

CLEVELAND INSTITUTE OF ART 2026-2027 ACADEMIC CALENDAR *

Approved date 1/13/26

Fall 2026 ---- August 24 - December 16 *	
July 15, Wednesday	Tuition payment arrangements due in order to begin Fall classes. \$350 late payment fee assessed. Students dropped from classes for non-payment.
Aug 19, Wednesday	First Year student move-in.
Aug 20-22, Thursday-Saturday	New student orientation (Saturday optional).
Aug 21-23, Friday-Sunday	Upper-class student move-in.
Aug 24, Monday	First day of classes for the Fall 2026 semester.
Aug 28, Friday	Course add/drop deadline.
Sept 7, Monday	Labor Day. CIA holiday. No classes. Building closed. Residence halls remain open.
Sept 11, Friday	Census
Oct 16, Friday	Mid-term grades due by 11:59pm.
Oct 19-20, Monday & Tuesday	Student Fall Break. No classes. Faculty In-Service Days. Offices remain open. Leutner Dining Commons open only for dinner, Case Cash continues to be available. Residence halls remain open. Building remains open.
Oct 20, Tuesday	Faculty Teaching + Learning Summit
Nov 2, Monday	Registration opens to seniors for Spring 2027 course scheduling.
Nov 5, Thursday	Registration opens to juniors for Spring 2027 course scheduling.
Nov 6, Friday	Last day to withdraw from a course for the Fall 2026 semester without grade penalty.
Nov 9, Monday	Registration opens to sophomores for Spring 2027 course scheduling.
Nov 13, Friday	Registration opens to first-years for Spring 2027 course scheduling.
Nov 23, Monday	Course evaluations open.
Nov 25, Wednesday	No Classes. Building remains open.
Nov 26 & 27, Thursday & Friday	No Classes. Thanksgiving. CIA holiday. Building closed. Residence halls remain open.
Dec 4, Friday	Last day of regular classes.
Dec 7-11, Monday-Friday	Final Exams and Studio Critiques.
Dec 14-16, Monday-Wednesday	Mid-year critiques for May 2027 grads and BFA Reviews & Exhibitions for Dec 2026 grads.
Dec 16, Wednesday	Fall semester ends.
Dec 17, Thursday	Residence halls close for all students at 5pm.
Dec 18, Friday	Final grades due for all students by 9:00am.
Dec 24-Jan 1, Thursday-Friday	CIA winter break.
Dec 24-Jan 3, Thursday-Sunday	Building closed.
Spring 2027 ---- January 11 - May 8 *	
Dec 15, Tuesday	Tuition payment arrangements due in order to begin Spring classes. \$350 late payment fee assessed. Students dropped from classes for non-payment.
Jan 7-8, Thursday & Friday	New student orientation and move in.
Jan 9-10, Saturday & Sunday	Returning students move into residence halls.
Jan 11, Monday	First day of classes for the Spring 2027 semester.
Jan 15, Friday	Course add/drop deadline.
Jan 18, Monday	Martin Luther King Day. CIA holiday. No classes. Building closed. Residence halls remain open.
Jan 27, Wednesday	Grade revisions due for Fall 2026 incomplete grades.
Jan 29, Friday	Census
Mar 5, Friday	Mid-term grades due by 11:59pm.
Mar 8-12, Monday-Friday	Spring Recess. No classes. Offices open. Residence halls remain open.
Mar 29, Monday	Registration opens to continuing Seniors and current Juniors for Fall 2027 course scheduling.
Apr 1, Thursday	Registration opens to current Sophomores for Fall 2027 course scheduling.
Apr 2, Friday	Last day to withdraw from a course for the Spring 2027 semester without a grade penalty.
Apr 5, Monday	Registration opens to current First Years for Fall 2027 course scheduling.
Apr 19, Monday	Course evaluations open.
Apr 23, Friday	Last day of regular classes.
Apr 26-30, Monday-Friday	Final Exams and Studio Critiques.
April 30, Friday	Final studio clean out.
May 3-7, Monday-Friday	BFA Reviews & Exhibitions.
May 8, Saturday	Spring semester ends. Residence halls close at noon (excluding grads in residence).
May 8, Saturday	Commencement.

May 10, Monday	Residence halls close for Seniors in residence at 5pm.
May 10, Monday	Final grades for all students due by 9:00am.
Summer 2027 ---- May 25 - July 28 *	
May 25, Tuesday	First day of classes for the Summer 2026 Full Term and Session 1.
May 27, Thursday	Add/Drop deadline for Summer Full Term and Summer Session 1.
May 31, Monday	Memorial Day. CIA holiday. Building closed.
June 4, Friday	Last day to withdraw from a course for Session 1 without a grade penalty.
June 14, Monday	Session 1 Final Studio Critiques. Session 1 ends.
June 15, Tuesday	Session 2 begins.
June 17, Thursday	Session 2 Add/Drop Deadline.
Jun 18, Friday	Juneteenth Observed. CIA holiday. Building closed.
June 19, Saturday	Grade revisions due for Spring 2027 incomplete grades.
June 28, Monday	Last day to withdraw from a course for Session 2 without a grade penalty.
July 1, Thursday	Last day to withdraw from a course for Summer Full Term without a grade penalty.
July 5, Monday	Independence Day Observed. CIA holiday. Building closed.
July 7, Wednesday	Session 2 Final Studio Critiques. Session 2 ends.
July 8, Thursday	Session 3 begins.
July 11, Sunday	Pre-College Session 1 begins.
July 12, Monday	Session 3 Add/Drop Deadline.
July 20, Tuesday	Last day to withdraw from a course for Session 3 without a grade penalty.
July 23, Friday	Last day of Summer Full Term courses. Pre-College Session 1 ends.
July 25, Sunday	Pre-College Session 2 begins.
July 26-27, Monday-Tuesday	Summer Full Term Liberal Arts Finals
July 28, Wednesday	Session 3 Final Studio Critiques. Session 3 ends.
July 30, Friday	Final grades for all students in all summer sessions due by 11:59pm.
August 6, Friday	Pre-College Session 2 ends.
*All dates subject to change	