

Batten School of Coastal & Marine Sciences & VIMS Graduate Program Academic Calendar

Fall Term 2025	
April 14-18	Fall 2025 Priority Registration for Continuing Students
April 19 – add/drop	Fall 2025 Schedule Adjustment Period for Continuing Students
August 1-8	Fall 2025 Priority Registration for New Degree-Seeking Students
August 9 – add/drop	Fall 2025 Schedule Adjustment Period for New Degree-Seeking Students
August 13 – add/drop	Registration for Non-Degree Seeking Students
August 25-26	New Student Orientation
August 27	First Day of Classes Opening Convocation at W&M
August 27 – September 8	Add/Drop Period, for full-term courses
September 1	Labor Day – Offices Closed; No Classes
September 9 – October 27	Course Withdrawal Period, for full-term courses
September 12-14	New Student Orientation Field Trip to Eastern Shore Lab
October 1	Online Filing Deadline for Graduation in 2026 (all terms)
October 9-12	Fall Break; No Classes
November 3-7	Spring 2026 Priority Registration for Continuing Students
November 8 – add/drop	Spring 2026 Schedule Adjustment Period for Continuing Students
November 4	Election Day – Offices Closed; No Classes
November 24-25	Remote Learning Days During Thanksgiving Week – Offices Closed
November 26-30	Thanksgiving Break – Offices Closed; No Classes
December 5	Last Day of Classes Last Day to Submit Grades for Spring 2025 Incomplete (I) Coursework Last Day to Submit Theses/Dissertations or Capstone Products for January Graduation
December 6-7 & 13-14	Reading Periods
December 8-12 & 15-16	Final Exams
December 24 – January 2	Winter Break – Offices Closed
January 5 by 9:00 a.m.	Final Grades Due
January 16, 2026	Winter Degree Conferral Date; No Ceremony

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Spring Term 2026	
November 3-7	Spring 2026 Priority Registration for Continuing Students
November 8 – add/drop	Spring 2026 Schedule Adjustment Period for Continuing Students
January 5-9	Spring 2026 Priority Registration for New Degree-Seeking Students
January 10 – add/drop	Spring 2026 Schedule Adjustment Period for New Degree-Seeking Students
January 12 – add/drop	Registration Period for Non-Degree-Seeking Students
January 19	MLK Holiday – Offices Closed, No Classes
January 21	First Day of Classes
January 21-30	Add/Drop Period, for full-term courses
January 31 – March 23	Course Withdrawal Period, for full-term courses
February 15	Online Filing Begins for Graduation in 2027 (all terms)
March 7-15	Spring Break; No Classes
April 13-17	Summer and Fall 2026 Priority Registration for Continuing Students
April 18 – add/drop	Summer and Fall 2026 Schedule Adjustment Period for Continuing Students
May 1	Last Day of Classes Last Day to Submit Grades for Fall 2025 Incomplete (I) Coursework Last Day to Submit Theses/Dissertations or Capstone Products for May Graduation
May 2-3 & 9-10	Reading Periods
May 4-8 & 11-12	Final Exams
May 13 by Noon	Spring Grades Due for May 2026 Graduation Candidates (grad only)
May 14-16	Commencement Weekend <ul style="list-style-type: none"> May 15 – <i>W&M Commencement Exercises (evening)</i> May 16 – <i>VIMS Graduation Ceremony & Reception (morning)</i>
May 19 by 9:00 a.m.	Remaining Spring Grades Due
May 25	Memorial Day Holiday – Offices Closed; No Classes

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Summer Term 2026 – Overall Important Dates & Holidays

April 13-17	Summer 2026 Priority Registration for Continuing Students
April 18 – add/drop	Summer 2026 Schedule Adjustment Period for Continuing Students
May 11 – add/drop	Registration Period for Non-Degree-Seeking Students
May 25	Memorial Day Holiday – Offices Closed; No Classes
June 19	Juneteenth Holiday – Offices Closed; Classes may be in session
July 3	Independence Day Holiday Observed – Offices Closed; Classes may be in session
August 7	Last Day to Submit Theses/Dissertations or Capstone Products for August Graduation
August 21	Summer Degree Conferral Date; No Ceremony

Summer Session #1:

May 26	First Day of Classes
May 26-29	Add/Drop Period
May 30 – June 12	Course Withdrawal Period
June 26	Last Day of Classes
July 3 by Noon	Final Grades Due

Summer Session #2:

June 29	First Day of Classes
June 29 – July 2	Add/Drop Period
July 3-17	Course Withdrawal Period
July 31	Last Day of Classes
August 7 by Noon	Final Grades Due

Summer Session #3:

May 26	First Day of Classes
May 26 – June 4	Add/Drop Period
June 5 – July 3	Course Withdrawal Period
July 31	Last Day of Classes Last Day to Submit Theses/Dissertations or Capstone Products for August Graduation
August 7 by Noon	Final Grades Due

Non-Standard: May 18 – August 16, 2026

Batten School & VIMS field courses and short courses generally fall within this session. After the last day of spring classes, registration and add/drop/withdraw must be done manually. Refer to the Batten School & VIMS Registrar for course-specific details.

May 18	First Day of Classes – start date varies per course
August 16	Last Day of Classes – end date varies per course
One Week After Class End Date by Noon	Final Grades Due