

PERKINS ACADEMIC CALENDAR

FALL 2025

AUGUST

- 4, Monday:** Intern Program New Mentor Institute (online), 9:00 a.m. to noon
- 5, Tuesday:** Intern Orientation Module I (online), 9:00 a.m. to noon
- 6, Wednesday:** Intern Orientation Module II (online), 9:00 a.m. to noon
- 7, Thursday:** Intern Orientation Module III (online), 9:00 a.m. to noon
- 11, Monday:** First day of Internships
- 14, Thursday:** Intern Program Teaching Committee Orientation (online), 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- 17-19, Sunday-Tuesday:** New Student Orientation
- 21-22, Thursday-Friday:** Late registration, 211 Kirby Hall, Registrar's Office
- 22, Friday:** Last day to cancel enrollment and withdraw from all classes without any tuition charge
- 25, Monday:** First day of classes.
- 29, Friday:** Last day to register, add courses or drop a course without grade record or tuition billing

SEPTEMBER

- 1, Monday:** Labor Day – University holiday (offices closed)
- 8, Monday:** Last day to drop a course or withdraw from the University without academic record
- 10, Wednesday:** Last day to file for December graduation (Fall Census Date)
- 12, Friday:** Faculty conference
- 15, Monday:** Perkins faculty meeting, 9:30 a.m.
- 19, Friday:** Divisional meetings, 11:30 a.m.
- 22, Monday:** Internship Applications due for 2026-27 Internships
- TBD:** Roy D. Barton Lecture

OCTOBER

- 6, Monday:** Perkins faculty meeting, 9:30 a.m.
- 9, Thursday:** Intern Program Mentor Colloquy (online), 9:00 am to 12:00 noon
- 17, Friday:** Divisional meetings, 11:30 a.m.
- 20-21, Monday-Tuesday:** Perkins fall break
- 24, Friday:** Divisional meetings, 11:30 a.m.
- 27, Monday:** Faculty as Guild, 9:30 a.m.

NOVEMBER

- 3, Monday:** Perkins faculty meeting, 9:30 a.m.
- 3-7, Monday-Saturday:** If applicable, Houston hybrid classes meet face to face at Houston Methodist Hospital and St. Paul's UMC.
- 3-21, Monday-Friday:** Advance registration for Hybrid/Online and Houston Spring term and Interterm
- 7, Friday:** Last day to drop a class for Fall term
- 8-21, Saturday-Friday:** Advance registration for all Perkins Spring term and January Interterm
- 10-11, Monday-Tuesday:** Perkins Fall Convocation
- 21, Friday:** Divisional meetings, 11:30 a.m.
- 25, Tuesday:** Last day to withdraw from the University
- 25-26, Tuesday-Wednesday:** Perkins Thanksgiving recess (no classes)
- 27-28, Thursday-Friday:** Thanksgiving holiday – University holidays (no classes and offices closed)

DECEMBER

- 1, Monday:** Perkins faculty meeting, 9:30 a.m.
- 2, Tuesday:** Advent worship service, 6:00 p.m.
- 9, Tuesday:** Last day of classes
- 10, Wednesday:** Reading and writing period
- 10, Wednesday:** Last day for submission of all written work, 5:00 p.m.
- 11-17, Thursday-Wednesday:** Final examinations
- 18, Thursday:** Grades must be posted by noon
- 19, Friday:** Divisional meetings, 11:30 a.m.
- 20, Saturday:** December Commencement Convocation. Official close of term and conferral of degrees.
- 23-January 1, Tuesday-Thursday:** Winter break – University holidays (offices closed)

INTERTERM 2026

JANUARY

- 1, Thursday:** New Year's Day observed – University holiday (offices closed)
- 6-16, Tuesday-Friday:** Perkins January Interterm for masters and doctoral programs
- 6, Tuesday:** Last day to enroll and change classes for January Interterm
- 12-14, Monday-Wednesday:** Perkins School of Youth Ministry
- 15, Thursday:** Last day to drop a class or withdraw from the University for January Interterm

