

# ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Bethel operates on an early semester calendar with two 15-week semesters and a three-week interim in January.

## Fall Semester 2023

Fall Personal Learning Plan (PLP) Meetings	Monday, August 8- Friday, August 18
Residence halls open (New first-year students)	Wednesday, August 23
Residence halls open (Returning second-year students)	Saturday, August 26
Classes begin	Monday, August 28
Labor Day (no classes)	Monday, September 4
Homecoming & Family Weekend	Friday, September 29 - Sunday, October 1
Fall break (Students need to be checked out of their room by 9:00 pm on Thursday, October 5 and can return anytime after 12:00 noon on Sunday, October 8)	Thursday evening, October 5 - Sunday afternoon, October 8
First Half Ends	Tuesday, October 17
Second Half Begins	Wednesday, October 18
Advising Day (No day classes, night classes are held) & BUILD Registration for January Session and Spring	Wednesday, October 25
Thanksgiving break (Tuesday night classes are held. Students need to be checked out of their room by 9:00 pm on Tuesday, November 21 and can return anytime after 12:00 noon on Sunday, November 26)	Tuesday evening, November 21 - Sunday afternoon, November 26
Classes resume	Monday, November 27
Festival of Christmas (tickets required)	Thursday, November 30 - Saturday, December 2
Last day of classes, Second Half Ends	Friday, December 8
Final examinations	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, December 11, 12, 14, & 15
Study Day (No classes) & Internship Fair	Wednesday, December 13
Christmas Break (Students must check-out of their residence hall 24 hours after their last final or by 9:00 p.m. on Friday, December 15, whichever comes first)	Friday, December 15 - Tuesday, January 2

## Extended Spring Semester 2024

Students return	Tuesday afternoon, January 2
Classes begin for January Term	Wednesday, January 3
Spring Personal Learning Plan (PLP) Meetings	Monday, January 8 - Wednesday, January 31
Martin Luther King Jr. Day (No classes)	Monday, January 15
Last day of classes for January Term	Thursday, January 25
January Session Break (Students need to be checked out of their room by 9:00 pm on Thursday, January 25 and can return anytime after 12:00 noon on Wednesday, January 31)	Thursday, January 25 - Wednesday, January 31
Students return	Wednesday afternoon, January 31

## Academic Calendar 2

Classes begin	Thursday, February 1
Spring Break (Students who are not part of SMP trips need to be checked out of their room by 9:00 pm on Friday, March 8 and can return anytime after 12:00 noon on Sunday, March 17)	Friday evening, March 8 - Sunday afternoon, March 17
Students return	Sunday afternoon, March 17
Classes resume	Monday, March 18
First Half Ends	Tuesday, March 26
Second Half Begins	Wednesday, March 27
Easter Break (Thursday night classes are held. Students need to be checked out of their room by 9:00 pm on Thursday, March 28 and can return anytime after 12:00 noon on Monday, April 1)	Thursday evening, March 28 - Monday afternoon, April 1
Students return	Monday afternoon, April 1
Classes resume	Tuesday, April 2
Advising Day & BUILD Registration for Fall (Students meet with their advisor to register for fall classes)	Wednesday, April 10
Last day of Spring classes, Second Half Ends	Friday, May 17
Final examinations	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, May 20, 21, 23 & 24
Study day & Internship Fair	Wednesday, May 22
Exit Personal Learning Plan (PLP) Meetings	Monday, May 22 - Friday, May 31
End of year (First-year students need to check-out of their room 24 hours after their last final or by 9:00 p.m. on Friday, May 24, whichever comes first)	Friday, May 24
Commencement	Saturday, May 25
Residence halls close for second-year graduating students in BUILD, noon	Sunday, May 26