DKU ACADEMIC CALENDAR Academic Year 2026-2027
Applicable to Undergraduate and Graduate Programs
(NOTE: CALENDAR SUBJECT TO CHANGE)
Fall 2026

August 14	Friday at 9:00 AM. All new international undergraduate students (Class of 2030) and international first-year graduate students move-in.
August 16	Sunday at 9:00 AM. All new Chinese undergraduate students (Class of 2030) and Chinese first-year graduate students move-in .
August 21	Friday at 9:00 AM. Returning undergraduate and graduate students move-in.
August 24	Monday. Undergraduate and graduate classes begin.
August 27	Thursday. Drop/add ends for first 7-week undergraduate session.
September 3	Thursday. Drop/add ends for 14-week undergraduate session.
September 4	Friday. Drop/add ends for graduate classes.
September 18	Friday. Classes continue. The Thursday class meeting schedule is in effect on this day.
September 24	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 2026.
September 25-27	Friday - Sunday. Mid-Autumn Festival – **No classes.**
October 1-11	Thursday - Sunday. National Day Holiday – **No classes.**
October 12	Monday. All classes resume.
October 15	Thursday. First 7-week undergraduate session end.
October 16-18	Friday-Sunday. Undergraduate reading period.
October 19-22	Monday-Thursday. First 7-week undergraduate session final examinations. Graduate classes continue.
October 26	Monday. Second 7-week undergraduate session begins.
October 29	Thursday. Drop/add ends for second 7-week undergraduate session.
November 12	Thursday. Last day to withdraw with a W grade of 14-week classes. Last day to change grading basis of 14-week classes.
November 26	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 27-December 1	Friday-Tuesday. Graduate reading days; ECE classes continue.
December 2-4	Wednesday-Friday. Graduate exams.
December 3	Thursday. ECE classes end.
December 4-December 8	Friday-Tuesday. ECE program reading days.
December 9-11	Wednesday-Friday. ECE program exam period.
December 10	Thursday. Second 7-week undergraduate session ends.
December 11-13	Friday-Sunday. Undergraduate reading period.
December 14-17	Monday-Thursday. Undergraduate final examinations.
December 18	Friday at 13:00 PM. All residence halls close for Winter Break.
December 18-24 (tentative)	Friday-Thursday. Extended requirement for Class of 2030 starts (required for mainland Chinese students and optional for HMT students).

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Spring 2027

January 9	Saturday at 9:00 AM. All residence halls reopen.
January 11	Monday. Undergraduate and graduate classes begin.
January 14	Thursday. Drop/add ends for first 7-week undergraduate session.
January 21	Thursday. Drop/add ends for 14-week undergraduate session.
January 22	Friday. Drop/add ends for graduate classes.
February 5 - 14	Friday-Sunday. Spring Festival Holiday– Chinese New Year **– No classes**
February 15	Monday. All classes resume.
February 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 fall 2026 second 7-week classes.
March 4	Thursday. First 7-week undergraduate session ends.
March 5 – March 7	Friday-Sunday. Undergraduate Reading Days.
March 8-11	Monday-Thursday. First 7-week undergraduate session final examinations. Graduate classes continue.
March 15-19	Monday-Friday. Mini-term week for undergraduate students; Spring recess for graduate programs.
March 22	Monday. Second 7-week undergraduate session begins.
March 25	Thursday. Drop/add ends for second 7-week undergraduate session.
April 5	Monday. Qing Ming – Tomb Sweeping Day – **No classes**
April 6	Tuesday. The Monday class schedule is in effect on this day.
April 7	Wednesday. The Tuesday class schedule is in effect on this day.
April 8	Thursday. The Wednesday class schedule is in effect on this day.
April 9	Friday. The Thursday class schedule is in effect on this day. Last day to withdraw with a W grade of 14-week classes. Last day to change grading basis of 14-week classes.
April 22	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 2027 first 7-week classes.
April 23-27	Friday-Tuesday. Graduate Reading Days;
April 28-30	Wednesday-Friday. Graduate exams; ECE classes continue.
April 29	Thursday. ECE Classes end.
April 30 - May 4	Friday -Tuesday. ECE program reading days.
May 1-3	Saturday-Monday. International Labor Day Holiday – **No classes**
May 4	Tuesday. The Monday class schedule is in effect on this day.
May 5	Wednesday. The Tuesday class schedule is in effect on this day.
May 6	Thursday. The Wednesday class schedule is in effect on this day.
May 5-7	Wednesday-Friday. ECE program exam period.
May 7	Friday. The Thursday class schedule is in effect on this day. Second 7-week undergraduate session ends.
May 8-9	Saturday-Sunday. Undergraduate Reading Days.
May 10-13	Monday-Thursday. Undergraduate final exam period.
May 17-20 (tentative)	Monday-Thursday. Extended Training (theory) for Class of 2030 (required for mainland Chinese students and optional for HMT students).
May 21	Friday. Graduate and Undergraduate Commencement.

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May 22	Saturday at 13:00. All residence halls close.