

School of Marine Science Academic Calendar

Fall Semester 2023

August 1-30	Registration for New Degree-Seeking Students
August 14-30	Registration for Non-Degree Seeking Students
August 28-29	New Student Orientation
August 30	Classes Begin Opening Convocation at W&M
August 30 – September 11	Add/Drop Period
September 1	Online Filing Deadline for Graduation in January 2024
September 4	Labor Day – Offices Closed; No Classes
September 12 – October 30	Course Withdrawal Period
October 12-15	Fall Break; No Classes
October 20 at Noon	VIMS Graduate Program Town Hall
November 6-10	Spring 2023 Priority Registration for Continuing Students
November 7	Election Day – Offices Closed, No Classes
November 20-21	Remote Learning Days During Thanksgiving Week – Offices Closed
November 22-26	Thanksgiving Break – Offices Closed, No Classes
December 8	Last Day of Classes Last Day to Submit Grades for Spring 2023 Incomplete (I) Coursework Last Day to Submit ETDs or Capstone for January Graduation
December 9-10 & 16-17	Reading Periods
December 11-15 & 18-19	Examinations
December 22 – January 1	Winter Break – Offices Closed, No Classes
January 2 by 9:00 a.m.	Final Grades Due
January 15	Online Filing Deadline for Graduation in May or August 2024
January 19	Winter Degree Conferral Date; No Ceremony

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Spring Semester 2024

January 2	Registration Begins for New Degree-Seeking Students
January 8	Registration Begins for Non-Degree-Seeking Students
January 15	Online Filing Deadline for Graduation in May or August 2024 MLK Holiday – Offices Closed, No Classes
January 24	Classes Begin
January 24 – February 2	Add/Drop Period
February 3 – March 25	Course Withdrawal Period
February 15	Online Filing Begins for Graduation in January, May or August 2025
March 9-17	Spring Break; No Classes
March 29 at Noon	VIMS Graduate Program Town Hall
April 15-19	Summer 2024 and Fall 2024 Priority Registration for Continuing Students
May 3	Last Day of Classes Last Day to Submit Grades for Fall 2023 Incomplete (I) Coursework Last Day to Submit ETDs or Capstone for May Graduation
May 4-5 & 11-12	Reading Periods
May 6-10 & 13-14	Examinations
May 14 by Noon	Final Grades Due, Graduate Students – May Graduation Candidates
May 16 by 9:00 a.m.	Final Grades Due, Undergraduate Students – May Graduation Candidates
May 16-18	Commencement Weekend
May 21 by 9:00 a.m.	Final Grades Due, All Continuing Students
May 27	Memorial Day Holiday – Offices closed; No Classes

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Summer Sessions 2024 – Overall Important Dates	
April 15 – Add/Drop	Registration Period for Degree-Seeking Students
May 1 – Add/Drop	Registration Period for Non-Degree-Seeking Students
May 27	Memorial Day Holiday – Offices Closed; No Classes
June 19	Juneteenth Holiday – Offices Closed; Classes may be in session
June 28	Fall 2024 Registration Deadline for Continuing Degree-Seeking Students
July 4	Independence Day Holiday – Offices Closed; Classes may be in session
August 2	Last Day to Submit ETDs or Capstone for Aug Graduation
August 23	Summer Degree Conferral Date; No Ceremony
Summer Session #1: May 28 – June 28, 2024	
May 28	Classes Begin
May 28-31	Add/Drop Period (<i>Tentative, Dates May Change</i>)
June 1-14	Course Withdrawal Period (<i>Tentative, Dates May Change</i>)
June 19	Juneteenth Holiday – Offices Closed, Classes may be in session
June 28	Last Day of Classes
July 5 by Noon	Final Grades Due
Summer Session #2: July 1 – August 2, 2024	
July 1	Classes Begin
July 1-5	Add/Drop Period (<i>Tentative, Dates May Change</i>)
July 4	Independence Day Holiday – Offices Closed, Classes may be in session
July 6-19	Course Withdrawal Period (<i>Tentative, Dates May Change</i>)
August 2	Last Day of Classes
August 9 by Noon	Final Grades Due
Summer Session #3: May 28 – August 2, 2024	
May 28	Classes Begin
May 28 – June 7	Add/Drop Period (<i>Tentative, Dates May Change</i>)
June 8 – July 5	Course Withdrawal Period (<i>Tentative, Dates May Change</i>)
June 19	Juneteenth Holiday – Offices Closed, Classes may be in session
July 4	Independence Day Holiday – Offices Closed, Classes may be in session
August 2	Last Day of Classes
August 9 by Noon	Final Grades Due
Non-Standard: May 19 – August 18, 2024	
<i>MSCI field courses and short courses generally fall within this session. See SMS Registrar for course specific details. After the last day of spring classes, registration and add/drop/withdraw must be done manually through SMS Registrar's Office.</i>	
Varies per course	Classes Begin
Varies per course	Add/Drop Period
Varies per course	Course Withdrawal Period
Varies per course	Last Day of Classes
One Week After Class End Date by Noon	Final Grades Due