Fall 2026 Detailed Semester Calendar
Second 8 Weeks Sessions

Date	Registration/Other Important Event
February 2026	
February 23	Academic advisement begins for Advance Registration participants. Contact your Academic Advisor for an appointment.
March 2026	
March 9	Advance Registration begins and continues through March 20.
	Registration begins at 9 a.m. for students in a master's degree program who have earned 25+ credit hours.
	Registration begins at 12 p.m. (noon) for students in a master's degree program who have earned 15-24 credit hours.
	Registration begins at 3 p.m. for students in a master's degree program who have earned 0-14 credit hours.
	Priority Groups can begin registering at 9 a.m.
March 10	Registration begins at 9 a.m. for students in a graduate-level certificate program.
March 11	Registration begins at 9 a.m. for Seniors who have earned 110+ credit hours.
	Registration begins at 12 p.m. (noon) for Seniors who have earned 100-109 credit hours.
	Registration begins at 3 p.m. for Seniors who have earned 90-99 credit hours.
March 13	Registration begins at 9 a.m. for Juniors who have earned 80-89 credit hours.
	Registration begins at 12 p.m. (noon) for Juniors who have earned 70-79 credit hours.
	Registration begins at 3 p.m. for Juniors who have earned 60-69 credit hours.
March 15	Graduate Records begins accepting graduation applications for graduate students expecting to graduate in December (and continues accepting applications through May 15).
March 16	Registration begins at 9 a.m. for Sophomores who have earned 50-59 credit hours.
	Registration begins at 9 a.m. for 2nd Bachelor's Degree students.
	Registration begins at 12 p.m. (noon) for Sophomores who have earned 40-49 credit hours.
	Registration begins at 3 p.m. for Sophomores who have earned 30-39 credit hours.
March 18	Registration begins at 9 a.m. for Freshmen who have earned 20-29 credit hours.
	Registration begins at 12 p.m. (noon) for Freshmen who have earned 10-19 credit hours.
	Registration begins at 3 p.m. for Freshmen who have earned 0-9 credit hours.
March 20	Registration begins at 9 a.m. for Students-at-Large (SAL).
	Advance Registration ends.
March 21	Open Registration begins and continues through October 21 for Second 8 Weeks Fall session courses.
June 2026	
June 15	Deadline for submission of international (F1, J1) admission applications and supporting credentials for the Fall semester. Consult the Graduate Admissions Office as some graduate programs may have an earlier deadline.
August 2026	
August 1	Deadline for submission of undergraduate or graduate degree-seeking admission applications and supporting credentials for the Fall semester. Consult the Graduate Admissions Office as some graduate programs may have an earlier deadline.
	Deadline to submit a Student-at-Large admission application for the Fall semester.
August 10	Full payment due for students registered for Fall classes. Students receiving financial aid should confirm with the Office of Financial Aid.
August 14	Deadline for departmental chairpersons to submit the Graduate Thesis Registration Form to the appropriate College Dean (College of Arts and Sciences, Goodwin College of Education) for Fall for approval. Students, please contact your Thesis/Program Advisor for departmental submission deadlines.
September 2026	

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September 7	Labor Day Holiday - University Closed/No Classes.
October 2026	
October 16	Deadline for college Deans to submit the Individualized Study Registration Form for both Independent Study and Tutored Study to the Provost's Office for Fall. Students, please contact your program advisor/chairperson for departmental submission deadlines.
	Waitlists end at 3 p.m.
October 19	Weekday classes begin.
October 21	Open Registration ends.
October 22	Change of Registration begins and continues through October 25 for the Second 8 Weeks Fall Session. Departmental approval will be required.
October 25	Last day to drop a course and receive a 100% reversal of tuition and fees (Minus $10 withdrawal fee for students withdrawing from all courses.)
	Last day to drop a course and not be assigned a "W" (withdrawn) grade.
	Last day to apply for the Pass/Fail Option with Enrollment Services.
	Last day to apply for the Audit Option with Enrollment Services.
October 26	Change of Registration ends.
	50% reversal of tuition and fees period begins for the Second 8 Weeks Fall session and continues through November 1.
Late-October	Diplomas available for students who graduated in August.
November 2026	
Early November	One stop opens
November 1	Last day to withdraw from a second 8 weeks course and receive a 50% reversal of tuition and fees (Minus $10 withdrawal fee for students withdrawing from all courses).
November 2	25% reversal of tuition and fees period begins and continues through November 6.
November 3	Election Day Holiday - University Closed/No Classes
November 6	Last day to withdraw from a second 8 weeks course and receive a 25% reversal of tuition and fees (Minus $10 withdrawal fee for students withdrawing from all courses).
November 7	Withdrawal without reversal of tuition and fees period begins for Second 8 Week courses and continues through November 20.
November 20	Last day to withdraw from a Second 8 Weeks course and receive a "W" (withdrawn) grade (No reversal of tuition and fees).
Nov 26-29	Thanksgiving Holiday - University Closed/No Classes.
December 2026	
December 9	Last day of classes for the Second 8 Weeks Fall Session.
December 12	Semester ends.
December 14	Grades due at 11:59 p.m.
December 15	Grades available via NEIU*port*. Grades will not be mailed. Semester break begins and continues through January 18.