

January 2026

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January 12
Classes Begin

January 18 (midnight)
Last day to add/delete a
class without a "W" (full
semester courses)

Jan 19
University Closed
Martin Luther King, Jr.
Day

March 3
Midterm Grades Due

March 9-14
Spring Break

March 11
Virtual Advising
Workshop 10 am

March 16
Summer/Fall 2026
Advising Begins

March 19
Summer/Fall 2026
Priority Registration
(athletes/veterans)

March 22
Honors Convocation

March 23
Summer/Fall 2026
Registration Begins

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Intersession Courses

Students who participated in intersession courses during the holiday break should be reminded that those course credits are included in their Winter 2026 term credit load. For example, if a student has 15 credits + 3 credits from an intersession class, they have a total of 18 credits for the Winter 2026 term for tuition purposes.

Students Taking Courses at Other Institutions

Students who plan to take courses at other community colleges or universities must follow the guidelines for transferring courses into University of Detroit Mercy. The [Current Detroit Mercy Student Request for Guest/Transfer Credit form](#) must be completed prior to taking classes at another institution. Students and advisors are responsible for verifying class equivalency and transfer by checking the Transfer Credit System. Additional questions/concerns? Contact the Detroit Mercy Transfer Team at transferteam@udmercy.edu or 313.993.1940.

Rules for Maintaining F-1 Visa or F1 Status for International Students

In order for international students to maintain F-1 Visa or F1 status, ensure that they are taking the required number of face-to-face credit hours. Undergraduate students must enroll in a minimum of 9 F2F credits as part of their full-time load. Graduate students must enroll in a minimum of 6 F2F credits as part of their full-time load. *REVISED GUIDELINES* as of December 2023: Courses that meet at least 25% in person (i.e. 100% in-person, Hybrid 1, Hybrid 3, and Hybrid 2) are considered face-to-face courses. OL1 and OL2 courses are considered online courses. Questions/concerns contact Lily Swan, Director or ISO swanls@udmercy.edu for more information.

Fall 2025/Winter 2026/Summer 2026 Graduates

Students who were planning to graduate in Fall 2025 should have already applied to graduate. Students planning to graduate in Winter 2026 or Summer 2026 must apply to graduate as soon as possible. The deadline for submitting a graduation application to be invited to attend commencement is January 16, 2026. This includes students graduating in Summer 2026. Graduation applications are submitted online in the Student Profile section of [my.udmercy.edu](#). **Commencement occurs once a year in May.** This year, commencement takes place on Saturday, May 9, 2026. Only students who have graduated or have applied to graduate during the current academic year are allowed to participate (also known as "walking"). Summer graduates may be permitted to participate in the May Commencement exercises with permission of the Dean's Office as long as they are enrolled in all of their remaining courses with the plan to complete their degree by August. If a student does not participate in the ceremony for the academic year they graduate in, they are not invited to participate in future ceremonies.

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