

**ACADEMIC CALENDAR
FALL SEMESTER 2026
AUGUST 12 - DECEMBER 11, 2026**

April 6	Registration opens for new and transfer students for Fall 2026
June 8	Deadline for submitting Applications for December Graduation (A late fee will be assessed on applications received after this date. No late applications will be accepted after August 24.)
August 3	Faculty Report to Campus
August 3-6	New Faculty and Staff Orientation (both campuses)
August 5	Faculty and Staff Assembly and School Meetings
August 11	Advisors Available

Important Dates/Deadlines (See Drop/Add & Withdrawal Dates Below)

August 12	Full Session and 1st Session classes begin
September 7	Labor Day Holiday (No day classes. Evening and 1st Session classes must meet or be made up.)
September 8	Convocation, Piedmont Chapel, Demorest Campus, 4:00 pm
October 6	1st Session ends
October 7	2nd Session classes begin (2 nd session online and Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday classes begin)
October 12-13	Fall Break - NO CLASSES
October 19-20	2nd Session Monday and Tuesday classes begin
October 19-23	Athens Advisement and Registration for spring semester 2027 (M-F, 8:00-5:00)
October 26- November 2	Demorest Advisement & Registration for spring semester 2027 (M-F, 8:00-5:00) (Graduate/Seniors-Monday, Oct 26; Juniors-Tuesday, Oct 27; Sophomores-Wednesday, Oct 28; Freshmen-Monday, November 2)
October 23	Last day for grade of "W" (no academic penalty) from Full Session courses
November 6	Deadline for submitting Applications for May Graduation (A late fee will be assessed on applications received after this date. No late applications will be accepted after January 22.)
November 16	Registration opens for new and transfer students for Spring 2027
November 25-27	Thanksgiving Holidays - NO CLASSES
December 2	Full Session Day classes end
December 3	Reading Day – no day classes
December 4,7,8	Final Exams for Day Classes (Finals for evening and graduate classes to be given in the final class period.)
December 8	2nd Session ends
December 9	Final Grades for graduating students are due no later than 10 am
December 11	Commencement: 10:00 am; (Graduates and Undergraduates); Johnny Mize Athletic Center. Please arrive at 9:15 am for the ceremony.
December 14	All remaining final grades are due no later than 8:00 am

See page 2 for class schedule information, including DROP/ADD and Withdrawal dates.

Fall 2026 Class Schedule Information**Full Session Classes: August 12 - December 2, 2026**

No classes September 7, October 12-13, and November 25-27

DROP/ADD Period August 12-18

October 23: Last day for grade of "W" (no academic penalty) from Full Session courses

First and Second Session Classes DROP/ADD

1st session: Add 8/12/26 - 8/15/26 and Drop 8/12/26 - 8/15/26

2nd session: Add 10/7/26 - 10/10/26 and Drop 10/7/26 - 10/10/26

1st Session Dates: 8/12/26 - 10/6/2026

Monday Classes Meet August 17, 24, 31; September 7, 14, 21, 28; October 5

Tuesday Classes Meet August 18, 25; September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; October 6

Wednesday Classes Meet August 12, 19, 26; September 2, 9, 16, 23; September 30

Thursday Classes Meet August 13, 20, 27; September 3, 10, 17, 24; October 1

Friday Classes Meet August 14, 21, 28; September 4, 11, 18, 25; October 2

Saturday Classes Meet August 15, 22, 29; September 5, 12, 19, 26; October 3

September 11: Last day for grade of "W" (no academic penalty) from 1st Session courses

2nd Session Dates: 10/7/26 - 12/8/26

Monday Classes Meet October 19, 26; November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; December 7

Tuesday Classes Meet October 20, 27; November 3, 10, 17, 24; December 1, 8

Wednesday Classes Meet October 7, 14, 21, 28; November 4, 11, 18; December 2

Thursday Classes Meet October 8, 15, 22, 29; November 5, 12, 19; December 3

Friday Classes Meet October 9, 16, 23, 30; November 6, 13, 20; December 4

Saturday Classes Meet October 10, 17, 24, 31; November 7, 14, 21; December 5

November 6: Last day for grade of "W" (no academic penalty) from 2nd Session courses

Grades for graduating students must be turned in NO LATER than 10:00 am on Wednesday, December 9, 2026. If necessary, please make arrangements with graduating students to have finals early so that final grades can be submitted on time. All other grades are due to the Registrar's Office by Monday following commencement at 8:00 am.