



## FALL SEMESTER

### Notes

- *This calendar is the general calendar for 2025-2026 and not an exhaustive list of events at GSSM.*
- *LWE stands for Long Weekend, which start after a student's last class on Thursday. Students need to return from LWE no later than 7:00pm on Sunday.*
- *OCCA is the Office of College Counseling and Advising.*
- *Monday and Tuesday November 24, 25 will be used as emergency makeup class days if necessary in fall semester.*
- *Thursday January 22 will be used as an emergency makeup class day if necessary in spring semester.*
- *All school or large group meetings should try to schedule these types of meetings during the following two times:*
  - *Tuesday, 4:00 – 5:00pm*
  - *Wednesday, 1:00 – 2:00pm*

### AUGUST

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Thursday, August 7	First day of Virtual classes
Wednesday, August 13	Natural Helpers Move-In
Friday, August 15	Ambassadors and Junior Move-In Day
Sunday, August 17	Senior Move-In Day
Monday, August 18 & Tuesday, August 19	Residential first days of class: orientation to classes/labs and GSSM community building
Wednesday, August 20	First full day of Residential classes for academic content Class of 2026 OCCA meeting in the gym, 1pm
Friday, August 22	Last day to drop/add an FMU dual-enrolled course (not on transcript)
Wednesday, August 27	Last day to drop/add a residential course Last day to drop/add a Coker dual-enrolled course (not on transcript) Class of 2027 OCCA meeting in the gym, 1pm
Thursday, August 28	First Research Advisee/Advisor meeting for seniors, 4pm

### SEPTEMBER

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Monday, September 1	No Virtual classes
Wednesday, September 3	GSSM Community Meeting 1pm in the gym
Thursday, September 11	Convocation, 2pm (Classes as usual until noon); LWE begins after Convocation & ends Sun. at 7pm.
Wednesday, September 17	Last day to drop a class that is an overload without it appearing on the transcript
Friday, September 19	Five-week progress report grading period ends.
Saturday, September 20	Parents' Day
Sunday, September 21	College Fair at GSSM 1-3pm in the gym
Monday, September 22	Progress reports emailed to students and families.

### OCTOBER

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Wednesday, October 1	GSSM Community Meeting 1pm in the gym
Thursday, October 2	LWE begins after class & ends Sun. at 7pm.
Wednesday, October 8	PSAT (no residential classes all day; shifted schedule for the rest of the week)
Thursday, October 9	Wednesday class/lab schedule residential
Friday, October 10	Thursday class/lab schedule residential
October 9-13	No Virtual classes
Thursday, October 16	Final day to withdraw from a residential overload course with a WP/WF
Friday, October 17	Midterm grading period ends.
Saturday, October 18	Accelerate Junior Chemistry Lab 1, Senior Physics Lab 1
Wednesday, October 22	Midterm grades emailed home.
Friday, October 24	Networking Dinner



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Monday, October 27

Last day to withdraw from a Coker dual-enrolled course with a W (any drop after this date is a WF)

Thursday, October 30

LWE begins after classes & ends Sun. at 7pm.

**NOVEMBER**

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Wednesday, November 5

GSSM Community Meeting 1pm in the gym

Saturday, November 8

Accelerate Sophomore Pre-Engineering Lab 1, Junior Chemistry Lab 2, Senior Physics Lab 2

Monday, November 10

Last day to withdraw from an FMU dual-enrolled course

Tuesday, November 11

Notice of Potential Unsatisfactory Grade given to students by faculty

Saturday, November 15

Accelerate Sophomore Pre-Engineering Make-up Lab, Junior Chemistry Makeup Lab, Senior Physics Make-up Lab

Thursday, November 20

Fourteen-week progress report grading period ends.

Friday, November 21

Annual Research Colloquium (no residential classes all day)

November 26-28

Residential Thanksgiving holidays begin after Colloquium & end 11/30 at 7pm.  
No Virtual classes: Thanksgiving Break

**DECEMBER**

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Wednesday, December 3

GSSM Community Meeting 1pm in the gym

Saturday, December 6

Winter Formal

Friday, December 12

Last day of fall semester classes

Saturday, December 13

Review/Reading Day

December 15-19

Exams (Students may not sign out for this weekend)

Friday, December 19

End of fall semester. Break begins after last exam.

Friday, December 12

Virtual last day of fall semester classes

December 15-18

Virtual Exams

Monday, December 22

Non-satisfactory grades due for all students by noon

December 19-January 3

Course grades due by noon in PowerSchool

Friday, December 26

No Virtual classes

1st semester report cards mailed home.



