



FALL SEMESTER

All school or large group meetings should try to schedule these types of meetings during the following two times:

- Tuesday, 4:00 – 5:00pm
- Wednesday, 1:00 – 2:00pm

Below is the general calendar for 2023-2024:

- The following calendar is *not* an exhaustive list of events at GSSM.
- LWE stands for Long Weekend, which start after a student's last class on Thursday. Students need to return from LWE no later than 7:00pm on Sunday.
- OCCA is the Office of College Counseling and Advising.
- Note: National Test Dates for ACT TBD.

AUGUST

Wednesday, August 9	Senior Leaders Move-In
Friday, August 11	Junior Move-In Day
Sunday, August 13	Senior Move-In Day
Monday, August 14 & Tuesday, August 15	Residential first days of class: orientation to classes/labs and GSSM community building
Wednesday, August 16	First full day of Residential classes for academic content First day of Accelerate classes
Wednesday, August 16	Class of 2024 OCCA meeting in the gym, 1pm
Tuesday, August 22	Last day to drop/add a Coker dual-enrolled course (not on transcript)
Wednesday, August 23	Last day to drop/add a residential course Class of 2025 OCCA meeting in the gym, 1pm
Thursday, August 24	First Research Advisee/Advisor meeting, 4pm
Friday, August 25	Last day to drop/add an FMU dual-enrolled course (not on transcript)
Saturday, August 26	National Test Date: SAT
TBD by academic advisor	August Advisor-Advisee meeting

SEPTEMBER

Monday, September 4	No Accelerate classes
Thursday, September 7	Convocation, 2pm (Classes as usual until noon); LWE begins after Convocation & ends Sun. at 7pm.
Saturday, September 9	National Test Day: ACT
Wednesday, September 13	Last day to drop a class that is an overload without it appearing on the transcript
Wednesday, September 20	First progress report grading period ends, and grades due from faculty in PowerSchool.
Friday, September 22	Progress reports emailed to students and families.
Saturday, September 23	Parents' Day
Sunday, September 24	College Fair at GSSM
TBD by academic advisor	September Advisor-Advisee meeting
TBD by OCCA	Dean's Panel

OCTOBER

Sunday, October 1	Application Open for All Programs
Monday, October 2	Letters of recommendation must be uploaded into Scoir.
Tuesday, October 3	All Faculty/Staff Meeting, 4pm
Thursday, October 5	LWE begins after class & ends Sun. at 7pm.
Saturday, October 7	National Test Date: SAT
Tuesday, October 10	Final day to withdraw from a residential overload course with a WP/WF
Wednesday, October 11	PSAT (no residential classes all day; shifted schedule for the rest of the week) Midterm grading period ends.



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Academic Calendar
Student Edition
Updated January 30, 2024

Thursday, October 12
Friday, October 13
Saturday, October 14
Monday, October 16
Friday, October 20

Wednesday class/lab schedule residential
Thursday class/lab schedule residential
Accelerate Physics Lab 1, Chemistry Lab 1
Midterm grades emailed home.
Last day to withdraw from a Coker dual-enrolled course with a W instead of a WP/WF on transcript.
No Accelerate classes
LWE begins after classes & ends Sun. at 7pm.
Accelerate Engineering Lab 1
National Test Day: ACT
Campus visits to USC, Clemson University, College of Charleston (some faculty)

Thursday, October 26
Saturday, October 28

TBD by OCCA

NOVEMBER

Friday, November 3
Saturday, November 4
Wednesday, November 8
Friday, November 10

Networking Dinner
National Test Date: SAT
Notice of Potential Unsatisfactory Grade given to students by faculty
Annual Research Colloquium (no residential classes all day)
Last day to withdraw from an FMU dual-enrolled course
Accelerate Chemistry Labs 2, Physics Lab 2, Engineering Lab (makeup)
Residential Thanksgiving holidays begin after classes & end Sun. 11/26 at 7pm.
No Accelerate classes

Saturday, November 11
Friday, November 17
November 20-24

DECEMBER

Saturday, December 2

Winter Formal
Accelerate Chemistry Lab (makeup)
National Test Date: SAT
Last day of fall semester classes
Review/Reading Day
National Test Day: ACT
Exams (Students may not sign out for this weekend)
End of fall semester. Break begins after last exam.
Non-satisfactory grades due for all students by noon
Course grades due by noon in PowerSchool
No Accelerate classes
1st semester report cards mailed home.

Friday, December 8
Saturday, December 9

December 11-15
Friday, December 15
Monday, December 18

December 18-January 2
Wednesday, December 27

*Note: Monday and Tuesday November 20, 21 will be used as an emergency makeup class days if necessary.



