ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2019-20

Stanford Academic Calendar, 2019-20

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COVID-19 and Academic Dates

Due to the COVID-19 crisis, some Winter Quarter academic dates and many Spring Quarter academic dates have been changed. Click here to go to the present date. (p. 3)

See the Latest information about the University’s response to COVID-19 (http://healthalerts.stanford.edu) and in the TeachAnywhere FAQs (https://teachanywhere.stanford.edu/spring/faq).

The University bill is issued on the 20th of each month. Billed charges are due by the 15th of the following month. For more information, see the Student Financial Services (https://sfs.stanford.edu/student-accounts/pay-your-bill/understanding-your-student-account) site.

See the R&DE Student Housing site (https://rde.stanford.edu/studenthousing) for additional information on Housing deadlines. Key undergraduate dates are included below.


These pdfs have now been updated to reflect most recent information for Winter and Spring quarters (updated March 30, 2020).

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AUTUMN QUARTER 2019-20

August 1 (Thu) Axess opens for course enrollment. Stanford Bulletin (http://bulletin.stanford.edu) publishes academic year 2019-20 degree requirements

August 26 (Mon) M.D. first and second-year students, first day of instruction

September 3 (Tue) Law School instruction begins for 1st-year J.D. students and L.L.M. students. See the Law School academic calendar web site.

September 13 (Fri) M.B.A. 1st-year instructions begins.

September 13 (Fri, 5:00 p.m.) At-status enrollment deadline in order to receive stipend or financial aid refund within the first week of term.

September 15 (Sun) Autumn Quarter Cardinal Care Waiver Deadline; see the Cardinal Care web site (https://vaden.stanford.edu/insurance).


Undergraduate housing opens for new students; see Residential & Dining Enterprises Calendar (http://studenthousing.stanford.edu/calendar).

September 20 (Fri) Undergraduate housing opens for returning students; see Residential & Dining Enterprises Calendar (http://studenthousing.stanford.edu/calendar).

September 23 (Mon) First day of quarter; instruction begins.

September 23 (Mon, 5:00 p.m.) Preliminary Study List deadline (http://exploredegrees.stanford.edu/students/enrolling-courses/preliminary-study-list-deadline-courses-or-units). Students must be "at status"; i.e., students must have a study list with sufficient units to meet requirements for their status, whether full-time, 8-9-10 units (graduate students only), or approved Undergraduate Special Registration Status (https://registrar.stanford.edu/students/special-registration-and-leaves/special-registration-statuses-undergraduates) or Graduate Special Registration Status (http://exploredegrees.stanford.edu/students/special-registration-and-leaves/special-registration-statuses-graduate-professional). The late study list fee is $200.

September 23 (Mon, 5:00 p.m.) Deadline to submit Leave of Absence for full refund (see undergraduate leaves of absence (http://exploredegrees.stanford.edu/undergraduatedegreesandprograms/#leavesandreinstatementtext) and graduate leaves of absence (http://exploredegrees.stanford.edu/graduatedegrees/leavereinstatementtext)). See Tuition and Refund Schedule (http://exploredegrees.stanford.edu/students/tuition-and-fees/tuition-refund-schedule) for a full refund schedule.

September 23 (Mon) Law School instruction begins for 2nd/3rd-year J.D. and advanced degree students. See the Law School academic calendar web site.

September 26 (Thu) Conferral of degrees, Summer Quarter 2018-19.

September 27 (Fri) GSB course add/drop deadline. See the full Graduate School of Business academic calendar (https://www.gsb.stanford.edu/nongsbreg/calendar-deadlines).

October 11 (Fri, 5:00 p.m.) Final Study List deadline (http://exploredegrees.stanford.edu/students/enrolling-courses/final-study-list-deadline-add-drop-swap-or-adjust-courses-or-units), except GSB.

Last day to add or drop a class; last day to adjust units on a variable-unit course. Last day for tuition reassessment for dropped courses or units. Students may withdraw from a course until the Course Withdrawal deadline and a 'W' notation will appear on the transcript.

November 4 (Mon, 5:00 p.m.) Term withdrawal deadline; last day to submit Leave of Absence to withdraw from the University with a partial refund.

November 15 (Fri, 5:00 p.m.) Change of grading basis deadline, except GSB.

November 15 (Fri, 5:00 p.m.) Course withdrawal deadline, except GSB, Law, and M.D.

