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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



### WELCOME TO SOUTH PIEDMONT COMMUNITY COLLEGE!

The famous baseball coach Yogi Berra once said, “If you don’t know where you are going, you might wind up someplace else.” The decision to go to college says that you have made a decision on a destination and recognize that the shortest path to success is by continuing your education. Why do people choose to attend South Piedmont Community College? Let me give a few of the reasons: More than 90 programs which include high-quality transfer programs and articulations designed to help you succeed at the university level; relevant and current workforce programs taught with state of the art equipment by highly qualified faculty; and Early College, High School Equivalency, and Adult High School programs that will put you on the path to success, all supported by friendly faculty and staff.

So how do you get started? Make an appointment with a counselor to develop your pathway and create a plan by assessing your interests and aptitudes. Meet with the financial aid office to develop a financial plan that will lay the foundation to be successful. South Piedmont Community College is a comprehensive community college, one of 58 in the North Carolina System. We are affordable. We are convenient with online classes and locations in Monroe, Polkton, and Wadesboro. We care about our students and the communities we serve.

I want to leave you with a final quote from Benjamin Franklin: “An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest.” Feel free to call or e-mail me for assistance in achieving your goals at SPCC.

Stanley M. Sidor, Ed.D.  
President

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## HISTORY OF THE COLLEGE

South Piedmont is North Carolina's newest community college, having been created in 1999 by the North Carolina General Assembly. The legislature's action abolished Anson Community College and assigned the new college's service area as Anson and Union counties in south-central North Carolina.

South Piedmont is in the unique position of being a new institution with a proud history. The institution traces its roots to 1962, with the founding of the Ansonville unit of the Charlotte Industrial Education Center. In collaboration with Stanly Community College, it also provided years of service in Union County as Union Technical Education Center.

The institution was originally designated as the Ansonville Industrial Education Center in November 1962 by action of the State Department of Public Instruction. On December 2, 1967, the Anson County Board of Education and County Commissioners officially appointed a local Board of Trustees. As a result, the Ansonville Industrial Education Center became Anson Technical Institute, a unit of the Department of Community Colleges of North Carolina.

Further progress, larger enrollment, and additional support from the community, especially Polkton Mayor W. Cliff Martin, enabled Anson Technical Institute to acquire land, obtain additional funds, and complete construction of a 28,000-square-foot building in Polkton in 1977. To better reflect the offerings of the institution, the Board of Trustees on June 7, 1979, changed the name to Anson Technical College.

In 1981, Union Technical Education Consortium was created when Central Piedmont Community College voluntarily withdrew from Union County and the North Carolina Department of Community Colleges authorized service in the county by a consortium of Anson and Stanly community colleges.

Effective November 1, 1987, the official name of Anson Technical College was changed to Anson Community College.

On May 19, 1999, Gov. Jim Hunt signed a bill, based upon recommendations of an independent study team, that abolished Anson Community College and Union Technical Education Center and created North Carolina's newest community college. The signing of this bill created a single college with two campuses, one in Anson County and one in Union County, to serve the residents of both counties, and a new 14-member board of trustees was appointed.

The new college was named South Piedmont Community College on August 3, 1999, using one of the 441 different names suggested during a contest held during July.

South Piedmont expanded its operations, adding new buildings at the L. L. Polk Campus in Polkton, adding a new campus at Old Charlotte Highway, Monroe, and opening the Lockhart-Taylor Center in Wadesboro. The Center for Technology and Health Education was opened at the Old Charlotte Highway Campus in 2013.

New programs continue to be added to the College's offerings, and enrollment has continued to grow. In fall 2014, credit programs served 2,647 students, continuing education (non-credit) programs served 3,929, and adult literacy programs enrolled 1,485.

## STRATEGIC PLAN 2013-2016

As a learning college, South Piedmont Community College (SPCC) promotes and celebrates learning as the process that changes and improves lives. This applies to our students, employees, and the college itself. We are an organization in which people continually expand their ability to grow and learn.

