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ACCREDITATION AND AUTHORIZATIONS**TRACS**

Pacific College of Technology is a member of the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS) [15935 Forest Road, VA 24551; Telephone: (434) 525-9539; email: info@tracs.org], having been awarded Accredited Status as a Category I Institution by the TRACS Accreditation Commission on April 26, 2022. This status is effective for a period of five years. TRACS is recognized by the United States Department of Education (ED), the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA), and the International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education (INQAAHE).

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GNPEC

Pacific College of Technology is authorized to operate in the state of Georgia by the Georgia Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission (GNPEC). This authorization must be renewed annually.

Georgia Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission

2082 East Exchange Place, Suite 220

Tucker, Georgia 30084-5305

Phone: 770-414-3300

gnpec.georgia.gov

SEVP

Pacific College of Technology is authorized by the Student Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) to issue I-20 forms to international non-immigrant students enabling them to apply for F-1 student visas.

Student and Exchange Visitor Program

500 12th Street, SW Stop 5600

Washington, D.C. 20536

Phone: 703-603-3400

ice.gov/sevis

COMPTIA

Pacific College of Technology is an academic partner of the Computing Technology Industry Association (CompTIA). The CompTIA Academic Partner Program prepares today's students to be employable in our global digital economy.

CompTIA

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Downers Grove, IL 60515

Phone: 866-835-8020|630-678-8300

comptia.org

GENERAL INFORMATION

MISSION STATEMENT

Pacific College of Technology, as a Christ-centered institution of higher learning, educates students in urban communities and the general workforce to become competent technology professionals. PCT inspires students to become selfless leaders for the betterment of our society.

INSTITUTIONAL OBJECTIVES

1. Produce graduates with competitive technical, business, and professional skills, along with a Christian worldview.
2. Develop educational programs and services that prepare students for evolving and in-demand occupations.
3. Promote academic excellence by recruiting and developing talented and diverse faculty who are responsive to the changing needs of the college
4. Engage in strategic collaborations with community, business, and academic partners to develop and empower students through service, career, and additional educational opportunities.
5. Exercise efficient and responsible management of the College's financial and physical resources.

CORE VALUES

At Pacific Tech, our daily operations, interactions, and decisions will be guided by our core values:

- **Ethics:** We expect our daily operations and interactions with the students and the community to be driven by the highest standards of honesty, fairness, respect, and professional and scholarly ethics.
- **Intellectual Excellence:** We value intellectual freedom, engagement, critical thinking, creativity, and intellectual integrity in all endeavors.
- **Academic Excellence:** We value high quality education provided via a curriculum that is designed to meet the career and academic needs of our community.
- **Continuous Improvement:** We value and are committed to continuous improvement through the assessment of student learning outcomes, program effectiveness, and our decision-making processes. We use the results of these assessments to pursue improvements in our courses, programs, practices, and student outcomes.
- **Diversity:** We embrace all aspects of human diversity and are committed to providing a college community that is supportive, safe, and welcoming.

- **Student Focused:** We are committed to fostering the professional and personal growth of all students, which is the primary focus of college decisions and activities.
- **Community:** We value and are committed to strengthening and enriching the quality of life of each member of the community by providing access to higher education and success in their chosen endeavors.
- **Collaboration:** We value and are committed to cross-disciplinary collaboration and to working closely with students. This commitment defines the practices of the faculty, administration, staff, and external partners.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

- We believe that the Bible is God's divine word; and trustworthy in all its teachings.
- We believe in the one true, living, eternal, transcendent, omnipotent, and personal God, who exists as the Trinity, possessing three eternal, personal distinctions: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
- We believe in the redemptive grace of God through the substitutionary work of Jesus Christ who paid the full price for the sins of the world, through His physical death, burial, and resurrection.
- We believe in a personal salvation provided solely by the grace of God on the basis of the atoning death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- We believe that the Church is the body of Christ and that the people of God are called to community, worship, discipleship, mission, and education.
- We believe in the personal and visible return of the Lord Jesus Christ to earth and the establishment of His kingdom.
- We believe the biblical account of creation. We believe that God, by His own special act, created the universe and all that is in it in six days of the creation week.
- We believe that it is our purpose as faithful Christians to imitate Christ, to serve others with love and compassion, to concern ourselves with the well-being of our fellows, and to love and honor God.

