesday, May 12	First day of classes–Full Summer Session
Friday, May 15	Deadline: For dropping course without academic penalty for the Full Summer Session
Monday, May 25	Memorial Day (holiday–no classes)
Friday, July 3.....	Independence Day observed (holiday–no classes)
Friday, August 21	Last day of classes–Full Summer Session
Friday, August 28	Deadline: For instructors to submit grades for Full Summer Session online
Tuesday, September 1	Grades for Full Summer Session available to students online (esther.rice.edu). If a grade is not posted, please contact the instructor.