

Spring 2026 critical dates in accessible format

Full term 16 week sections

Milestone	Date
Start date	February 2, 2026
Last day to add or drop with refund	February 12, 2026
First census	February 17, 2026
Last day to drop without W	February 28, 2026
Second census	April 16, 2026
Last day to drop	May 1, 2026
End date	May 29, 2026
Grades due	June 8, 2026

Session one 8 week sections

Milestone	Date range
Start	February 2, 2026
Refund deadlines	February 4 to February 6
First census	February 9 to February 11
Drop without W	February 18 to February 21
Second census	March 4 to March 9
Last drop	March 12 to March 16
End	March 28, 2026
Grades due	April 6, 2026

Session two 8 week sections

Milestone	Date range
Start	April 6, 2026
Refund deadlines	April 8 to April 10
First census	April 13 to April 17
Drop without W	April 21 to April 25
Second census	May 4 to May 8
Last drop	May 11 to May 15
End	May 29, 2026
Grades due	June 8, 2026

Late start 14 week sections

Milestone	Date
Start	February 17, 2026
Refund deadline	February 25, 2026
First census	March 6, 2026
Drop without W	March 17, 2026
Second census	April 21, 2026
Last drop	May 5, 2026
End	May 29, 2026
Grades due	June 8, 2026

MUSD sections for CMC instructors

Milestone	Date
Start	January 6, 2026
Refund deadline	January 20, 2026
First census	February 2, 2026
Drop without W	February 20, 2026
Second census	April 13, 2026
Last drop	May 1, 2026
End	June 5, 2026
Grades due	June 15, 2026

MUSD sections for MUSD instructors

Milestone	Date
Start	January 6, 2026
Refund deadline	January 16, 2026
First census	January 30, 2026
Drop without W	February 13, 2026
Second census	April 9, 2026
Last drop	April 27, 2026
End	May 29, 2026
Grades due	June 8, 2026

Institutional dates

Event	Date
Flex days begin	January 27, 2026
All staff day	January 30, 2026
Fee payment deadline	February 2, 2026
Lincoln Day	February 13, 2026
Washington Day	February 16, 2026
Petition to graduate due	March 1, 2026
Department Collaboration Day	March 20, 2026
Spring break begins	March 30, 2026
Classified Professionals Development Day	April 1, 2026
Cesar Chavez Day	April 3, 2026
Vote Early Day	May 4, 2026
Priority registration begins	May 4, 2026
Open registration begins	May 11, 2026
Last day to register to vote online or by mail	May 18, 2026
Memorial Day	May 25, 2026
Nursing pinning ceremony	May 27, 2026
Commencement	May 30, 2026

How critical dates are calculated

Refund deadline and last day to add

- Refund rules are governed by Title 5, Section 58508.
- For short term credit courses, districts must provide a 100 percent enrollment fee refund if a student drops on or before the point that equals 10 percent of the total course length.
- The Colleague system requires the refund deadline and the last day to add to be the same date.

First census date

For credit courses, including short term courses that use census procedures:

- The census date determines whether an enrollment is counted for apportionment reporting.
- Title 5, Section 58003 defines the census date as the day nearest to the end of the first 20 percent of the course length.
- For short term courses using daily census, the census is taken on the class meeting day nearest to 20 percent of scheduled meetings.
- The Student Attendance Accounting Manual provides detailed examples for calculating census dates for short term sections. See the most current edition, Attendance Accounting chapter.
- Title 5, Section 58004 defines the census drop date as the business day immediately before the census date.

The second census date, which occurs at 60 percent of course length, is used for noncredit online courses.

Withdrawal deadlines

- The last day to withdraw without a W is governed by Title 5, Section 55024 and is set at 30 percent of the course length.
- The last day to withdraw with a W follows local academic policy under Title 5, Section 55024 and is set at 75 percent for CMC.

The remaining pages are not accessible.

Full-Term Regularly Scheduled 16-Week Sections									
Section	Section Start Date	Last Day to Add or		Last Day to Drop			Section End Date	Meet Days	Grades, Attendance, SLOs, and PA Hours Due
		Drop with Refund (10%)	1st Census (20%)	without "W" (30%)	2nd Census (60%)	Last Day to Drop (75%)			
	2/2/2026	2/12/2026	2/17/2026	2/28/2026	4/16/2026	5/1/2026	5/29/2026		6/8/2026

