

Academic Calendar 2008-2009

Summer 2008

April 23-June 19, 2008	Wed.-Thurs.	Late Registration
June 22, 2008	Sun.	Residence halls open
June 23, 2008	Mon.	Summer classes begins.
June 25, 2008	Wed.	Last day to change courses (all students MUST be in their registered courses by Thursday, June 26).
July 4, 2008	Fri.	Independence Day holiday; no classes.
July 8, 2008	Tues.	Last day to change grade options.
Aug. 2-5, 2008	Sat.-Tues.	Reading period.
Aug. 6-8, 2008	Wed.-Fri.	Final examination period.
Aug. 8, 2008	Fri.	Summer session ends.
Aug. 9, 2008	Sat.	Residence halls close.

Fall 2008

Aug. 1, 2008	Fri.	Last day for payment of charges.
Aug. 30, 2008	Sat.	Beginning of Orientation
Sept. 2, 2008	Tues.	Registration of new students.
Sept. 3, 2008	Wed.	Classes of the first semester begin. Opening Convocation at 12 noon.
Sept. 10, 2008	Wed.	First day to register for a RISD course.
Sept. 16, 2008	Tues.	Last day to add a course without a fee. (5:00 p.m. deadline)
Sept. 17, 2008	Wed.	Last day to register for a RISD course without a fee or to change a grade option for a RISD course. (5:00 p.m. deadline)
Sept. 30, 2008	Tues.	Last day to add a course, change from audit to credit, or change a grade option declaration. (5:00 p.m. deadline)
Oct. 13, 2008	Mon.	Columbus Day Holiday. No University exercises.
Oct. 15, 2008	Wed.	Deadline for students on leave to confirm readmission for Semester II.
Oct. 17, 2008	Fri.	Mid-semester deadline. Last day to change from credit to audit in a course (5:00 p.m. deadline). Last day to request a Course Performance Report.

Oct. 20 - 31, 2008	Mon.- Fri.	Advising period for spring pre-registration. Students in their first and second semesters will need to procure their alternate PIN from their advisor in order to register.
Nov. 4 - 11, 2008	Tues. - Tues.	Registration for Semester II. (Note: No student will be permitted to register for his or her fifth semester unless a declaration of concentration has been filed.)
Nov. 6, 2008	Thurs.	Deadline for submission of proposals for undergraduate group study projects (GISPs) for Semester II.
Nov. 11, 2008	Tues.	End of the pre-registration period (5:00 p.m. deadline). Last day for students planning to graduate in May to declare a second concentration.
Nov. 26 - 30, 2008	Wed. - Sun.	Thanksgiving recess beginning at Wednesday noon.
Dec. 1, 2008	Mon.	Classes resume. Deadline for declaring a leave for Semester II.
Dec. 5, 2008	Fri.	Last day of RISD classes. (RISD final studio reviews and exams: December 8-12)
Dec. 6, 2008	Sat.	Mid-year Completion Celebration.
Dec. 7 - 11, 2008	Sun.-Thurs.	Reading Period (optional and at the discretion of the instructor.)
Dec. 11, 2008	Thurs.	Classes end for courses not observing Reading Period. Last day to drop a course or to file for an incomplete (5:00 p.m. deadline).
Dec. 12 - 20, 2008	Fri. - Sat.	Final Examination Period.

Spring 2009

Jan. 1, 2009	Thurs.	Last day for payment of charges.
Jan. 19, 2009	Mon.	Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. No University exercises.
Jan. 20, 2009	Tues.	Registration of new students for the second semester.
Jan. 21, 2009	Wed.	Classes of the second semester begin. Theses of candidates for Masters and Ph.D. degrees in May (on Semester I registration fee) are due.
Feb. 3, 2009	Tues.	Last day to add a course without a fee (5:00 p.m. deadline).
Feb. 14 - 17, 2009	Sat. - Tues.	Long weekend. No University exercises.
Feb. 16, 2009	Mon.	First day to register for a RISD course.
Feb. 18, 2009	Wed.	Classes resume. Last day to add a course, change from audit to credit, or change a grade option declaration (5:00 p.m. deadline).

Feb. 23, 2009	Mon.	Last day to register for a RISD course without a fee or to change a grade option for a RISD course. (5:00 p.m. deadline)
March 6, 2009	Fri.	Mid-semester deadline. Last day to change from credit to audit in a course (5:00 p.m. deadline). Last day to request a Course Performance Report.
March 21-29, 2009	Sat. - Sun.	Spring Recess.
March 30, 2009	Mon.	Classes resume.
April 1, 2009	Wed.	Deadline for students on leave to confirm readmission for Semester I.
April 6 - 17, 2009	Mon. - Fri.	Advising period for fall pre-registration. Students in their first and second semesters will need to procure their alternate PIN from their advisor in order to register.
April 10, 2009	Fri.	Deadline for submission of proposals for undergraduate group study projects (GISPs) for Semester I.
April 21 - 28, 2009	Tues. - Tues.	Registration for Semester I, 2009-10. (Note: No student will be permitted to register for his or her fifth semester unless a declaration of concentration has been filed.)
April 28, 2009	Tues.	End of the pre-registration period (5:00 p.m. deadline). Last day for students in their 7th semester to declare a second concentration.
April 24-May 5, 2009	Fri. - Tues.	Reading Period (optional and at the discretion of the instructor).
May 1, 2009	Fri.	Theses of candidates for Masters and Ph.D. degrees in May due. Deadline for declaring a leave for Semester I.
May 5, 2009	Tues.	Classes end for courses not observing Reading Period. Last day to drop a course or to file for an incomplete (5:00 p.m. deadline).
May 6 - 15, 2009	Wed. - Fri.	Final Examination Period.
May 15, 2009	Fri.	Last day of RISD classes. (RISD final studio reviews and exams: May 18-22).
May 24, 2009	Sun.	Commencement.
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Sept. 9, 2009	Wed.	Opening of the 2009-10 academic year.