

BETHEL UNIVERSITY

2026-2027 ACADEMIC CALENDAR (7/30/2026)

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

Students should check their class schedules for the specific start end dates of classes. Registration add, drop, and withdraw dates can be found on the Registrar's Office Website

ALL – UNIVERSITY WIDE

T – Traditional Undergraduate Programs (face to face)

G - Graduate Level Programs

P- POST Traditional Undergraduate Programs including Post-Baccalaureate Nursing

S – Seminary Programs

FALL SEMESTER

	Fall Semester Begins	August 17, 2026
P, G	Classes begin – Check class schedules for specific dates of classes	Monday, August 17
S	Seminary First Half Classes Begin	Monday, August 24
T	New Student Arrival	Thursday, August 27
T	Classes Begin (Full-Term and First Half Classes)	Monday, August 31
All	Labor Day (no classes)	Monday, September 7
T	Fall Break (<i>Thursday night classes are held</i>)	Friday, October 2
All	Homecoming & Family Weekend	Friday - Sunday, October 9-11
S	Seminary First Half Classes End	Thursday October 15
S	Seminary Second Half Classes begin	Monday, October 19
T	First Half Classes Ends	Tuesday, October 20
T	Advising Day/Assessment (<i>no day classes; night classes are held</i>)	Wednesday, October 21
T	Second Half Classes Begin	Thursday, October 22
T	Thanksgiving Break (<i>Tuesday night classes are held</i>)	Wednesday, November 25
All	Thanksgiving Break	Thursday, November 25-27
All	Thanksgiving Break	Friday, November 25-27
All	Festival of Christmas	Thursday - Saturday, December 3-5
S	Seminary Classes end	Friday, Dec. 11
T	Final Examinations	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday, December 14, 15, 17, & 18
T	Study Day	Wednesday, December 16
All	Commencement	Friday, December 18
P, G	Classes End (check class schedules for specifics end dates)	Sunday, Dec. 20
	Fall Semester Ends	December 20, 2026

SPRING SEMESTER (January & Spring Sessions)

	Spring Semester Begins	January 4, 2027
P, G	Classes Begin (Check class schedules for specific dates of classes)	Monday, January 4
T, S	January Session Classes Begin	Monday, January 4
All	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (no classes)	Monday, January 18
T	January Session Classes End	Tuesday, January 26
S	January Session Ends	Friday, January 29
T	Spring Session Full Term and First Half Classes Begins	Monday, February 1
S	Spring Session First Half Classes Begins	Monday, February 1

T	Spring Break	Monday - Friday, March 8-12
T	Classes Resume	Monday, March 15
S	Seminary First Half Classes End	Thursday, March 25
All	Good Friday (no classes) (Thursday night classes are held)	Friday, March 26
T	Easter Monday (no classes)	Monday, March 29
S	Seminary Second Half classes begin	Monday, March 29
T	First Half Classes End	Tuesday, March 30
T	Second Half Classes Begin	Wednesday, March 31
T	Advising Day/Assessment (no day classes; night classes are held)	Wednesday, April 7
T	Final Examinations	Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday, Friday, May 17, 18, 20, & 21
T	Study Day	Wednesday, May 19
T, S	Traditional Undergraduate and Seminary Spring Classes End	Friday, May 21
All	Commencement	Saturday, May 22
P, G	Classes End (check class schedules for specifics end dates)	Sunday, May 23
	Spring Semester Ends	May 23, 2027

SUMMER TERM

	Summer Term begins	May 24, 2027
P, G	GR – Summer Term Begins – (See Class Schedule for specific class dates)	Monday, May 24
T	Full Term and First Half Classes begin	Monday, May 24
S	Seminary Full Term and First Half Classes (MFT Program) begin	Monday, May 24
All	Memorial Day (offices closed)	Monday, May 31
All	Juneteenth Observed (offices closed)	Friday, June 18
S	First Half Classes End	Friday, July 2
T	First Half Classes End	Sunday, July 4
All	Independence Day observed (offices closed)	Monday, July 5
T	TU Second Half Classes Begin	Monday, July 5
S	Seminary Second Half Classes Begin	Monday, July 5
S	Seminary Full Summer Classes End	Friday, August 13
T, P, G	Classes end	Sunday August 15
	Summer Term Ends	August 15, 2027