FAIR BUSINESS PRACTICES

Pacific College of Technology shall conduct business fairly and sincerely, adhering to ethical principles and refraining from unfair business practices and any form of bribery or corruption, to contribute to sound social and economic development through fair dealings with the competition and the community. PCT shall refuse to work with any group, organization or individual engaged in unlawful activities, and under no circumstances shall we have any relations with anti-social influences. PCT pledges not to engage in the following activities: Claiming

falsely that goods or services are of a particular quality or grade, making false or misleading statements about another business or its products or services, advertising goods or services with the intent not to sell them as advertised, and making false or misleading statements about prices. See the Policy Statement on Ethical Business Practices in the Policies and Procedures Manual for more details.

HISTORY

Pacific College of Technology is an independent postsecondary institution located in Atlanta, Georgia. The College was founded in September 1999 in Henry County, GA under the name Core Technology Solutions Training Institute for the purpose of preparing students with competitive technical, business, and professional skills for direct entry into the job market. To reflect the scope and nature of its academic offerings more accurately, the College later changed its name to Pacific Computer Training Institute, then to Pacific Institute of Technology, and is now called Pacific College of Technology.

- 2002. The College changes its name to Pacific Computer Training Institute and is authorized by the Georgia Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission (GNPEC) to operate in the state of Georgia.
- 2010. In September, the College changes its name to Pacific Institute of Technology (Pacific Tech).
- 2013. Pacific Tech graduates its first class of students from its Associate of Science in Information Systems program.
- 2014. Pacific Tech moves to a different location in Morrow, GA, Clayton County. The College is accredited by the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS). This Accreditation Status is renewed in 2018.
- 2018. Pacific Tech moves a different location in Atlanta, GA, DeKalb County. In August. GNPEC approves the College's certificate program in English as a Second Language (ESL).
- 2019. In September, Pacific Tech hosts a visit from the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS), a US Department of Education authorized accreditor, to discuss plans for applying for Candidate for Accreditation Status.
- 2020. In June, the College is authorized by the Student Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) to issue Form I-20s to international students and enroll nonimmigrant student F-1 visa holders. In October, Pacific Tech moves to a nearby, larger, and more convenient location in Atlanta, Georgia. In November, the College changes its name to Pacific College of Technology.
- 2021. In October, Pacific Tech is granted Candidate Status as a Category I institution by TRACS.
- 2022. In January, the College launches its ESL program.
- 2022. In April, Pacific Tech is granted Accreditation Status as a Category I institution by TRACS. In June, the College voluntarily withdraws its accreditation by ACICS.
- 2022. In November, TRACS approves the addition of an Associate degree program in Business Administration – Digital Marketing.
- 2023. In October, TRACS approves the addition of Distance Education to PCT's curriculum.
- 2025. In June, TRACS approves the addition of an Associate degree program in Business Administration – Nail Salon Management.

FACILITIES

Pacific College of Technology is housed in a 34,200 square-foot building in DeKalb County, Atlanta, Georgia. The campus is conveniently located on Interstate 85, about one minute from Interstate 285, and within a five-minute walk from a bus route. The facilities contain more than 25 rooms for instruction, office space, library, common area, etc. as well as 133 parking spaces. They are operated in full compliance with federal, state, and local ordinances and regulations, including health, fire, and ADA requirements, allowing the college to provide a safe and healthy environment to support student learning.

Atlanta is the capital city of Georgia, the state's largest city, and the principal trade and transportation center of the southeastern United States. Its international airport is one of the busiest in the world. Atlanta is home to CNN, The World of Coca Cola, Centennial Olympic Park, the Georgia Aquarium, and the National Center for Civil and Human Rights. Other popular attractions in the city include The King Center, Six Flags over Georgia, High Museum of Art, Piedmont Park, Atlanta Botanical Garden, and Fox Theatre.

LIBRARY

The campus library has a vast collection of hardcopy books, journals, and reference materials which are closely tied to the PCT curriculum and support the subject areas covered by PCT's academic programs. Electronic resources, which also support PCT's academic programs, are available 24/7. The library offers students password-access to an online collection of thousands of full texts and abstracts of books, periodicals, articles, and reference materials through its memberships with the Library and Information Resource Network (LIRN) and Georgia's Private Academic Libraries (GPALS).