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SPRING 2026

JANUARY

- 11-12, Sunday-Monday:** New Student Orientation
- 15-16, Thursday-Friday:** Late registration, 211 Kirby Hall, Registrar's Office
- 19, Monday:** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – University holiday (offices closed)
- 19, Monday:** Last day to cancel enrollment and withdraw from all classes without any tuition charge
- 20, Tuesday:** First day of classes.
- 21, Wednesday** – Doctor of Ministry Information Session, 12:00pm (online)
- 23, Friday:** Divisional meetings, 11:30 a.m.
- 26, Monday:** Last day to add courses or drop a course without grade record or tuition billing
- 26, Monday:** Perkins faculty meeting, 9:30 a.m.
- 29, Thursday:** Intern Program Consultant Convocation (online), 9:00 to 11:00 am

FEBRUARY

- 2, Monday:** Last day to drop a course or withdraw from the University without academic record
- 4, Wednesday:** Last day to file for May graduation
- 12, Thursday:** Intern Program Mentor Colloquy (online), 9:00 a.m.- noon
- 20, Friday:** Divisional meetings, 11:30 a.m.

MARCH

- 2, Monday:** Perkins faculty meeting, 9:30 a.m.
- 13, Friday:** Divisional meetings, 11:30 a.m.
- 16-22, Monday-Sunday:** Perkins and SMU Spring Break
- TBD:** Perkins Summit for Faith and Learning
- 30-April 17, Monday-Friday:** Advance registration for Hybrid, Summer and Fall terms

APRIL

- 2, Thursday:** Easter recess (no classes)
- 3, Friday:** Good Friday – University holiday (no classes and offices closed)
- 4-17, Saturday-Friday:** Advance registration for all Summer and Fall terms
- 6, Monday:** Perkins faculty meeting, 9:30 a.m.
- 9, Thursday:** Last day to drop a class for Spring term
- 13, Monday:** Faculty as Guild, 9:30 a.m.
- 17, Friday:** Divisional meetings, 11:30 a.m.
- 27, Monday:** Last day to withdraw from the University

MAY

- 4, Monday:** Perkins faculty meeting, 9:30 a.m.
- 4, Monday:** Last day of Monday classes
- 4, Monday:** Last day of Internship
- 5-6, Tuesday-Wednesday:** Reading and writing period (no classes)
- 7, Thursday:** Last day of Thursday classes
- 8, Friday:** Last of Friday classes
- 8, Friday:** Last day for submission of all written work, 5:00 pm
- 11-13, Monday-Wednesday:** Final examinations
- 15, Friday:** Grades must be posted by noon
- 16, Saturday:** Commencement, 9:30 a.m., Moody Coliseum;
A Celebration of Degrees and Academic Achievements, 2:00 p.m., Highland Park United Methodist Church;
Official close of term and date for conferral of degrees

SUMMER 2026

MAY

- 25, Monday:** Memorial Day – University holiday (offices closed)
- 26-August 7, Tuesday-Friday:** Perkins full Summer session
- 29, Friday:** Last day to drop courses without grade record for Summer

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JUNE

1–August 7, Monday –Friday: Perkins full summer session (Main Campus and Immersion Courses)

1–12, Monday–Friday: Doctor of Ministry and Doctor of Pastoral Music classes meet (Dallas)

4, Thursday: Last day to add courses or drop courses without grade record for Summer (Main Campus and Immersion Courses)

12, Friday: Last day to file for August graduation

JULY

3, Friday: Independence Day – University holiday (offices closed)

17, Friday: Last day to drop a class

23, Thursday: Last day to withdraw from the University for Summer

TBD: Course of Study School

AUGUST

7, Friday: Official close of Summer term and date for conferral of degrees

Tuition and fees payment due dates are set for each term by the [Office of the University Bursar](#).