**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:  
- 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:
• 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 to 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)

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**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.