Membership in LIRN gives access to Gale's and ProQuest's more than 116 databases. Membership in GPALS gives PCT access to interlibrary loans and reciprocal borrowing agreements with other private institutions, as well as public libraries, JSTOR, and a wide variety of other resources, including EBSCOHost. GPALS also gives membership to PCT in Georgia Library Learning Online (GALILEO), an online library portal that allows access to more than 2000 institutional libraries in the University System of Georgia. In addition, the PCT library currently has an MOU with the library of Underwood University, which is PCT's partner institution, giving PCT students access to all Underwood University's physical resources. The library also offers:

- A quiet environment for independent and group study.
- Access to Internet-connected desktop computers.
- The services of trained staff who provide instruction in information literacy and can assist students in conducting library research. The trained staff are available five days a week, Monday through Friday.

TUTORING

One-on-one tutoring by instructors is available to all students upon request and without charge. Requests should be made through the student's instructor or through the Program Director.

CAREER SERVICES

The College's primary focus is to produce graduates who fulfill the evolving needs of the communities that the College serves. Students and graduates can take advantage of numerous career services that enhance their educational experience. Career Services helps students and graduates acquire professional development skills that will serve them throughout their careers. Areas addressed include assessing career goals; developing résumés; increasing marketability; building networking and interviewing techniques; and improving salary negotiation skills. Additional assistance is provided through local and national job postings, which identify currently available career opportunities. Students should note that the College cannot and does not guarantee employment.

HOURS OF OPERATION

The administrative services of Pacific College of Technology are available from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. No classes are held, and no administrative offices are open on the holidays listed on the Academic Calendar.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

The program consists of a **Foundational Track**, a **Basic User Track**, an **Intermediate User Track**, and a **Proficient User Track**. The curriculum is based on the guidelines established by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL). ACTFL is an organization dedicated to the improvement and expansion of the teaching and learning of all languages at all levels of instruction. The levels in our ESL Program roughly correspond to ACTFL levels, as shown in the table below:

PCT ESL and ACTFL Comparison Table

PCT ESL LEVELS	ACTFL LEVELS	LANGUAGE FUNCTIONS:
FOUNDATIONAL TRACK		
Foundation 1 Low Beginner	Novice Low	Have limited English experience; cannot meet basic admission requirements.
Foundation 2 Low Beginner	Novice Low	
BASIC USER TRACK		
Level 1 Beginner	Novice Mid	Communicate minimally with formulaic and rote utterance, lists, and phrases.
Level 2 High Beginner	Novice High	
INTERMEDIATE USER TRACK		
Level 3 Intermediate	Intermediate Low-Mid	Create, initiate, maintain, and bring simple conversations to a close by asking/responding to simple questions.
Level 4 High Intermediate	Intermediate High	
Level 5 Low Advanced	Advanced Low	Narrate and describe in past, present, and future. Deal effectively with an unanticipated complication.
Level 6 Advanced	Advanced Mid	
PROFICIENT USER TRACK		
Level 7 Proficient	Advanced High – Superior	Discuss topics extensively, support opinions, hypothesize. Deal with linguistically unfamiliar situations
Level 8 Proficient	Advanced High – Superior	

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the general admission requirements, ESL Program applicants must demonstrate an understanding of the alphabet and basic vocabulary by achieving a minimum of 25 on the placement test. Foundational Track courses are available for students who cannot meet this requirement. Students successfully completing the Foundational Track may progress to the Basic User Track.

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

All admitted students must attend a new-student orientation session before classes begin. The session covers academic progress, conduct policies, class schedules, and introduces administrative staff, faculty, and primary administrators. Students can seek advice and assistance from various offices during this session.

PROGRAM LENGTH

Each term lasts 8 weeks. Students in Foundational and Basic tracks attend class 18 hours per week. Students enrolled in Intermediate and Proficient tracks attend 9 hours of classroom instruction and complete 13 hours of laboratory work weekly, for a total of 22 hours weekly. Full-time students starting in Foundation 1/ESL 001 can complete the program in 10 terms or 20 months.

VACATION

In order to request permission for vacation, students must:

- Have completed at least four consecutive sessions (8 months) of enrollment in the ESL program at Pacific College of Technology.
- Must complete the registration for the term in which they are returning and pay the tuition.
- Have no unpaid fees/tuition or other issues with the Finance Office.

