

2025-2026 Governance Calendar

**Approved 4 Apr 2025**

**Legend**

**Office of the President**

**Celebration of Excellence** – ceremony for dissemination of excellence awards for faculty and staff

**Faculty & Staff Fall Kick Off** – university-wide event for faculty and staff

**State of the University Address** – meeting of all employees

**Office of the Provost**

**College** – college committee or college meetings (specific schedule to be set by individual colleges)

**College/Dept Assessment** – annual meeting time for assessment discussions

**Department** – department or program meetings

**Faculty Contract Start and End** – dates reflected in faculty contracts

**GEC** – meeting of the general education committee

**Grad Council** – meeting of the graduate council

**UCC** – meeting of the university curriculum committee

**University Senate**

**ECUS/SCC** – meeting of the executive committee of the university senate with standing committee chairs

**PD/Other** – reserved for professional development (PD) and other university-wide committees and events

**Senate** – meeting of the university senate

**Senate Comm** – meeting of university senate standing committees

**Senate Org** – organizational meeting of the university senate

**Calendars**

[**Academic Calendar**](https://www.gcsu.edu/registrar/academic-calendars)– maintained by the Office of the Registrar

[**Governance Calendar**](https://senate.gcsu.edu/us/about-university-senate/governance-calendar)– maintained by University Senate

[**Holiday Calendar**](https://www.gcsu.edu/humanresources/holiday)– maintained by the Office of Human Resources

**Procedure**

1. The ECUS Secretary drafts the Governance Calendar for the next academic year by reviewing the current academic year Governance Calendar and consulting both the Academic Calendar and the Holiday Calendar.
2. The draft calendar is shared with ECUS, the Office of the President, and the Office of the Provost.
3. ECUS reviews and makes changes to governance dates, the Office of the President reviews and makes changes to university event dates, and the Office of the Provost reviews and makes changes to academic dates.
4. ECUS reviews and approves the governance calendar and publishes it in minutes, on its [website](https://senate.gcsu.edu/us/about-university-senate/governance-calendar), on [Google Calendar](https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=qjkbj9kd84qbn80d3hk9in58co%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America%2FNew_York), and on [iCal](https://calendar.google.com/calendar/ical/qjkbj9kd84qbn80d3hk9in58co%40group.calendar.google.com/public/basic.ics).

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| **AUGUST 2025** | | | | | | |
| **MONDAY** | **TUESDAY** | **WEDNESDAY** | **THURSDAY** | **FRIDAY** | **SATURDAY** | **SUNDAY** |
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|  |  |  |  | Faculty Contract Start Date  8a-2p New Faculty Orientation with Academic Affairs |  |  |
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| 8a-2p New Faculty Orientation with Academic Affairs | 8a-3p New Faculty Orientation with Academic Affairs | 8a-4p New Faculty Orientation with Academic Affairs/HR | 9a-12p College/Dept  Assessment  1p-5p College | Summer Schedule Ends  12p-5p Department |  |  |
| **11** | **12** | **13** | **14** | **15** | 16 | 17 |
|  |  |  | 9a-2p Governance Retreat (University Senate Standing Comms) | 9a-11a Faculty & Staff Kick-Off  1p-4p GC Reads |  |  |
| **18** | **19** | **20** | **21** | **22** | 23 | 24 |
| First Day of Classes |  |  |  | 2:30p-3:15p College Meetings with First Year Students  4:00p-5:00p First Year Convocation  5:00p-7:00p Faculty and New Student Picnic |  |  |
| **25** | **26** | **27** | **28** | **29** | 30 | 31 |
|  |  |  |  | 1:00 Grad Council  2:00 GEC  3:30 UCC |  |  |

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| **SEPTEMBER 2025** | | | | | | |
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| **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5** | 6 | 7 |
| Labor Day  (No classes  University closed) |  |  |  | 2:00 Senate Comm  3:30 ECUS/SCC |  |  |
| **8** | **9** | **10** | **11** | **12** | 13 | 14 |
|  |  |  |  | 1:00 Grad Council  2:00 College  3:30 College |  |  |
| **15** | **16** | **17** | **18** | **19** | 20 | 21 |
|  |  |  |  | 1:00 GEC  2:00 Department  3:30 Senate |  |  |
| **22** | **23** | **24** | **25** | **26** | 27 | 28 |
|  |  |  |  | 2:00 UCC  3:30 PD/Other |  |  |
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| **OCTOBER 2025** | | | | | | |
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|  |  |  |  | 2:00 Senate Comm  3:30 ECUS/SCC |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  | 1:00 Grad Council  2:00 College  3:30 College |  |  |
| **13** | **14** | **15** | **16** | **17** | 18 | 19 |
| Fall Break  (No classes  University open) | Fall Break  (No classes  University open) |  |  | 1:00 GEC  2:00 Department  3:30 Senate |  |  |
| **20** | **21** | **22** | **23** | **24** | 25 | 26 |
|  |  |  |  | 2:00 UCC  3:30 PD/Other |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  | 2:00 Senate Comm  3:30 ECUS/SCC |  |  |