Session One 8-Week Sections									
Section	Section Start Date	Last Day to Add or		Last Day to Drop			Section End Date	Meet Days	Grades, Attendance, SLOs, and PA Hours Due
		Drop with Refund (10%)	1st Census (20%)	without "W" (30%)	2nd Census (60%)	Last Day to Drop (75%)			
CADD-003-4020	2/2/2026	2/6/2026	2/11/2026	2/21/2026	3/6/2026	3/16/2026	3/28/2026	MW	4/6/2026
CIS-072D-4020	2/2/2026	2/6/2026	2/11/2026	2/21/2026	3/6/2026	3/16/2026	3/28/2026	TR	4/6/2026
CNST-010-20E	2/2/2026	2/4/2026	2/10/2026	2/18/2026	3/5/2026	3/12/2026	3/28/2026	MT	4/6/2026
CNST-060-20	2/2/2026	2/4/2026	2/10/2026	2/18/2026	3/5/2026	3/12/2026	3/28/2026	MT	4/6/2026
FIRE-100-4020	2/2/2026	2/6/2026	2/11/2026	2/21/2026	3/6/2026	3/16/2026	3/28/2026	MTWRF	4/6/2026
N-020-21	2/2/2026	2/5/2026	2/10/2026	2/19/2026	3/4/2026	3/12/2026	3/28/2026	Varies	4/6/2026
N-025-21	2/2/2026	2/5/2026	2/9/2026	2/21/2026	3/6/2026	3/16/2026	3/28/2026	Varies	4/6/2026
N-040-20	2/2/2026	2/5/2026	2/9/2026	2/20/2026	3/9/2026	3/16/2026	3/28/2026	Varies	4/6/2026
Online Sections	2/2/2026	2/6/2026	2/11/2026	2/21/2026	3/6/2026	3/16/2026	3/28/2026		4/6/2026
VSM-002D-20	2/2/2026	2/5/2026	2/11/2026	2/19/2026	3/6/2026	3/16/2026	3/28/2026	MTWRF	4/6/2026
VSW-002B-20	2/2/2026	2/5/2026	2/11/2026	2/19/2026	3/6/2026	3/16/2026	3/28/2026	MTWRF	4/6/2026

Session Two 8-Week Sections									
Section	Section Start Date	Last Day to Add or		Last Day to Drop			Section End Date	Meet Days	Grades, Attendance, SLOs, and PA Hours Due
		Drop with Refund (10%)	1st Census (20%)	without "W" (30%)	2nd Census (60%)	Last Day to Drop (75%)			
CADD-004-4030	4/6/2026	4/8/2026	4/13/2026	4/21/2026	5/4/2026	5/11/2026	5/29/2026	MW	6/8/2026
CIS-074-4030	4/6/2026	4/9/2026	4/14/2026	4/22/2026	5/7/2026	5/14/2026	5/29/2026	TR	6/8/2026
CNST-020-30W	4/6/2026	4/10/2026	4/17/2026	4/25/2026	5/8/2026	5/15/2026	5/29/2026	FS	6/8/2026
CNST-080-30	4/6/2026	4/8/2026	4/14/2026	4/21/2026	5/6/2026	5/13/2026	5/29/2026	MTWR	6/8/2026
N-020-31	4/6/2026	4/9/2026	4/14/2026	4/21/2026	5/6/2026	5/13/2026	5/29/2026	Varies	6/8/2026
N-025-31	4/6/2026	4/9/2026	4/16/2026	4/24/2026	5/7/2026	5/13/2026	5/29/2026	Varies	6/8/2026
N-045-30	4/6/2026	4/15/2026	4/22/2026	4/29/2026	5/19/2026	5/21/2026	5/29/2026	Varies	6/8/2026

Online Sections	4/6/2026	4/10/2026	4/15/2026	4/22/2026	5/7/2026	5/15/2026	5/29/2026		6/8/2026
PE-091-30	4/6/2026	4/8/2026	4/13/2026	4/21/2026	5/4/2026	5/11/2026	5/29/2026	M	6/8/2026
CIS-074-4030	4/6/2026	4/9/2026	4/14/2026	4/22/2026	5/7/2026	5/14/2026	5/29/2026	TR	6/8/2026
CNST-020-30W	4/6/2026	4/10/2026	4/17/2026	4/25/2026	5/8/2026	5/15/2026	5/29/2026	F	6/8/2026
CNST-080-30	4/6/2026	4/8/2026	4/14/2026	4/21/2026	5/6/2026	5/13/2026	5/29/2026	MT	6/8/2026
N-020-31	4/6/2026	4/9/2026	4/14/2026	4/21/2026	5/6/2026	5/13/2026	5/29/2026	TW	6/8/2026
N-025-31	4/6/2026	4/9/2026	4/16/2026	4/24/2026	5/7/2026	5/13/2026	5/29/2026	M	6/8/2026
N-045-30	4/6/2026	4/15/2026	4/22/2026	4/29/2026	5/19/2026	5/21/2026	5/29/2026	W	6/8/2026
PE-091-30	4/6/2026	4/8/2026	4/13/2026	4/21/2026	5/4/2026	5/11/2026	5/29/2026	M	6/8/2026
VSO-003A-31	4/6/2026	4/9/2026	4/15/2026	4/22/2026	5/6/2026	5/14/2026	5/29/2026	MTWRF	6/8/2026
VSO-003B-30	4/6/2026	4/9/2026	4/15/2026	4/22/2026	5/6/2026	5/14/2026	5/29/2026	MTWRF	6/8/2026