A student who meets the above requirements must complete a Vacation Application form available in the Registrar's Office. All documents must be submitted to the Registrar's Office no later than the regular registration week.

A vacation shall not exceed two months after completion of eight months of enrollment. Students cannot take more than one vacation per year. There will be no extensions.

Vacation requests must be approved by the ESL Program Director. The student is responsible for any remaining charges or additional charges not yet applied to their account at the time the student requests a vacation. It is the student's responsibility to submit all required and relevant documents.

PLACEMENT TESTING

All new and transfer students are administered a placement test to determine their individual levels. The placement test covers Listening Comprehension, Grammar, Vocabulary, and Reading Comprehension.

PCT ESL instructors and administrators have sole authority to conduct placement testing and determine placement level. Students may not select their own level of study and must follow the placement committee's decision. However, to ensure correct placement, class performance is observed during the first three days of the session, and placement adjustments may be made.

The evaluation instrument used is the Cambridge Michigan Language Assessments English Placement Test (CaMLA EPT). The CaMLA EPT is designed to quickly and reliably place ESL students into appropriate ability levels. It provides an accurate assessment of a test taker's general language proficiency by measuring performance in the following key skill areas:

1. Listening Comprehension
2. Grammatical Knowledge
3. Vocabulary Range
4. Reading Comprehension

There are 80 questions on the CaMLA EPT: 25 listening items, 20 grammar items, 20 vocabulary items, and 15 reading comprehension items. All questions on the EPT are multiple choice with three options for the listening section and four options for all other sections. It takes around 60 minutes for the test to be completed. Testing Administrators need to allow additional time for administrative procedures (approximately 15 minutes to distribute and collect test materials and to read directions).

PROGRAM OUTLINE

The ESL Program at Pacific College of Technology is a non-degree, non-credit program.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the English as a Second Language program is to provide high quality English language instruction and cultural orientation to nonnative speakers of English seeking to enhance their career opportunities or preparing for academic study in the United States.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The ESL program intends to accomplish its mission by pursuing the following objectives:

1. Offer a curriculum that is based on continuous research, evaluation, and improvement.
2. Develop English language skills by having students engage in a range of communicative tasks and activities.
3. Develop awareness of the cultural aspects of the United States in order to bridge cultural differences and ease the transition into American society.
4. Carefully evaluate students during the recruitment process and provide the necessary guidance and support to enable them to achieve their English language learning goals.
5. Assess and monitor students' academic progress utilizing an ongoing evaluation process.
6. Recruit and maintain highly qualified and experienced instructors who understand students' needs.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

1. Communicate effectively by speaking clearly and coherently in academic, professional, and social settings.
2. Implement writing skills and grammatical structures accurately and efficiently to produce well-written, well-organized paragraphs and essays.
3. Apply essential reading and vocabulary strategies to comprehend, analyze, and explain ideas in texts.
4. Demonstrate critical thinking and problem-solving skills by applying new language skills.
5. Develop understanding of the various cultures in the United States.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

The ESL program is based on clock hours (contact hours) and does not award any credits. It is composed of 8 core levels, ranging from beginner to advanced/proficient, with an additional two Foundational Levels available for students who cannot meet the basic admission requirements. Each term is 8 weeks in length. The program requires a total of 576 clock hours (at 18 contact hours per week) for Foundational and Basic Tracks; and 1056 clock hours (at 9 hours contact and 13 hours lab work per week; that is, a total of 432 contact hours and 624 laboratory hours) for Intermediate and Proficient Tracks. A complete program, from Foundational to Proficient Tracks therefore requires a total of 1632 clock hours. A full-time student who joins the program in Foundation 1 will be able to complete the program in ten 8-week terms.

CURRICULUM

Foundational Track Levels (Foundation 1 and Foundation 2) are designed for students who have limited or no knowledge of the English language. The goal of instruction is to prepare students to enter Basic User Track levels within two terms by helping them acquire skills in all basic areas.

Basic User Track levels (Level 1 and Level 2) progressively develop English skills for personal, social, professional, and academic purposes. All skills are taught in order of difficulty, allowing students to develop the skills in sequence.

Intermediate User Track levels (Level 3 – Level 6) progressively develop English skills for personal, social, professional, and academic purposes. All skills are taught in order of difficulty, allowing students to develop the necessary skills in sequence.