The Strategic Plan highlights this focus on learning through our Vision (what we want to be), Mission (who we are), Values (what directs our decisions), and Strategic Directions (what actions we will take to fulfill the Vision and Mission).

### **Our Vision is:**

To be the premier community college of choice, offering a full complement of general education, transfer pre-majors, career and technical education, and workforce and economic development programming to prepare students to be productive citizens in the global community.

### **Our Mission is:**

Learning, student success, and workforce and community development

### **We Value a Personal and Institutional Commitment to:**

- Affordable, quality access to excellent educational opportunities
- Academic achievement and student success
- Public and private partnerships
- Lifelong learning
- Data-driven decision making
- Respect for individuals
- Transparency through accurate and reliable communication
- Integrity, accountability, and ethical conduct
- Highest levels of financial stewardship
- Responsiveness, adaptability, and flexibility
- Innovation
- Continuous improvement
- Collaboration and teamwork
- Diversity and inclusiveness
- Sustainability
- Extraordinary customer service
- Community outreach

### **Strategic Direction One** ***Expand Student Program Opportunities***

**Strategic Goal 1: SPCC will create and maintain innovative educational programming of the highest quality that supports the educational and career goals of students.**

#### **Key Strategies:**

- 1-A *Expand and improve the collaborative educational pipeline from Anson and Union public and private schools to increase the number of students earning transferable college credits, degrees, and/or industry-specific certifications.*
- 1-B *Align the college curriculum with the K-12 curriculum.*
- 1-C *Develop additional transfer pre-major opportunities, reflective of the needs and wants of students.*
- 1-D *Develop additional joint educational programs, partnership programs, and articulation agreements*



*with accredited institutions and public private entities to increase the number of course and degree options available to students.*

- 1-E *Increase opportunities for co-op education, internships, and job placement.*
- 1-F *Develop new programs and courses that align with the changing needs of business and industry, including programs and services focused on agriculture.*
- 1-G *Create new programs and services which support developmental education needs of students and reduce the time spent in developmental education.*
- 1-H *Develop new educational programs and services that meet the needs of an aging community.*

## **Strategic Direction Two** **Create a Culture of Innovative Learning**

**Strategic Goal 2: SPCC will develop a learner-centered culture that provides employees the resources to deliver quality instruction and support services that foster contextualized learning and allow for the measurement of academic success of learners.**

### **Key Strategies:**

- 2-A *Integrate appropriate general education competencies into gateway courses.*
- 2-B *Develop and implement an educational master plan.*
- 2-C *Expand student learning outcomes assessment to all programs and courses delivered by SPCC.*
- 2-D *Increase distance learning opportunities and services.*
- 2-E *Implement strategies that reduce student costs for educational materials.*
- 2-F *Create a faculty-driven instructional innovation and research center to identify and implement emerging educational trends and best practices.*
- 2-G *Increase professional development opportunities for all employees.*
- 2-H *Increase faculty innovation and educational programming through aggressive grant development.*

## **Strategic Direction Three** **Increase Enrollment and Retention**

**Strategic Goal 3: SPCC will increase the enrollment, retention, persistence, and graduation rates through strengthening academic and student support services.**

### **Key Strategies:**

- 3-A *Implement recruitment and admission practices to increase the enrollment of all student populations.*
- 3-B *Provide intrusive and holistic interventions and engagement strategies to reach all student populations.*
- 3-C *Create and offer expanded test preparation and study skills workshops.*
- 3-D *Implement the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) to improve academic advising.*
- 3-E *Implement a First Year Experience (FYE) program.*
- 3-F *Strengthen tutoring and Supplemental Instruction (SI).*
- 3-G *Create and offer targeted test modules in mathematics, reading, English/writing.*
- 3-H *Increase library resources and targeted supplemental programming to support new and enhanced programs.*

## **Strategic Direction Four** **Improve the Marketing Presence of the Institution**

**Strategic Goal 4: SPCC will ensure that it is recognized as the premier community college of choice in its service area.**

### **Key Strategies:**

- 4-A *Gather and utilize community input through focus groups, advisory boards, and community*