## JANUARY INTERIM AND SPRING SEMESTER

### JANUARY

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Sunday, January 4	Residential students return to GSSM by 7pm.
Monday, January 5	Interim session begins with GSSM Community Meeting at 9am in the gym.
Tuesday, January 6	First day of Virtual classes
Saturday, January 10	Parents and Friends Seminar Day (Academic Saturday, no sign outs
Friday, January 16	Last day to drop an FMU dual-enrolled course (not on transcript)
Monday January 19	No Virtual Classes
Wednesday, January 21	Interim presentations. Break begins after presentations & ends Sunday at 7pm. Junior Parent Kick-Off to College Planning prior to Winter Break (afternoon)
Monday, January 26	Residential spring semester begins

### FEBRUARY

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Monday, February 2	Last day to drop/add a residential course Last day to drop/add a Coker dual-enrolled course (not on transcript)
Wednesday, February 4	GSSM Community Meeting 1pm in the gym
Monday, February 9	Course catalog sent to rising seniors.
Wednesday, February 11	Academic Course Fair 1-2pm
February 13-16	No Virtual classes: Winter Break
Monday, February 16	Last day to drop a residential overload class without it appearing on the transcript
Thursday, February 19	LWE begins after classes & ends Sunday at 7pm.
Monday, February 23	1 <sup>st</sup> day for rising seniors to submit course requests forms to the registrar
Friday, February 27	Last day for rising seniors to submit course requests forms to the registrar
Saturday, February 28	Accelerate Sophomore Pre-Engineering Lab 2, Junior Chemistry Lab 3, Senior Physics Lab 3

### MARCH

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Monday, March 2	Five-week progress report grading period ends.
Tuesday, March 3	SAT (no residential classes all day; shifted schedule for the rest of the week)
Wednesday, March 4	Tuesday class/lab schedule residential Progress reports emailed to students and families.
Thursday, March 5	Wednesday class/lab schedule residential GSSM Community Meeting 1pm in the gym
Friday, March 6	Thursday class/lab schedule residential
Saturday, March 7	Inside GSSM
Thursday, March 12	LWE begins after classes & ends Sun. at 7pm
Tuesday, March 17	ACT (no residential classes all day; shifted schedule for the rest of the week)
Wednesday, March 18	Tuesday class/lab schedule residential Townes Award Dinner, Columbia SC 6:00-9:00 pm
Thursday, March 19	Wednesday class/lab schedule residential
Friday, March 20	Thursday class/lab schedule residential
Tuesday, March 24	Final day to withdraw from a residential overload course with a WP/WF
Wednesday, March 25	WIN (no residential classes all day; shifted schedule for the rest of the week) Midterm grading period ends.
Thursday, March 26	Wednesday class/lab schedule residential
Friday, March 27	Thursday class/lab schedule residential Midterm grades due by noon in PowerSchool. Invitation for senior graduation speaker sent out.
Saturday, March 28	Accelerate Sophomore Pre-Engineering Lab 3, Junior Chemistry Lab 4, Senior Physics Lab 4

### APRIL

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Wednesday, April 1	GSSM Community Meeting 1pm in the gym Midterm grades emailed home.
Friday, April 3 April 6-10	GSSM Spring Break begins after classes & ends Sunday, April 12 at 7pm No Virtual classes: Spring Break
Friday, April 10	Last day to withdraw from an FMU dual-enrolled course
Monday, April 13	Last day to withdraw from a Coker dual-enrolled course with a W (any drop after this date is a WF)
Saturday, April 18	Prom
Monday, April 20	Notice of Potential Unsatisfactory Grade given to students by faculty
Saturday, April 25	Accelerate Sophomore Pre-Engineering Make-up Lab, Junior Chemistry Makeup Lab, Senior Physics Make-up Lab
Thursday, April 30	LWE begins after classes & ends Sunday at 7pm Fourteen-week progress report grading period ends.

**MAY**

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Friday, May, 1	National Decision Day for Colleges
Saturday May 2	Accelerate senior presentations via Zoom
May 4-15	AP Exams with abbreviated class schedules TBD
May 6-8	Virtual senior exams
Friday, May 15	Last day of Virtual classes for sophomores and juniors
Saturday, May 16	Accelerate Completion Ceremony
Sunday, May 17	Residential Academic Awards Program, 2pm
May 18-21	Virtual sophomore and junior exams
Wednesday, May 20	Last day of spring semester classes
Thursday, May 21	Review/Reading Day
May 22-23 25-27	Exams (Students may not sign out for the weekend during exams)
Wednesday, May 27	Senior Banquet, 6pm (All seniors and any juniors remaining on campus)
Thursday, May 28	Residential graduation practice at 9:30am Non-satisfactory grade reports due for all students by noon Course grades due by noon in PowerSchool
Friday, May 29	Graduation at 11am

**JUNE & JULY**

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Thursday, June 4	Final report cards mailed home.
June 7–July 17	Summer Research & Inquiry Experiences for Rising Seniors