November 15 (Fri, 5:00 p.m.) Application deadline for Autumn Quarter degree conferral (http://exploredegrees.stanford.edu/students/graduation).
WINTER QUARTER 2019-20

October 27 (Sun) Axess opens for course enrollment.
December 15 (Sun) Winter Quarter Cardinal Care Waiver Deadline; see the Cardinal Care web site.
December 27 (Fri) At-status enrollment deadline in order to receive stipend or financial aid refund within the first week of term.
January 4 (Sat, 8:00 a.m.) Undergraduate housing opens for Winter Quarter; see Residential & Dining Enterprises Calendar (http://studenthousing.stanford.edu/calendar).
January 6 (Mon) First day of quarter; instruction begins for all students.
January 6 (Mon, 5:00 p.m.) Preliminary Study List deadline (http://exploredegrees.stanford.edu/students/enrolling-courses/preliminary-study-list-deadline-courses-or-units). Students must be “at status,” i.e., students must have a study list with sufficient units to meet requirements for their status, whether full-time, 0-9-10 units (graduate students only), or approved Undergraduate Special Registration Status (http://exploredegrees.stanford.edu/students/special-registration-and-leaves/special-registration-statuses-undergraduates) or Graduate Special Registration Status (http://exploredegrees.stanford.edu/students/special-registration-and-leaves/special-registration-statuses-graduate-professional). The late study list fee is $200.
January 6 (Mon, 5:00 p.m.) Deadline to submit Leave of Absence for full refund (see undergraduate leaves of absence (http://exploredegrees.stanford.edu/undergraduatedegreesandprograms/leavesandreinstatementtext) and graduate leaves of absence (http://exploredegrees.stanford.edu/graduatedegrees/leavereinstatementtext)). See Tuition and Refund Schedule (http://exploredegrees.stanford.edu/students/tuition-and-fees/tuition-refund-schedule) for a full refund schedule.
January 10 (Fri) GSB course add/drop deadline. See the full Graduate School of Business academic calendar (https://www.gsb.stanford.edu/nongsbreg/calendar-deadlines).
January 20 (Mon) Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (holiday, no classes).
January 24 (Fri, 5:00 p.m.) Final Study List deadline (http://exploredegrees.stanford.edu/students/enrolling-courses/final-study-list-deadline-add-drop-swap-or-adjust-courses-or-units), except GSB. Final day to add or drop a class; last day to adjust units on a variable-unit course. Last day for tuition reassessment for dropped courses or units. Students may withdraw from a course until the Course Withdrawal deadline and a ‘W’ notation will appear on the transcript.
February 17 (Mon) Presidents’ Day (holiday, no classes; Law does hold classes).
February 19 (Wed, 5:00 p.m.) Term withdrawal deadline; last day to submit Leave of Absence to withdraw from the University with a partial refund.
February 28 (Fri, 5:00 p.m.) Change of grading basis deadline, except GSB. (See the Late Withdraw/Change of Grading Basis (https://registrar.stanford.edu/late-withdrawchange-grading-basis) site for changes to this deadline policy related to the COVID-19 crisis.)
February 28 (Fri, 5:00 p.m.) Course withdrawal deadline, except GSB, Law, and M.D. (See the Late Withdraw/Change of Grading Basis (https://registrar.stanford.edu/late-withdrawchange-grading-basis) site for changes to this deadline policy related to the COVID-19 crisis.)
February 28 (Fri, 5:00 p.m.) Application deadline for Winter Quarter degree conferral (http://exploredegrees.stanford.edu/students/graduation).
March 9 (Mon) Last day of Law classes. See the Law School academic calendar web site.
March 9-15 (Mon-Sun) End-Quarter Period.
March 10-12 (Tue-Thu) Law School Reading Period. See the Law School academic calendar web site.
March 13 (Fri) Last day of classes (unless class meets on Sat.)
March 13 (Fri) Last opportunity to arrange Incomplete in a course, at last class.
March 13 (Fri, 5:00 p.m.) Late application deadline for Winter Quarter degree conferral (http://exploredegrees.stanford.edu/students/graduation) ($50 fee).
SPRING QUARTER 2019-20

The Spring Quarter dates below have been updated to reflect the revised academic calendar for Spring Quarter 2020. (updated March 27)

Spring Quarter 2020 will be conducted entirely online. There is no traditional final exam period for timed exams. Rather, instructors will continue teaching to the quarter’s end on June 10, using in-class quizzes and out-of-class assignments throughout the quarter to assess student performance. All undergraduate and graduate classes will be graded on a satisfactory/no credit basis. See Provost Drell’s statement on Spring Quarter (https://healthalerts.stanford.edu/2020/03/19/provost-update-for-monday-evening-march-19-new-information-on-spring-quarter).

