

DKU ACADEMIC CALENDAR Academic Year 2025-2026
Applicable to Undergraduate and Graduate Programs
(NOTE: CALENDAR SUBJECT TO CHANGE)
Fall 2025

August 8	Friday at 9:00 AM. All new international undergraduate students (Class of 2029) and international first-year graduate students move-in.
August 10	Sunday at 9:00 AM. All new Chinese undergraduate students (Class of 2029) and Chinese first-year graduate students move-in.
August 15	Friday at 9:00 AM. Returning undergraduate and graduate students move-in.
August 18	Monday. Undergraduate and graduate classes begin.
August 21	Thursday. Drop/add ends for first 7-week undergraduate session.
August 28	Thursday. Drop/add ends for 14-week undergraduate session.
August 29	Friday. Drop/add ends for graduate classes.
September 18	Thursday. Last day to withdraw with a W grade of first 7-week classes; Last day to change grading basis of first 7-week classes; Last day to resolve I grade of second seven-week classes in spring 2025.
October 1-8	Wednesday - Wednesday. National Day Holiday and Mid-autumn Festival – No classes.
October 9	Thursday. All classes resume. The Wednesday class meeting schedule is in effect on this day.
October 10	Friday. The Thursday meeting schedule is in effect on this day. First 7-week undergraduate session end.
October 11-12	Saturday-Sunday. Undergraduate reading period.
October 13-16	Monday-Thursday. First 7-week undergraduate session final examinations. Graduate classes continue.
October 20	Monday. Second 7-week undergraduate session begins.
October 23	Thursday. Drop/add ends for second 7-week undergraduate session.
November 6	Thursday. Last day to withdraw with a W grade of 14-week classes. Last day to change grading basis of 14-week classes.
November 20	Thursday. Graduate classes end (ECE classes continue); Last day to withdraw with a W grade of second 7-week classes; Last day to change grading basis of second 7-week classes; Last day to resolve I grade of first 7-week classes.
November 21-25	Friday-Tuesday. Graduate reading days; ECE classes continue.
November 26-28	Wednesday-Friday. Graduate exams.
November 27	Thursday. ECE classes end.
November 28-December 2	Friday-Tuesday. ECE program reading days.
December 3-5	Wednesday-Friday. ECE program exam period.
December 4	Thursday. Second 7-week undergraduate session ends.
December 5-7	Friday-Sunday. Undergraduate reading period.
December 8-11	Monday-Thursday. Undergraduate final examinations.
December 12	Friday at 13:00 PM. All residence halls close for Winter Break.

Spring 2026

January 3	Saturday at 9:00 AM. All residence halls reopen.
January 5	Monday. Undergraduate and graduate classes begin.
January 8	Thursday. Drop/add ends for first 7-week undergraduate session.
January 15	Thursday. Drop/add ends for 14-week undergraduate session.
January 16	Friday. Drop/add ends for graduate classes.
February 5	Thursday. Last day to withdraw with a W grade of first 7-week classes; Last day to change grading basis of first 7-week classes; Last day to resolve I grade of fall 2025 second 7-week classes.
February 13	Friday. The Monday class schedule is in effect on this day.
February 16- 23	Monday-Monday. Spring Festival Holiday– Chinese New Year – No classes
February 24	Tuesday. All classes resume.
February 26	Thursday. First 7-week undergraduate session ends.
February 27-March 1	Friday-Sunday. Undergraduate Reading Days.
March 2-5	Monday-Thursday. First 7-week undergraduate session final examinations. Graduate classes continue.
March 9-13	Monday-Friday. Mini-term week for undergraduate students; Spring recess for graduate programs.
March 16	Monday. Second 7-week undergraduate session begins.
March 19	Thursday. Drop/add ends for second 7-week undergraduate session.
April 2	Thursday. Last day to withdraw with a W grade of 14-week classes. Last day to change grading basis of 14-week classes.
April 3-5	Friday-Sunday. Qing Ming – Tomb Sweeping Day – No classes
April 16	Thursday. Graduate classes end (ECE classes continue); Last day to withdraw with a W grade of second 7-week classes; Last day to change grading basis for second 7-week classes; Last day for I grade change of spring 2026 first 7-week classes.
April 17-21	Friday-Tuesday. Graduate Reading Days;
April 22-24	Wednesday-Friday. Graduate exams; ECE classes continue.
April 23	Thursday. ECE Classes end.
April 24-26	Friday -Sunday. ECE program reading days.
April 27-29	Monday-Wednesday. ECE program exam period.
May 1-3	Friday-Sunday. International Labor Day Holiday – No classes
May 1-3	Friday-Sunday. Undergraduate Reading Days.
May 4-7	Monday-Thursday. Undergraduate final exam period.
May 15	Friday. Graduate and Undergraduate Commencement.
May 16	Saturday at 13:00. All residence halls close.