JANUARY INTERIM AND SPRING SEMESTER

TBD by the DOE

ACT, SAT and WIN at GSSM for all juniors in the morning at some point during spring semester

JANUARY

Tuesday, January 2	Residential students return to GSSM by 7pm.
Wednesday, January 3	Interim session begins with assembly at 9am, gym. First day of Accelerate classes
Saturday, January 6	Parents and Friends Seminar Day (Academic Saturday, no sign outs)
Friday, January 12	Last day to drop an FMU dual-enrolled course (not on transcript)
Tuesday, January 16	Last day to drop a Coker dual-enrolled course (not on transcript)
Wednesday, January 17	Interim presentations. Break begins after presentations & ends Sunday at 7pm. Junior parent meeting with OCCA prior to Winter Break (afternoon)
Monday, January 22	Residential spring semester begins
Wednesday, January 24	Interim grades due in PowerSchool by noon.
Monday, January 29	Last day to drop/add a residential course
TBD by faculty member	January Advisor-Advisee meeting

FEBRUARY

Saturday, February 3	Accelerate Engineering Lab 2
Saturday, February 10	National Test Date: ACT
Monday, February 12	Course catalog sent to rising seniors.
Tuesday, February 13	By this date individual student meetings should have occurred with new students.
Thursday, February 15	LWE begins after classes & ends Sunday at 7pm.
Saturday, February 17	Accelerate Chemistry Lab 3
Monday, February 19	Last day to drop a residential overload class without it appearing on the transcript No Accelerate classes
Thursday, February 22	1 st day for rising seniors to submit course requests forms to the registrar
Saturday, February 24	Accelerate Physics Lab 3
Monday, February 26	Last day for rising seniors to submit course requests forms to the registrar
Wednesday, February 28	Academic progress reports emailed to students and families.

MARCH

Saturday, March 2	Inside GSSM (some faculty)
Wednesday, March 6	SAT (no residential classes all day; shifted schedule for the rest of the week)
Thursday, March 7	Wednesday class/lab schedule residential
Friday, March 8	Thursday class/lab schedule residential
Saturday, March 9	National Test Date: SAT
Tuesday, March 12	ACT (no residential classes all day; shifted schedule for the rest of the week)
Wednesday, March 13	Tuesday class/lab schedule residential Midterm grades due by noon in PowerSchool. Townes Award Celebration in Columbia
Thursday, March 14	Wednesday class/lab schedule residential LWE begins after classes & ends Sun. at 7pm.
Friday, March 15	Final day to withdraw from a residential overload course with a WP/WF Last day to withdraw from a Coker dual-enrolled course with a W instead of a WP/WF on transcript
Saturday, March 16	Accelerate Engineering Lab 3
Monday, March 18	Thursday class/lab schedule residential Midterm grading period ends.
Tuesday, March 19	Monday class/lab schedule



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Wednesday, March 20	Tuesday class/lab schedule residential Midterm grades due by noon in PowerSchool. Townes Award Celebration in Columbia
Thursday, March 21	Wednesday class/lab schedule residential
Friday, March 22	Thursday class/lab schedule residential Midterm grades emailed home.
Saturday, March 23	Accelerate Physics Lab 4, Chemistry Lab 4 South Carolina Junior Academy of Science (optional)
Thursday, March 28	WIN (no residential classes all day; shifted schedule for the rest of the week)
Friday, March 29	Thursday class/lab schedule residential Invitation for senior graduation speaker sent out GSSM Spring Break begins after classes & ends Sunday, April 7 at 7pm. No Accelerate classes
March 29-April 5	

APRIL

Friday, April 5	Departmental academic award and institutional award nominations due
Saturday, April 13	Accelerate Engineering Lab (makeup), Chemistry Lab (makeup) National Test Day: ACT
Saturday, April 20	Prom
Monday, April 22	Notice of Potential Unsatisfactory Grade given to students by faculty

MAY

Thursday, May 2	LWE begins after classes & ends Sun. at 7pm.
Saturday May 4	National Test Day: SAT Accelerate senior presentations via Zoom
May 6-17	AP Exams with abbreviated class schedules TBD
May 6-10	Accelerate senior exams
Saturday, May 18	Accelerate Completion Ceremony
Sunday, May 19	Residential Academic Awards Program, 2pm (all faculty teaching Residential)
May 20-24	Accelerate sophomore and junior exams
Wednesday, May 22	Last day of spring semester classes
Thursday, May 23	Review/Reading Day
May 24-25 27-29	Exams (Students may not sign out for the weekend during exams)
Wednesday, May 29	Senior Banquet, 6pm (All seniors and any juniors remaining on campus)
Thursday, May 30	Residential graduation practice at 2pm Non-satisfactory grades due for all students by noon Course grades due by noon in PowerSchool; Academic Review Committee meeting
Thursday, May 30	Graduation at 11am
Friday, May 31	

JUNE

Saturday, June 1	National Test Date: SAT
Thursday, June 6	Final report cards mailed home.
Saturday, June 8	National Test Day: ACT
June 9–July 19	Summer Research & Inquiry Experiences for Class of 2024

*Note: Thursday January 18 will be used as an emergency makeup class day if necessary.