

The State University of New York Downstate Health Sciences University
College of Medicine and School of Graduate Studies
 Academic Calendar 2024-2025

FALL 2024 SEMESTER	
MON. JULY 1	First Day for Brooklyn Free Clinic/Pre-Arranged Clinical Experiences for Fall 2024
MON. JULY 1- FRI. JULY 5	CORE YEAR Clerkships – Class of 2026 Vacation Week
MON. JULY 8	<i>Advanced Clinical Year</i> (MS4) Begins (Registration & Payment Deadline)
MON. JULY 8-FRI SEPT 27	Core Year (COM 2026) Block II (Registration & Payment Deadline)
FRI. JULY 19	Last Day to Apply for New York State Residency for Fall 2024 for Foundations Year 2
MON. AUG. 5-FRI. AUG. 9	Orientation Foundations 1 (Class of 2028)
MON. AUG 12	Unit 1 begins (Foundations 1) and Unit 5 Begins (Foundations 2) Registration/Payment deadline
MON. AUG 26-SUN. SEPT 8	Graduate School Registration
WED. AUG 28	Graduate School: New Student Orientation
MON. SEPT 2*	Labor Day – No Classes
MON. SEPT 9-FRI. SEPT 13	Graduate School Add/Drop period
MON. SEPT 9	Graduate School Classes Begin
MON. SEPT 30 - FRI. OCT 4	Unit 1 Assessment Week
MON. SEPT 30 - FRI. DEC 20	Core Year (COM 2026) Block III
THUR. OCT 3	Rosh Hashanah – Classes meet[^] - Begins Wednesday eve 10/2
SAT. OCT 12	Yom Kippur – Begins Friday eve 10/11
MON. OCT 14	Columbus Day – No Classes
THURS. OCT 31	Diwali
MON. NOV 4 – FRI NOV 8	Unit 5 Assessment Week
TUES. NOV 5	Election Day – Classes Meet (Medical School) – No Classes (Graduate School)
MON. NOV 11	Veterans’ Day – No Classes (Administrative Offices closed) ®
THUR/FRI. NOV 28/29	Thanksgiving Holiday – No Classes®
MON. DEC 16 – FRI DEC 20	Unit 2 Assessment Week
FRI. DEC 20	Graduate School Semester ends
MON. DEC 23 – FRI. JAN 3	Winter Break – COM 2028, COM 2026, COM 2025
MON. DEC 23 – WED. JAN 1	Winter Break – COM 2027

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SPRING 2025 SEMESTER	
THURS. JAN 2	Graduate School Registration Period for Spring Semester Begins
THURS. JAN 2	Foundations 2 Classes Resume Unit 6
MON. JAN 6	Foundations 1 Unit 3 begins
MON. JAN 6-FRI. MAR 28	Core Clerkship (COM 2026) Block IV
MON. JAN 13	Graduate School Spring Semester Begins
MON. JAN 13-FRI. JAN 17	Graduate School Add/Drop period
FRI. JAN 17	Graduate School Registration Period for Spring Semester Ends
MON. JAN 20	Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday Observed – No Classes
MON. JAN 27-FRI. FEB 7	(Foundations 2) Unit 6 & Gateway 2 Assessment weeks
MON. FEB 10-FRI. MAR 21	(Foundations 2) Study and Take Step 1 (6 weeks)
MON. FEB 17	Presidents' Day Observed – No Classes
SUN. MAR 1	First Day of Ramadan
MON. MAR 3-FRI. MAR 7	Foundations 2 Remediation Unit 5 and Unit 6
MON. MAR 10-FRI. MAR 14	Foundations 2 Remediation Gateway 2
MON. MAR 17-FRI. MAR 21	(Foundations 1) Unit 3 Assessment week
MON. MAR 24 – WED JUNE 4	(Foundations 1) Unit 4 (9.5 weeks)
MON. MAR 31 – FRI. APR 4	Transition to Clerkship (Class of 2027)
MON. APR 7	Core Clerkship Begin (COM 2027)
MON. APR 7-FRI. MAY 16	Delayed Clerkship or Student time/Take Step 2 (6 weeks)
MON. APR 14 – FRI. APR 18	(Foundations 1) Spring Break
WED. APR 16 (TENTATIVE)	Graduate School Annual Research Day
FRI. APR 18	Good Friday[^]
MON. APR 28 -FRI. MAY 9	Transition to Residency
FRI. MAY 9	Graduate School Classes ends
WEEK OF 5/19/2025 (TENTATIVE)	COMMENCEMENT

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THUR. JUNE 5-FRI. JUNE 13	(Foundations 1) Unit 4 and Gateway 1 Assessment
SAT. JUNE 7	Eid al-Adha
MON. JUN 16-MON. AUG 8	(Foundations 1) Summer Break – 8 weeks
FALL 2025 SEMESTER	
MON. JULY 7-FRI. JULY 11	Remediation Foundations 1 Units
MON. JULY 14-FRI. JULY 18	Remediation for Gateway 1
MON. AUGUST 11	Unit 5 Begins

NOTES:

^Per New York State Education Law, Section 224-a: “Any student in an institution of higher education who is unable, because of religious beliefs, to attend classes on particular day or days shall, because of such absence on the particular day or days, be excused from any examinations or any study or work assignments.” All missed work, **must be made up** at the discretion of the faculty.

Students should contact faculty **well in advance** to request taking time off, including for religious holidays. Arrangements **must be made** for making up academic work missed.

Holidays in Clinical Years

® Students in clinical courses should check with appropriate departments regarding time off. All 3rd and 4th year students will be expected to adhere to the holiday schedules of the department (and hospital site) to which they are assigned. Fourth year students completing subinternships will have clinical obligations which may extend throughout vacation periods. Refer to the [2024-2025 Student Handbook](#) and the [Registrar website](#) for curriculum information pertaining to the Clinical Years.

* The Emergency Medicine Clerkship always begins on a Monday, even on a holiday.

The 2024-2025 Calendar is tentative and is generally not finalized until September due to curriculum adjustments.

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