- connections and involvement.*
- 4-B *Develop a marketing plan to highlight the quality, value, and innovation that SPCC brings to students, business and industry, and the community.*
  - 4-C *Develop a relevant, meaningful, and consistent social media presence.*
  - 4-D *Create multiple aligned avenues to sustain dialogue with business, industry, education, and community partners.*
  - 4-E *Develop a diverse and meaningful community events series and publish a calendar to inform and encourage residents to participate in college-sponsored events.*
  - 4-F *Increase student activities to meet the interests and needs of students and encourage community participation.*
  - 4-G *Inform the community of the progress of the college and opportunities to assist through the SPCC Foundation.*

### **Strategic Direction Five** **Improve the Quality of Operations and Services**

**Strategic Goal 5: SPCC will improve the quality of its operations and services.**

**Key Strategies:**

- 5-A *Create a strategic planning process that tracks and measures progress toward completion of key strategies.*
- 5-B *Ensure the effectiveness of the institution through ongoing accreditation activities, quality improvement efforts, and data-driven-decision making.*
- 5-C *Implement change to practices and programs based on evaluation of evidence provided to the Senior Leadership Team by the Planning Council.*
- 5-D *Reduce institutional costs through research and implementation of appropriate education and industry-driven best practices.*
- 5-E *Develop a “Quality Scorecard” to report on college progress to key constituent groups.*
- 5-F *Provide consistent and accurate documentation, evaluation, and reporting of institutional data to all stakeholders in a timely manner.*

### **Strategic Direction Six** **Create a Collaborative College Community**

**Strategic Goal 6: SPCC will cultivate and support a collaborative environment of civility and inclusion that respects individual differences and opinions.**

**Key Strategies:**

- 6-A *Create and support methods for college constituency groups to participate in the governance of the college.*
- 6-B *Improve the method for measuring the internal climate of the college and demonstrate the use of results for quality improvement.*
- 6-C *Develop and implement a plan to involve all employees, trustees, and foundation directors in sharing the SPCC story with the public.*

## CORE SKILLS AND LEARNING OUTCOMES

South Piedmont Community College advocates Thinking, Learning, and Interacting as critical competencies for student achievement and lifelong learning in today's global economy. These critical competencies will be supported by six (6) core skills with identified measurable learning outcomes and integrated into the Learning College's instruction and activities.

To ensure the attainment of these core skills, South Piedmont Community College has established the following Core Skills Learning Outcomes:

### Written Communication

- The learner will organize and express ideas clearly through written communication in a manner appropriate for the intended audience.

### Oral Communication

- The learner will organize and express ideas clearly through oral communication in a manner appropriate for the intended audience.

### Intercultural Competence

- The learner will develop awareness, knowledge, and behaviors necessary for intercultural competence.

### Technology

- The learner will choose and utilize appropriate technologies to access, organize, analyze, and communicate information.

### Analysis and Interpretation

- The learner will apply the basic principles of interpretation and analysis to synthesize information.

### Problem Solving

- The learner will apply the basic principles of mathematics and/or scientific inquiry to identify, interpret, evaluate, and solve problems.

## OUTCOMES AND ASSESSMENT

At SPCC, all students participate in the outcomes assessment process. This process helps answer the fundamental learning college question: Are you, as a student, learning? How do we, as an institution, and you, as a student, know? All curriculum programs at SPCC, from the Associate in Arts to Medical Assisting, have program outcomes, course learning outcomes, and core skill outcomes which are assessed.

Program Outcomes answer the question, "What should graduates of this program be able to do?" Program Outcome statements focus on the big picture. All programs have outcomes that are unique to that program. Contact your program advisor to see what will be learned in your program of choice.

Course Learning Outcomes are statements that describe what learning is expected in a course. These outcomes are found in course syllabi and state the knowledge, skills, or abilities students will gain upon successful course completion. SPCC's six (6) Core Skill Outcomes are assessed in every degree program, usually within general education courses.