Proficient User Track levels (Level 7 and Level 8) were designed for students who are at an advanced to proficient level of English and want to focus on a particular skill or topic.

ATTENDANCE

As ESL terms are only 8 weeks long, students are not allowed to have more than one unexcused absence per term. Additional absences will be excused only if the student can provide a doctor's note indicating that they were under medical care at the time of the absence. No makeup work or exams will be allowed without such a note.

PROGRAM LEVELS

LEVELS and HOURS	COURSE NUMBERS	COURSE TITLES
FOUNDATIONAL TRACK		
Foundation 1 Low Beginner 18 hours per week	ESL 001	Grammar and Writing
		Reading and Critical Thinking
		Speaking and Listening
Foundation 2 Low Beginner 18 hours per week	ESL 002	Grammar and Writing
		Reading and Critical Thinking
		Speaking and Listening
BASIC USER TRACK		
Level 1 Beginner 18 hours per week	ESL 100	Grammar and Writing
		Reading and Critical Thinking
		Speaking and Listening
Level 2 High Beginner 18 hours per week	ESL 200	Grammar and Writing
		Reading and Critical Thinking
		Speaking and Listening
INTERMEDIATE USER TRACK		
Level 3 Intermediate 9 class hours and 13 lab hours per week	ESL 300	Grammar and Writing
		Reading and Critical Thinking
		Speaking and Listening
		Laboratory*
Level 4 High Intermediate 9 class hours and 13 lab hours per week	ESL 400	Grammar and Writing
		Reading and Critical Thinking
		Speaking and Listening
		Laboratory*
Level 5 Low Advanced 9 class hours and 13 lab hours per week	ESL 500	Grammar and Writing
		Reading and Critical Thinking
		Speaking and Listening
		Laboratory*
Level 6 Advanced 9 class hours and 13 lab hours per week	ESL 600	Grammar and Writing
		Reading and Critical Thinking
		Speaking and Listening
		Laboratory*
PROFICIENT USER TRACK		
Level 7 Proficient 9 class hours and 13 lab hours per week	ESL 700	Grammar and Writing
		Reading and Critical Thinking
		Speaking and Listening
		Laboratory*
Level 8 Proficient 9 class hours and 13 lab hours per week	ESL 800	Grammar and Writing
		Reading and Critical Thinking
		Speaking and Listening
		Laboratory*

* Laboratory work constitutes 13 hours per week of the 22-hour-per-week program for Intermediate and Proficient Tracks. Foundational and Basic Tracks do not require laboratory work, but require more contact hours per week. Laboratory work gives students the opportunity to develop their English skills outside of the classroom. Laboratory sessions can be both synchronous and asynchronous. They focus on specific skills, such as listening, speaking, reading, etc., and on the practical application of English skills in the real world. Hours per course are shown below:

FOUNDATIONAL TRACK	Contact Hours	Lab Hours
ESL 001 Foundation 1	18/week	0
ESL 002 Foundation 2	18/week	0
 BASIC USER TRACK	 Contact Hours	 Lab Hours
ESL100 Level 1	18/week	0
ESL 200 Level 2	18/week	0
 <u>INTERMEDIATE USER TRACK</u>	 <u>Contact Hours</u>	 <u>Lab Hours</u>
ESL 300 Level 3	9/week	13/week
ESL 400 Level 4	9/week	13/week
ESL 500 Level 5	9/week	13/week
 <u>PROFICIENT USER TRACK</u>	 <u>Contact Hours</u>	 <u>Lab Hours</u>
ESL 700 Level 7	9/week	13/week
ESL 800 Level 8	9/week	13/week

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Each course level incorporates three sections: Grammar and Writing, Speaking and Listening, and Reading and Critical Thinking. Intermediate and Proficient Levels include a section of Laboratory work, which students complete outside of class hours. Students completing the ESL program are generally expected to pass on into postsecondary education programs, and thus the competencies developed through the program reflect the skills generally necessary to participate in a US college or university level degree program.