See the Latest information about the University’s response to COVID-19 (http://healthalerts.stanford.edu) and in the TeachAnywhere FAQs (https://teachanywhere.stanford.edu/spring/faq).

February 9 (Sun) Axess opens for course enrollment.
March 15 (Sun) Spring Quarter Cardinal Care Waiver Deadline; see the Cardinal Care web site.
March 30 (Mon) First day of quarter for Law and Medicine (MD and MSPA programs only); instruction begins for Law and Medicine (MD and MSPA only) classes.
April 2 (Thu) At-status enrollment deadline in order to receive stipend or financial aid refund within the first week of term.
April 2 (Thu) GSB instruction begins (MBA and MSx courses only).
April 6 (Mon) First day of quarter; instruction begins for undergraduate and graduate classes.
April 6 (Mon, 5:00 p.m.) Preliminary Study List deadline (http://exploredegrees.stanford.edu/students/enrolling-courses/preliminary-study-list-deadline-courses-or-units). Students are recommended to be “at status”; i.e., students should have a study list with sufficient units to meet requirements for their status, whether full-time, 8-9-10 units (graduate students only), or approved Undergraduate Special Registration Status (https://registrar.stanford.edu/students/special-registration-and-leaves/special-registration-statuses-undergraduates) or Graduate Special Registration Status (http://exploredegrees.stanford.edu/students/special-registration-and-leaves/special-registration-statues-graduate-professional).
April 10 (Fri) GSB course add/drop deadline. See the full Graduate School of Business academic calendar (https://www.gsb.stanford.edu/nongsbreg/calendar-deadlines).
April 13 (Mon, 5:00 p.m.) Deadline to submit Leave of Absence for full refund (see undergraduate leaves of absence (http://exploredegrees.stanford.edu/undergraduatedegreesandprograms/#leavesandreinstatementtext) and graduate leaves of absence (http://exploredegrees.stanford.edu/graduatedegrees/#leavereinstatementtext)). See Tuition and Refund Schedule (http://exploredegrees.stanford.edu/students/tuition-and-fees/tuition-refund-schedule) for a full refund schedule.
April 17 (Fri, 5:00 p.m.) Application deadline for Spring Quarter degree conferral (http://exploredegrees.stanford.edu/students/graduation).
April 24 (Fri, 5:00 p.m.) Final Study List deadline, except GSB (http://exploredegrees.stanford.edu/students/enrolling-courses/final-study-list-deadline-add-drop-swap-or-adjust-courses-or-units). Last day to add or drop a class; last day to adjust units on a variable-unit course. Last day for tuition reassessment for dropped courses or units. Students may withdraw from a course until the Course Withdrawal deadline and a “W” notation will appear on the transcript.
May 14 (Thu, 5:00 p.m.) Term withdrawal deadline; last day to submit Leave of Absence to withdraw from the University with a partial refund.
May 25 (Mon) Memorial Day (holiday, no classes).
May 28 (Thu) Last day of Law classes. See the Law School academic calendar web site.
May 29 (Fri, 5:00 p.m.) Change of grading basis deadline, except GSB. (Note that all undergraduate and graduate classes are grading on a Satisfactory/No Credit basis during Spring Quarter 2020.)
May 29 (Fri, 5:00 p.m.) Course withdrawal deadline, except GSB, Law, and M.D.
May 29-31 (Fri-Sun) Law School reading Period. See the Law School academic calendar web site.
June 1-5 (Mon-Fri) Law School examinations. See the Law School academic calendar web site.
June 5 (Fri, noon) University thesis, D.M.A. final project, or Ph.D. dissertation, last day to submit.
June 5 (Wed, 5:00 p.m.) Late application deadline for Spring Quarter degree conferral (https://registrar.stanford.edu/students/graduation) ($50 fee).
June 10 (Wed) Last day of classes.
June 10 (Wed) Last opportunity to arrange Incomplete in a course, at last class.
June 10 (Wed, noon) Grades for GSB graduating students due.
June 11 (Thu, 5:00pm) Final Recommending Lists for Law and M.D. and M.P.S.A. students due.
June 13 (Sat) Senior Class Day. (Stanford’s plans for Commencement will be announced as decisions are made.)
June 13 (Sat) Baccalaureate Saturday. (Stanford’s plans for Commencement will be announced as decisions are made.)
June 13 (Sat) Law School Diploma Ceremony. (Stanford’s plans for Commencement will be announced as decisions are made.)
June 13 (Sat) GSB Diploma Ceremony. (Stanford’s plans for Commencement will be announced as decisions are made.)
June 13 (Sat) Medical School Commencement Ceremony. (Stanford’s plans for Commencement will be announced as decisions are made.)
June 14 (Sun) Commencement (Stanford’s plans for Commencement will be announced as decisions are made.)
June 14 (Sun) Conferment of degrees for undergraduates, graduate students, and GSB students, Spring Quarter. These degrees will be posted on June 18.
June 14 (Sun) M.D. Program conferral of degrees, Spring Quarter. These degrees will be posted on June 15.
June 14 (Sun) Law Program conferral of degrees, Spring Quarter. These degrees will be posted on June 15.
June 14 (Sun, 11:59 p.m.) Grades for graduating students due.
June 16 (Tues, 5:00 p.m.) Final Recommending Lists for undergraduates and graduate students due.
June 18 (Thu) Posting of degrees; degrees will be conferred with the June 14 Commencement conferral date.
June 19 (Fri, 11:59 p.m.) Grades for non-graduating students due.
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SUMMER QUARTER 2019-20