Results of all assessments are analyzed by instructors to determine what students know and how learning can be improved. The College reserves the right to share samples of student work with regulatory and accrediting bodies.

Decisions about continuous improvement in learning are made in a systematic way using the data from the assessments submitted in TaskStream, the College's online assessment management system.

## SPCC ePORTFOLIO

Beginning in the academic year 2014-2015, each student in a transfer degree program at South Piedmont Community College with a projected graduation date of May 2016 or later will create an ePortfolio as a graduation requirement. The SPCC ePortfolio is a web-based collection of a student's academic experiences and best college work, along with reflections that provide personal and academic contexts for the work. While students make most design and content choices for the ePortfolio, each student must include these minimum components:

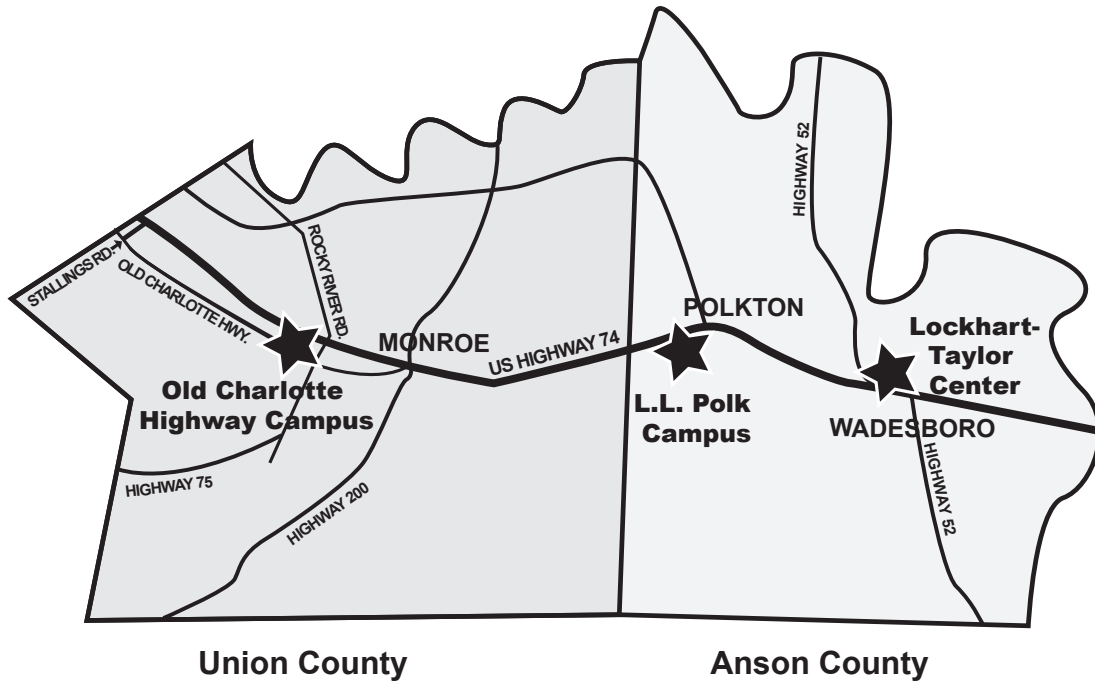
- A welcome page
- A personal introduction
- Short-term and long-term learning goals
- A collection of "Showcase Artifacts" and reflections to highlight mastery of SPCC's General Education Core Skills
- A collection of "Showcase Artifacts" and reflections to highlight mastery of a student's major or program outcomes (not required by all programs)
- A page that highlights a student's additional educational experiences
- A resume

The ePortfolio reflects SPCC's commitment to promote and celebrate learning as the process that changes and improves lives. For students, the ePortfolio provides both a unique learning opportunity based on reflection and self-criticism and an opportunity to showcase personal and academic achievement to faculty, family, friends, transfer institutions, scholarship committees and potential employers.

## HOURS OF OPERATION

South Piedmont Community College offers classes, workshops, and seminars six days a week at various times and locations. The College's normal business hours are Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. Hours may be extended during registration periods. Summer hours of operation may differ at all locations.

