Academic Calendar 1

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Bethel operates on an early semester calendar with two 15-week semesters and a three-week session in January. Bethel offers five summer sessions.

Fall Semester 2024

Residence halls open (new students)	August 29
Residence halls open, noon (returning students)	August 30
Labor Day	September 2
Classes begin	September 3
Last day to add/drop a first-half or full-term course	September 10
Fall break	October 4
Homecoming	October 11-13
Family Weekend	October 11-13
Last day to withdraw from a first-half of term course	October 18
Last day of first half term courses	October 22
First day of Second half term courses	October 23
Advising Day (no day classes; night classes are held)	October 30
Last day to add/drop a second-half of term course	October 30
Registration for January Session and Spring	November 12, 14, 19, & 21
Thanksgiving break begins (Tuesday night classes are held)	November 27
Last day to withdraw from a full-term course	November 29
Classes resume	December 2
Festival of Christmas	December 5-7
Last day to withdraw from a second-half of term course	December 6
Last day of classes	December 13
Final examinations	December 16, 17, 19, & 20
Study day	December 18
Commencement	December 20
Residence halls close, noon	December 21

January Session 2025

Residence halls open, noon	January 5
Classes begin	January 6
Last day to add/drop a course	January 9
Martin Luther King Jr. Day (no classes)	January 20
Last day to withdraw from a course	January 23
Last day of classes	January 28

Spring Semester 2025

Classes begin	February 3
Last day to add/drop a first-half or full-term course	February 10
Spring Break	March 10-14
Spring break ends/Classes resume	March 17

Academic Calendar 2

Last day to withdraw from a first-half of term course	March 21
Last day of first half term courses	March 27
First day of second half term courses	March 28
Last day to add/drop a second-half of term course	April 4
Good Friday (no classes)	April 18
Monday after Easter (no classes)	April 21
Registration for Summer and Fall	April 22, 24, 29, & May 1
Last day to withdraw from a full-term course	May 2
Last day to withdraw from a second-half of term course	May 9
Last day of classes	May 16
Final examinations	May 19, 20, 22, & 23
Study day	May 21
Senior Celebration	May 23
Commencement	May 24
Residence halls close for returning students, noon	May 24
Residence halls close for graduating seniors, noon	May 25

Summer School 2025

Term A start date (Term end dates vary by course)	May 27
Term B start date (Term end dates vary by course)	June 18
Term C start date (Term end dates vary by course)	June 18
Term D start date (Term end dates vary by course)	May 27
Term E start date (Term end dates vary by course)	June 18