Grammar and Writing

These courses are based on the idea that students learn more, remember more, and use language more effectively when they learn grammar in context. The grammar is presented in interesting contexts that are relevant to students' lives. The courses point out the connections between grammar and writing, demonstrated through writing models and enhanced by editing practice for relevant application of target points. Students learn how to use English grammar structures accurately in both speaking and writing. The writing portions of lower-level courses focus on sentence and paragraph structure and on coherency, while Intermediate and Proficient level courses aim to develop or refine the writing skills that students will need to function within an academic community, and cover the basic structures, rationales, and purposes of term papers and other types of academic writing. Grammar and Writing courses contain a wide variety of writing models in carefully selected rhetorical styles that provide practice in working with the writing process to develop a final piece of writing. The courses provide student writing models to help students focus on specific writing skills and multiple rhetorical structures.

Speaking and Listening

The purpose of these courses is to help students develop the language skills needed to interact with English speakers in social, professional, and academic settings. Students learn key academic skills as they engage with current and thought-provoking themes through content, images, and video, and learn to become more active and informed listeners in lectures and conversations. Students also develop critical thinking skills and learn to participate more confidently in conversations and group discussions and to give both formal and informal oral presentations. Concepts of cross-cultural communications are introduced in higher-level Speaking and Listening courses, in order to help students become knowledgeable about and adapt to American culture and understand cultural differences affecting their communication with native speakers. Students also develop communication and critical thinking skills through open discussions of current events and social issues. Discussions are supplemented by readings, audio, and videos, and focus on authentic news and controversial issues in the U.S. and around the world.

Reading and Critical Thinking

The purpose of these courses is to enable students to develop the essential reading, critical thinking, and vocabulary skills for academic readiness. Texts provided range from ESL reading textbooks to graded readers to actual novels and short stories. Students learn essential skills by performing comprehension activities that cover question types commonly found on standardized tests, and they improve their critical thinking abilities through individualized and cooperative activities. Lower-level courses focus on reading comprehension and recognition of structure, while in higher-level courses, students learn to appreciate and analyze literature by defining, identifying, and using literary devices, and by interpreting literary work and drawing conclusions from analysis.

Laboratory

Laboratory work consists of a variety of materials designed to enhance and complement the student's in-class experience. Lab work may consist of grammar or writing exercises, reading assignments (ranging from basic articles and lower-level texts to graded readers to actual short stories and novels), or answering comprehension questions about videos that students are required to watch. These comprehension questions may include vocabulary from a video, drawing conclusions based on inferences from a video, summary and analysis of presented information, and/or presentation of personal opinions based on a video.

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ESL CALENDAR – 2026

TERM	START DATE	END DATE	EVENTS / HOLIDAYS
Spring I	01/12/2026	03/06/2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ January 12 - First Week of Class ▪ January 19 – Martin Luther Kind – No Classes on 19th (Monday) ▪ February 2 - Midterm Exam Week ▪ February 17 to 27 - Registration Week for Next Term ▪ February 16 – President’s Day – No Classes on 16th (Monday) ▪ March 02 - Final Exam Week ▪ March 06 – Last Day of Class
Spring II	03/09/2026	05/01/2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ March 09 - First Week of Class ▪ March 30 - Midterm Exam Week ▪ April 13 to 24 - Registration Week for Next Term ▪ April 27 - Final Exam Week ▪ May 01 – Last Day of Class
Summer I	05/04/2026	07/03/2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ May 04 - First Week of Class ▪ May 25 to May 29- Memorial Day – No Classes ▪ June 01 - Midterm Exam Week ▪ June 15 to 26 - Registration Week for Next Term ▪ June 29 – Final Exam Week ▪ July 03 – Last Day of Class
Summer II	07/6/2026	08/28/2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ July 06 - First Week of Class ▪ July 27 - Midterm Exam Week ▪ August 10 to 21 - Registration Week for Next Term ▪ August 24 – Final Exam Week ▪ August 28 – Last Day of Class
Fall	08/31/2026	10/23/2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ August 31 - First Week of Class ▪ September 07 – Labor Day – No classes on 7th (Monday) ▪ September 21 - Midterm Exam Week ▪ October 05 to 16 - Registration Week for Next Term ▪ October 19 – Final Exam Week ▪ October 23 – Last Day of Class
Winter	10/26/2026	01/08/2027	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ October 26 - First Week of Class ▪ November 16 - Midterm Exam Week ▪ Nov 23 to Nov 27 – Thanksgiving Week – No Classes ▪ December 7 to 18 - Registration Week for Next Term ▪ December 21 to January 01 – Winter Break – No Classes ▪ January 4 - Final Exam Week ▪ January 8 - Last Day of Class

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