To obtain information regarding the College and its programs and services to the community, check our website, [www.spcc.edu](http://www.spcc.edu), or call:



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South Piedmont Community College observes the following holidays: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Easter, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas

## PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND STANDARDS

In February 1999, the North Carolina State Board of Community Colleges adopted 12 performance measures for accountability. Amended in 2007, the performance measures for accountability were modified to eight (8) measures. Effective 2013 the Performance Measures for Student Success Report utilizes new measures, goals, and baselines adopted and approved June 2012. The baselines and goals will remain static for three years and will be reset in 2016.

All community colleges are required to publish their performance on the measures annually in their electronic catalog or on the Internet and in their printed catalog. The Performance Measures and the results for the 2013-2014 fiscal year are as follows:

Data Source: 2015 Performance Measures for Student Success

<b>Performance Measure</b>	<b>System Goal / Baseline</b>	<b>SPCC's Performance</b>
Basic Skills Student Progress	51.2% / 20.6%	47.6%
High School Equivalency Diploma Passing Rate	82.0% / 49.3%	72.3%
Developmental Student Success Rate in College-Level English courses	74.9% / 45.2%	55.7%
Developmental Student Success Rate in College-Level Math Courses	75.4% / 47.5%	66.3%
First Year Progression	74.6% / 53.2%	60.1%
Curriculum Student Completion Rate	45.6% / 28.6%	43.4%
Licensure and Certification Passing Rate	91.7% / 71.0%	78.0%
College Transfer Performance	93.8% / 71.2%	92.4%

The North Carolina Community College System website, [www.nccommunitycolleges.edu](http://www.nccommunitycolleges.edu), contains details about the Performance Measures and Standards.

Visit [www.nccommunitycolleges.edu/Publications/index.html](http://www.nccommunitycolleges.edu/Publications/index.html). Click on 2015 Performance Measures for Student Success Report.

# ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2015 - 2016

*SCHEDULE CHANGES WILL BE PERMITTED PRIOR TO CLASS CENSUS DATE (10 PERCENT POINT);  
DROP CLASS WITH REFUND WILL BE PERMITTED ON OR PRIOR TO CLASS CENSUS DATE*

## FALL SEMESTER 2015 (16 Weeks)

August 17 ..... First Day of Classes  
September 7 ..... Labor Day Holiday (College Closed)  
October 13 ..... Student Break (No Classes)  
October 14 ..... Classes Resume  
October 23 ..... Financial Aid Withdrawal Penalty Period Ends (16-Week Session)  
November 4 ..... Last Day for Student Initiated Withdrawal (16-Week Session)  
November 23 - 28 ..... Fall Break (No Classes)  
November 23 - 28 ..... Thanksgiving Holidays (College Closed)  
November 30 ..... Classes Resume  
December 15 ..... Fall Semester Ends

## FALL SEMESTER 2015 (12 Weeks)

September 15 ..... First Day of 12-Week Session  
October 13 ..... Student Break (No Classes)  
November 4 ..... Financial Aid Withdrawal Penalty Period Ends (12-Week Session)  
November 12 ..... Last Day for Student Initiated Withdrawal (12-Week Session)  
November 23 - 28 ..... Fall Break (No Classes)  
December 15 ..... End of 12-Week Session

## FALL SEMESTER 2015 (8-Week Sessions)

August 17 ..... First Day of 1<sup>st</sup> 8-Week Session  
September 7 ..... Labor Day Holiday (College Closed)  
September 18 ..... Financial Aid Withdrawal Penalty Period Ends (1<sup>st</sup> 8-Week Session)  
September 24 ..... Last Day for Student Initiated Withdrawal (1<sup>st</sup> 8-Week Session)  
October 12 ..... End of 1<sup>st</sup> 8-Week Session  
October 14 ..... First Day of 2<sup>nd</sup> 8-Week Session  
November 16 ..... Financial Aid Withdrawal Penalty Period Ends (2<sup>nd</sup> 8-Week Session)  
November 20 ..... Last Day for Student Initiated Withdrawal (2<sup>nd</sup> 8-Week Session)  
November 23 - 28 ..... Fall Break (No Classes)  
December 15 ..... End of 2<sup>nd</sup> 8-Week Session