Late Start 14-Week Sections									
Section	Section Start Date	Last Day to Add or Drop with Refund (10%)	1st Census (20%)	Last Day to Drop without "W" (30%)	2nd Census (60%)	Last Day to Drop (75%)	Section End Date	Meet Days	Grades, Attendance, SLOs, and PA Hours Due
Online Sections	2/17/2026	2/25/2026	3/6/2026	3/17/2026	4/21/2026	5/5/2026	5/29/2026		6/8/2026

MUSD Sections									
Section	Section Start Date	Last Day to Add or Drop with Refund (10%)	1st Census (20%)	Last Day to Drop without "W" (30%)	2nd Census (60%)	Last Day to Drop (75%)	Section End Date	Meet Days	Grades, Attendance, SLOs, and PA Hours Due
CMC Instructors	1/6/2026	1/20/2026	2/2/2026	2/20/2026	4/13/2026	5/1/2026	6/5/2026	MTRF	6/15/2026
MUSD Instructors	1/6/2026	1/16/2026	1/30/2026	2/13/2026	4/9/2026	4/27/2026	5/29/2026	MTRF	6/8/2026

All Other Credit Sections									
Section	Section Start Date	Last Day to Add or Drop with Refund (10%)	1st Census (20%)	Last Day to Drop without "W" (30%)	2nd Census (60%)	Last Day to Drop (75%)	Section End Date	Meet Days	Grades, Attendance, SLOs, and PA Hours Due
BI-004L-52LS	2/17/2026	2/25/2026	3/6/2026	3/17/2026	4/21/2026	5/5/2026	5/29/2026		6/8/2026
COMM-C1000-52LS	2/17/2026	2/25/2026	3/6/2026	3/17/2026	4/21/2026	5/5/2026	5/29/2026		6/8/2026
EMR-001-4010	3/3/2026	3/10/2026	3/10/2026	3/27/2026	4/21/2026	5/8/2026	5/29/2026	T	6/8/2026
ENG-003ASC-55LS	2/17/2026	2/25/2026	3/6/2026	3/17/2026	4/21/2026	5/5/2026	5/29/2026		6/8/2026

ENGL-C1000-55LS	2/17/2026	2/25/2026	3/6/2026	3/17/2026	4/21/2026	5/5/2026	5/29/2026		6/8/2026
ENGL-C1000-56LS	2/17/2026	2/25/2026	3/6/2026	3/17/2026	4/21/2026	5/5/2026	5/29/2026		6/8/2026
FIRE-081-11	5/19/2026	5/19/2026	5/21/2026	5/21/2026	5/22/2026	5/22/2026	5/23/2026	WR	6/1/2026
NA-064-10	2/5/2026	2/11/2026	2/20/2026	2/28/2026	3/24/2026	4/10/2026	5/2/2026	RF	5/8/2026
PS-004-51LS	2/17/2026	2/25/2026	3/6/2026	3/17/2026	4/21/2026	5/5/2026	5/29/2026		6/8/2026
SP-001-51LS	2/17/2026	2/25/2026	3/6/2026	3/17/2026	4/21/2026	5/5/2026	5/29/2026		6/8/2026
SP-007-53LS	2/17/2026	2/25/2026	3/6/2026	3/17/2026	4/21/2026	5/5/2026	5/29/2026		6/8/2026

Other Important Dates

Flex days begin	1/27/2026		Vote Early Day	5/4/2026
All Staff Day	1/30/2026		Priority registration begins	5/4/2026
Fee payment deadline	2/2/2026		Open registration begins	5/11/2026
Lincoln Day	2/13/2026		Last day to register to vote online or by mail	5/18/2026
Washington Day	2/16/2026		Memorial Day	5/25/2026
Petition to graduate due	3/1/2026		Nursing Pinning Ceremony	5/27/2026
Department Collaboration Day	3/20/2026		Commencement	5/30/2026
Spring break begins	3/30/2026		Lavender Celebration	
Classified Professionals Development Day	4/1/2026		Latinx Recognition Ceremony	
César Chávez Day	4/3/2026		Adult Education Program Graduation	