

Important fall 2026 dates

Full-semester 16-week sections (118 days)

Milestone	Date
Semester starts	August 17
Last day to add or drop with refund (10%)	August 31
First census (20%)	September 9
Last day to drop without W (30%)	September 14
R2T4 date for financial aid (RYAT 60% mark)	October 22
Second census (60%) for noncredit online sections	October 26
Last day to drop, receives W (75%)	November 13
Semester ends	December 12
Grades, attendance, SLOs, and positive attendance hours due	December 18

Session 1 eight-week sections (55 days)

Milestone	Date
Session 1 starts	August 17
Last day to add or drop with refund (10%)	August 24
First census (20%)	August 27
Last day to drop without W (30%)	September 2
Second census (60%) for noncredit online sections	September 18
Last day to drop, receives W (75%)	September 28
Session 1 ends	October 10
Grades, attendance, SLOs, and positive attendance hours due	October 16
R2T4 date for financial aid (RYAT 60% mark)	October 22

Session 2 eight-week sections (62 days)

Milestone	Date
Session 2 starts	October 12
Last day to add or drop with refund (10%)	October 19
First census (20%)	October 23
Last day to drop without W (30%)	October 30
R2T4 date for financial aid (RYAT 60% mark)	October 22
Second census (60%) for noncredit online sections	November 17
Last day to drop, receives W (75%)	November 30
Session 2 ends	December 12
Grades, attendance, SLOs, and positive attendance hours due	December 18

Late-start 14-week sections (104 days)

Milestone	Date
Late-start session starts	August 31
Last day to add or drop with refund (10%)	September 9
First census (20%)	September 21
Last day to drop without W (30%)	September 28
R2T4 date for financial aid (RYAT 60% mark)	October 22

Second census (60%) for noncredit online sections	November 2
Last day to drop, receives W (75%)	November 16
Late-start session ends	December 12
Grades, attendance, SLOs, and positive attendance hours due	December 18

Institutional dates

Event	Date
Flex days begin	August 10
All staff day	August 14
Fee payment deadline	August 17
Labor Day	September 7
Department Collaboration Day	October 16
Veterans Day	November 11
Priority registration begins	November 16
Open registration begins	November 23
Fall break begins	November 23
Thanksgiving Day	November 26
Day After Thanksgiving	November 27
Winter break begins	December 24

We calculate important dates based on percentages as follows:

- For each course section, the total number of days are calculated as the last date of the section minus the first date of the section plus one. All days from the first to the last days of the section are counted, including non-instructional days such as weekends, holidays, and breaks.
- For 16-week, 14-week, and 8-week sections with standard scheduling patterns, the first date of the section shall be defined as the Monday of the first week, and the last date of the section shall be defined as the Saturday of the final week. This ensures consistent important dates across sections that could start on different weekdays.
- To calculate an important date at $p\%$ of a course section, multiply the total number of instructional days by $p/100$, round, and count that number of days starting from the first date of the section.
- If a calculated date falls on a weekend or non-business day, it is moved to the next weekday that the college is open for business.

How important dates are calculated

Refund deadline and last day to add (Title 5, Section 58508)

- A community college district governing board shall refund upon request any enrollment fee paid by a student pursuant to section 58501 for program changes made during the first two weeks of instruction for a primary term-length course, or by the 10 percent point of the length of the course for a short-term course.
- The Colleague system requires the refund deadline and the last day to add to be the same date.

First census date (Title 5, Section 58003) and census drop date (Title 5, Section 58004)

- The census date is the day nearest to the end of the first 20 percent of the section length.
- The census drop date is the business day immediately before the census date.
- The second census date, which occurs at 60 percent of the section length, is used for noncredit online sections. Financial Aid also has a 60 percent date used for R2T4, which is calculated differently from the second census date.

Withdrawal deadlines (Title 5, Section 55024)

- A student who withdraws prior to the end of the fourth week of a course, or the expiration of 30 percent of a term, whichever occurs earlier, shall not receive the withdrawal symbol "W" on their transcript.
- A student who withdraws after this period, but before the end of the fourteenth week of a course, or the expiration of 75 percent of a term, whichever occurs earlier, shall receive the withdrawal symbol "W" on their transcript, unless the district selects an earlier final withdrawal date. CMCCD has not selected an earlier final withdrawal date.
- Colleges may not receive apportionment for students who do not receive a letter grade, including a "W."