



ACADEMIC CALENDAR

FALL SEMESTER 2020

Full Semester				Cycle 1			
Mon -Thu	Aug-Sept	31 - 3	Welcome Week/ Virtual Orientation	Mon -Thu	Aug-Sept	31 - 3	Welcome Week/ Virtual Orientation
Mon	Sept	7	Labor Day - no classes all campuses, day and evening	Mon	Sept	7	Labor Day - no classes all campuses, day and evening
Tue	Sept	8	Professional Day	Tue	Sept	8	Professional Day
Wed	Sept	9	Full Semester: Classes Begins	Wed	Sept	9	Cycle 1: Classes Begins
Tue	Sept	15	Full Semester: Last day to add classes and drop classes with 100% refund	Tue	Sept	15	Cycle 1: Last day to add classes and drop class with 100% refund
Tue	Sept	22	Full Semester: Last day to withdraw with a 50% refund	Tue	Sept	22	Cycle 1: Last day to withdraw with a 50% refund
Wed	Oct	7	Full Semester: Gardner Day Academic Warnings Due				
				Thu	Oct	8	Cycle 1: Last day to withdraw
				Mon-Wed	Oct	7-14	Full-time & Adjunct Faculty Evaluations
Mon	Oct	12	<i>Columbus Day - no classes all campuses, day and evening</i>	Mon	Oct	12	<i>Columbus Day - no classes all campuses, day and evening</i>
				Wed	Oct	28	Cycle 1: Last day of classes
				Cycle 2			
				Mon	Nov	2	Cycle 2: Classes Begin
Mon	Nov	2 to 13	CURRENT STUDENT REGISTRATION period for spring	Mon	Nov	2 to 13	CURRENT STUDENT REGISTRATION period for spring
				Mon	Nov	9	Cycle 2: Last day to add classes and drop classes with 100% refund
Mon	Nov	9	Full Semester: Last day to withdraw				
Wed	Nov	11	<i>Veterans Day celebrated - no classes all campuses, day and evening</i>	Wed	Nov	11	<i>Veterans Day celebrated - no classes all campuses, day and evening</i>
				Tue	Nov	17	Cycle 2: Last day to withdraw with a 50% refund
Mon-Sat	Nov	16 - 21	Full-time Faculty Evaluations	Mon-Sat	Nov	16 - 21	Full-time Faculty Evaluations
Wed-Sa	Nov	25-28	<i>Thanksgiving Holiday - no classes all campuses, day and evening</i>	Wed-Sat	Nov	25-28	<i>Thanksgiving Holiday - no classes all campuses, day and evening</i>
Mon-Sat	Nov/Dec	30-5	Adjunct Faculty Evaluations	Mon-Sat	Nov/Dec	30-5	Adjunct Faculty Evaluations
				Mon	Dec	7	Cycle 2: Last day to withdraw
Wed	Dec	23	Full Semester: Last day of classes	Wed	Dec	23	Cycle 2: Last day of classes

The academic calendar is subject to change. Please refer to mwcc.edu/academic/academic-calendar.

ALL final exams/projects will be administered in the last week of classes at the regularly scheduled time and class meeting location, unless noted on the class syllabus.



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Key Registration Terms and Definitions

Adding a Course: Courses can be added anytime on or before the date listed on the Academic Calendar as “Last Day to add classes and drop classes with 100% refund.”

Dropping a Course: This term applies to the complete removal of a course from a student’s permanent record. This can be done through student’s WebConnect account or by contacting the Advising Center on or before the “Last Day to add classes and drop classes with 100% refund.” Dropped courses will not appear on the student’s transcript. If a student notifies the Advising Center after this date, the course will be considered a withdrawal, and will remain on the student’s permanent record with a grade of “W”. The date students request the withdrawal will determine whether there is any payment refund.

Never Attending: In the week after add/drop, instructors must report students who have never attended (never participated for online classes) per regulations of the Department of Higher Education. Students who never attend will be dropped from the class and charged 50% of the cost of the class. Students who change plans and decide not to take a class, should drop the course during the add/drop period on the academic calendar in order to not be charged for the course. The course will not appear on the student’s transcript. Financial aid may be reduced to reflect the reduction in active credit hours.

Stopping out: Instructors are also required to report students who stop attending at any point prior to the last day to withdraw, as noted on the academic calendar. It is the students’ responsibility to communicate with faculty regarding all absences/missed assignments. Students who are reported as “stopping out” will earn a grade of “F” and be charge 100% of the cost of the course. Financial aid may be reduced to reflect the reduction in active credit hours.

Course Withdrawal: Students CANNOT withdraw on WebConnect. In order to be considered as withdrawn from a course, a student must be withdrawn through the Advising Center on or before the date listed on the Academic Calendar as “Last Day to Withdraw.” If these requirements are met, the student will receive an automatic grade of W. There is a 50% refund period for withdrawals listed on the academic calendar. All withdrawals after the 50% period have no payment refund – students will pay the full price of the course.

Please note that dropping, never attending, stopping out, and withdrawing from courses may affect your financial aid award/eligibility.

Key Offices to contact for assistance with adding, dropping or withdrawing from courses:

Advising Center (978) 630-9109 or Advisor@mwcc.mass.edu

Leominster Campus (978) 630-9810 or Leominster@mwcc.mass.edu

Devens Campus (978) 630-9569 or Devens2@mwcc.mass.edu

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