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| **NOVEMBER 2025** | | | | | | |
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|  |  |  |  | 1:00 Grad Council  2:00 College  3:30 College |  |  |
| **10** | **11** | **12** | **13** | **14** | 15 | 16 |
|  |  |  |  | 1:00 GEC  2:00 Department  3:30 Senate |  |  |
| **17** | **18** | **19** | **20** | **21** | 22 | 23 |
|  |  |  |  | 2:00 UCC  3:30 PD/Other |  |  |
| **24** | **25** | **26** | **27** | **28** | 29 | 30 |
|  |  | Thanksgiving  Holiday  (No classes  University open) | Thanksgiving  Holiday  (No classes  University closed) | Thanksgiving  Holiday  (No classes  University closed) |  |  |

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| **DECEMBER 2025** | | | | | | |
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|  |  |  |  | 2:00 PD/Other  3:30 PD/Other |  |  |
| **8** | **9** | **10** | **11** | **12** | 13 | 14 |
| Last Day of Classes | Final Exams | Final Exams | Final Exams | Final Exams | Commencement  1:00 p.m. |  |
| **15** | **16** | **17** | **18** | **19** | 20 | 21 |
|  |  | Final Grades  Due 9:00 a.m. |  |  |  |  |
| **22** | **23** | **24** | **25** | **26** | 27 | 28 |
|  |  | Winter Break  (Campus Closure Day) | Winter Break  (University closed) | Winter Break  (University closed) | Winter Break  (University closed) | Winter Break  (University closed) |
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| Winter Break  (University closed) | Winter Break  (University closed) | Winter Break  (University closed) |  |  |  |  |

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| **JANUARY 2026** | | | | | | |
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|  |  |  | Winter Break  (University closed) | Winter Break  (Campus Closure Day) |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  | 2:00 Senate Comm  3:30 ECUS/SCC |  |  |
| **12** | **13** | **14** | **15** | **16** | 17 | 18 |
| First Day of Classes |  |  |  | 1:00 Grad Council  2:00 College  3:30 College |  |  |
| **19** | **20** | **21** | **22** | **23** | 24 | 25 |
| Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday  (No classes  University closed) |  |  |  | 1:00 GEC  2:00 Department  3:30 Senate |  |  |
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| **FEBRUARY 2026** | | | | | | |
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|  |  |  |  | 2:00 State of the University Address |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  | 1:00 Grad Council  2:00 Senate Comm  3:30 ECUS/SCC |  |  |
| **16** | **17** | **18** | **19** | **20** | 21 | 22 |
|  |  |  |  | 1:00 GEC  2:00 College  3:30 College |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  | 1:00 UCC  2:00 Department  3:30 Senate |  |  |

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| **MARCH 2026** | | | | | | |
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|  |  |  |  | 1:00 Grad Council  2:00 Senate Comm  3:30 ECUS/SCC |  |  |
| **9** | **10** | **11** | **12** | **13** | 14 | 15 |
|  |  |  |  | 1:00 GEC  2:00 College  3:30 College |  |  |
| **16** | **17** | **18** | **19** | **20** | 21 | 22 |
| Spring Break  (No classes  University open) | Spring Break  (No classes  University open) | Spring Break  (No classes  University open) | Spring Break  (No classes  University open) | Spring Break  (No classes  University open) |  |  |
| **23** | **24** | **25** | **26** | **27** | 28 | 29 |
|  |  |  |  | 1:00 UCC  2:00 Department  3:30 Senate |  |  |
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| **APRIL 2026** | | | | | | |
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|  |  |  |  | 1:00 Grad Council  2:00 Senate Comm  3:30 ECUS/SCC |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  | 1:00 GEC  2:00 College  3:30 College |  |  |
| **13** | **14** | **15** | **16** | **17** | 18 | 19 |
|  |  | GCSU Research Day |  | 9:00-10:30 Celebration of Excellence  2:00 Department  3:30 UCC |  |  |
| **20** | **21** | **22** | **23** | **24** | 25 | 26 |
|  |  |  |  | 2:00 Senate  3:30 Senate Org |  |  |
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| **MAY 2026** | | | | | | |
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|  |  |  |  | 2:00 PD/Other  3:30 PD/Other |  |  |
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|  |  | Last Day of Classes | Final Exams | Final Exams |  |  |
| **11** | **12** | **13** | **14** | **15** | 16 | 17 |
| Final Exams | Final Exams | Commencement  (Colleges and Times TBA) | Commencement  (Colleges and Times TBA) |  |  |  |
| **18** | **19** | **20** | **21** | **22** | 23 | 24 |
| Final Grades  Due 9:00am | Faculty Contract  End Date |  |  |  |  |  |
| **25** | **26** | **27** | **28** | **29** | **30** | **31** |
| Memorial Day  (No classes  University closed) |  |  |  |  |  |  |