Any possible changes due to COVID-19 to Summer Quarter Academic dates and deadlines have not yet been decided. When any such decisions are made, this calendar will be updated.

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June 12 (Fri) At-status enrollment deadline in order to receive stipend or financial aid refund within the first week of term.

June 15 (Mon) Summer Quarter Cardinal Care Waiver Deadline; see the Cardinal Care web site (https://vaden.stanford.edu/insurance).

June 22 (Mon) First day of quarter; instruction begins.

June 22 (Mon, 5:00 p.m.) Preliminary Study List deadline (http://exploredegrees.stanford.edu/students/enrolling-courses/preliminary-study-list-deadline-courses-or-units).

June 22 (Mon) Deadline to submit Leave of Absence for full refund (see undergraduate leaves of absence (http://exploredegrees.stanford.edu/undergraduatedegreesandprograms/#leavesandreinstatementtext) and graduate leaves of absence (http://exploredegrees.stanford.edu/graduatedegrees/#leavereinstatementtext)). See Tuition and Refund Schedule (http://exploredegrees.stanford.edu/students/tuition-and-fees/tuition-refund-schedule) for a full refund schedule.

July 3 (Fri) Independence Day celebrated (holiday, no classes).

July 7 (Tues, 5:00 p.m.) Final Study List deadline (http://exploredegrees.stanford.edu/students/enrolling-courses/final-study-list-deadline-add-drop-swap-or-adjust-courses-or-units). Final day to add or drop a class; last day to adjust units on a variable-unit course. Last day for tuition reassessment for dropped courses or units. Students may withdraw from a course until the Course Withdrawal deadline and a ‘W’ notation will appear on the transcript. (Note that this deadline has been extended by one day to account for an planned Axess upgrade outage over the July 4 weekend.)

July 24 (Fri, 5:00 p.m.) Term withdrawal deadline; last day to submit Leave of Absence to withdraw from the University with a partial refund.

July 31 (Fri, 5:00 p.m.) Change of grading basis deadline.

July 31 (Fri, 5:00 p.m.) Course withdrawal deadline.

July 31 (Fri, 5:00 p.m.) Application deadline for Summer Quarter degree conferral (http://exploredegrees.stanford.edu/students/graduation).

August 8-13 (Sat-Thu) End-Quarter Period.

August 13 (Thu) Last day of classes.

August 13 (Thu) Last opportunity to arrange Incomplete in a course, at last class.

August 14-15 (Fri-Sat) End-Quarter examinations.

August 18 (Tue, 11:59 p.m.) Grades due.

August 28 (Fri, noon) University thesis, D.M.A. final project, or Ph.D. dissertation, last day to submit.

August 28 (Fri, 5:00 p.m.) Late application deadline for Summer Quarter degree conferral (http://exploredegrees.stanford.edu/students/graduation) ($50 fee).

September 24 (Thu) Conferral of degrees, Summer Quarter.

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2020-21 First Day of Classes and End of Term

- Autumn 2020-21: September 21 and December 11
- Winter 2020-21: January 4 and March 19
- Spring 2020-21: March 29 and June 9 (Commencement June 13)
- Summer 2020-21: June 21 and August 14