ACADEMIC CALENDAR & EXAMS

The campus operates year round, with fall and spring semesters of 16 weeks each, a winter session in between fall and spring semesters, and a summer term that includes two three-week sessions (Maymester and Augmester), two five-week sessions, an eight-week session, a 10-week session and two intensive (one- or more-week) sessions.

For a complete calendar of academic and financial dates and deadlines, visit the Office of the Registrar’s Academic Calendar (http://www.colorado.edu/registrar/students/academic-calendar) webpage. (http://colorado.edu/registrar)

The University of Colorado at Boulder has a legal and moral obligation to accommodate all students who must be absent from classes or miss scheduled exams in order to observe religious holidays; and takes care to not inhibit or penalize these students for exercising their rights to religious observance. For further information, see the university policy on the Observance of Religious Holidays and Absences from Classes and/or Exams (http://www.colorado.edu/policies/observance-religious-holidays-and-absences-classes-andor-exams).

Summer 2017

May 15 (Mon.) Classes begin for session M (Maymester)
May 29 (Mon.) Memorial Day holiday; campus closed
June 2 (Fri.) Final exams for session M (Maymester)
June 5 (Mon.) Classes begin for sessions A, C and D
July 4 (Tues.) Independence Day holiday; campus closed
July 7 (Fri.) Final exams for session A (first five-week session)
July 11 (Tues.) Classes begin for session B (second five-week session)
July 28 (Fri.) Final exams for session C (eight-week session)
Aug. 7 (Mon.) Classes begin for session G (Augmester)
Aug. 11 (Fri.) Final exams for sessions B and D (second five-week session, 10-week session)
Aug. 24 (Thurs.) Final exams for session G (Augmester)
Aug. 24 (Thurs.) Degree conferral date (no campuswide ceremony)

Fall 2017

Aug. 28 (Mon.) Classes begin
Sept. 4 (Mon.) Labor Day holiday; campus closed
Oct. 1 (Sun.) Freshman and transfer application deadline for spring semester
Oct. 1–4 (Sun.-Wed.) Family Weekend

Spring 2018

Jan. 14 (Sun.) Freshman application deadline for summer and fall sessions
Jan. 15 (Mon.) Martin Luther King Jr. holiday; campus closed
Jan. 16 (Tues.) Classes begin
Mar. 1 (Thurs.) Transfer application deadline for fall and summer sessions
Mar. 26-30 (Mon.–Fri.) Spring break (campus closed Friday, March 30)
May 1 (Mon.) Freshman confirmation deadline
May 3 (Thurs.) Last day of classes
May 4 (Fri.) Reading day
May 5-9 (Sat.-Wed.) Final exams
May 10 (Thurs.) University commencement ceremony; degree conferral date

Summer 2018

May 14 (Mon.) Classes begin for session M (Maymester)
May 28 (Mon.) Memorial Day holiday; campus closed
June 1 (Fri.) Final exams for session M (Maymester)
June 4 (Mon.) Classes begin for sessions A, C and D
July 4 (Wed.) Independence Day; campus closed
July 6 (Fri.) Final exams for session A (first five-week session)
July 10 (Tues.) Classes begin for session B (second five-week session)
July 27 (Fri.) Final exams for session C (eight-week session)
Aug. 6 (Mon.) Classes begin for session G (Augmester)
Aug. 10 (Fri.) Final exams for sessions B and D (second five-week session, 10-week session)
Aug. 23 (Thurs.) Final exams for session G (Augmester)
Aug. 23 (Thurs.) Degree conferral date (no campuswide ceremony)
Final Examinations

It is the policy of the University of Colorado Boulder to adhere to the final examination schedule (http://www.colorado.edu/registrar/students/academic-calendar/final-exam-schedule) as published on the Office of the Registrar website each semester. While it may be appropriate not to give a final in some cases, such as laboratory courses, seminars and colloquia, final examinations are integral parts of the instructional program and should be given in all other undergraduate courses. Unless notified otherwise in writing during the first week of classes, students should assume that an examination will be given.

In addition to the principles stated above, the following guidelines should be followed by all faculty members and administrators in order to assure fairness and the best possible educational experience for students.

1. The final examination in a course must be given as scheduled and not at other times, even if the faculty member and all students in a course agree to such a change.

2. The week of classes preceding the scheduled final examination period should be used primarily for continued instruction and may include the introduction of new material. No hourly examinations are to be given during the seven days preceding the start of the final examination period. However, lab practicums and seminar presentations may be scheduled during this week.

3. Individual students may be granted a variance from these policies, provided the instructor is satisfied that the exception is based on good and sufficient reasons, and that such an exception for an early or late examination will not prejudice the interests of other students in the course.

4. When students have three or more final examinations on the same day, they are entitled to arrange an alternative examination time for the last exam(s) scheduled on that day. When students have two final exams scheduled to meet at the same time, they are entitled to arrange an alternative examination time for the later course offered that day or week. Such arrangement must be made by the deadline to drop the course without dean and instructor permission in the tenth week of the semester. Students should make arrangements with the instructor of the affected course and are expected to provide evidence of these situations to qualify for exceptions.

5. This policy applies to all undergraduate students, including seniors. Graduating seniors are not exempted from final examinations. Such exemptions are inappropriate on both procedural and academic grounds.

6. The submission deadline of all grades for each semester is 90 hours after the conclusion of the final exam, minus Sundays and official designated university holidays.