Governors State University Academic Calendar 2020-2021

| | Fall Semester 2020 | Intersession (Dec. 2020 - Jan. 2021) | Spring Semester 2021 | Summer Session 2021 |
|--|---|--------------------------------------|--|---|
| Registration | M 3/16/20 - M 09/14/20* | M 10/26/20 - M 12/14/20* | M 10/26/20 - M 2/01/21* | M 3/16/21 - M 5/17/21* |
| Smart Start Classes Begin | M 8/17/20 | • | • | • |
| GSU Closed - Martin Luther King Holiday | • | • | M 1/18/21 | • |
| Term Begins | M 8/31/20 | M 12/14/20 | T 1/19/21 | M 5/17/21 |
| GSU Closed - Labor Day/Memorial Day | M 9/7/20 | | + | M 5/31/21 |
| Graduation Applications Due | F 9/18/20 | • | F 2/5/21 for both Spring and Summer term graduations* | |
| GSU Closed - President's Day Holiday | • | • | M 2/15/21 | • |
| No classes - Spring Break | • | • | + | • |
| GSU Closed - Independence Day Observance | • | • | • | M 7/5/21 |
| Last Day to Drop a Class | Published on student class schedule in the portal for individual courses. | | | |
| GSU Closed - General Election Day | T 11/3/20 | • | • | • |
| Thanksgiving Break | GSU open but no classes: W 11/25/20; GSU closed Th 11/26/20 - Su 11/29/20 | • | • | • |
| Term Ends | Su 12/13/20 | M 1/18/21 | M 5/03/21 | Su 8/15/21 |
| Final Grades Deadline | Classes end in semester - seven days after section ends. Full-semester classes - 12/20/20 | Seven days after section ends. | Classes end in semester - seven days after section ends. Full-semester classes - 5/10/21 | Classes end in term - seven days after section ends. Full-semester classes - 08/22/21 |
| GSU Closed | Th 12/24/20 - Su 1/3/21 | | * | • |
| Commencement | TBA (for fall 2020 graduates, and spring and summer 2021 candidates for graduation) | | | |

^{*} check online class schedule for registration and other deadline dates for late-start classes and other special offerings.

Note: Posting of grades in student myGSU portal accounts will be done each Monday for grades submitted by faculty during the prior week.

Please note: In response to COVID-19, Spring Break (originally scheduled for March 15, 2021 - March 21, 2021) was eliminated from the 2020-2021 Academic Year, and the Spring 2021 semester was shortened by one week. The Spring 2021 semester will now end on May 3, 2021 (originally scheduled for May 10, 2021).

^{**}During times noted GSU Closed - Prairie Place Residence will remain open for those students who have contracted to remain living on campus over the specific break/closure