## FALL SEMESTER 2015 (5-Week Sessions)

August 17 ..... First Day of 1<sup>st</sup> 5-Week Session  
September 4 ..... Financial Aid Withdrawal Penalty Period Ends (1<sup>st</sup> 5-Week Session)  
September 7 ..... Labor Day Holiday (College Closed)  
September 10 ..... Last Day for Student Initiated Withdrawal (1<sup>st</sup> 5-Week Session)

September 21 .....	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> 5-Week Session
September 22 .....	First Day of 2 <sup>nd</sup> 5-Week Session
October 12 .....	Financial Aid Withdrawal Penalty Period Ends (2 <sup>nd</sup> 5-Week Session)
October 13 .....	Student Break (No Classes)
October 16 .....	Last Day for Student Initiated Withdrawal (2 <sup>nd</sup> 5-Week Session)
October 27 .....	End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> 5-Week Session
November 2 .....	First Day of 3 <sup>rd</sup> 5-Week Session
November 20 .....	Financial Aid Withdrawal Penalty Period Ends (3 <sup>rd</sup> 5-Week Session)
November 23 - 28 .....	Fall Break (No Classes)
December 2 .....	Last Day for Student Initiated Withdrawal (3 <sup>rd</sup> 5-Week Session)
December 11 .....	End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> 5-Week Session

### **FALL SEMESTER 2015 (4-Week Sessions)**

August 17 .....	First Day of 1 <sup>st</sup> 4-Week Session
September 1 .....	Financial Aid Withdrawal Penalty Period Ends (1 <sup>st</sup> 4-Week Session)
September 3 .....	Last Day for Student Initiated Withdrawal (1 <sup>st</sup> 4-Week Session)
September 7 .....	Labor Day Holiday (College Closed)
September 14 .....	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> 4-Week Session
September 15 .....	First Day of 2 <sup>nd</sup> 4-Week Session
September 30 .....	Financial Aid Withdrawal Penalty Period Ends (2 <sup>nd</sup> 4-Week Session)
October 2 .....	Last Day for Student Initiated Withdrawal (2 <sup>nd</sup> 4-Week Session)
October 12 .....	End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> 4-Week Session
October 13 .....	Student Break (No Classes)
October 14 .....	First Day of 3 <sup>rd</sup> 4-Week Session
October 29 .....	Financial Aid Withdrawal Penalty Period Ends (3 <sup>rd</sup> 4-Week Session)
November 2 .....	Last Day for Student Initiated Withdrawal (3 <sup>rd</sup> 4-Week Session)
November 10 .....	End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> 4-Week Session
November 11 .....	First Day of 4 <sup>th</sup> 4-Week Session
November 23 - 28 .....	Fall Break (No Classes)
December 3 .....	Financial Aid Withdrawal Penalty Period Ends (4 <sup>th</sup> 4-Week Session)
December 7 .....	Last Day for Student Initiated Withdrawal (4 <sup>th</sup> 4-Week Session)
December 15 .....	End of 4 <sup>th</sup> 4-Week Session

### **SPRING SEMESTER 2016 (16 Weeks)**

January 11 .....	First Day of Classes
January 18 .....	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday (College Closed)
March 17 .....	Financial Aid Withdrawal Penalty Period Ends (16-Week Session)
March 25 - 27 .....	Easter Holiday (College Closed)
March 28 - April 1 .....	Spring Break (No Classes)
April 2 .....	Classes Resume
April 6 .....	Last Day for Student Initiated Withdrawal (16-Week Session)
May 10 .....	Spring Semester Ends
May 11 .....	Graduation



**SPRING SEMESTER 2016 (12 Weeks)**

February 9.....First Day of 12-Week Session  
March 25 - 27 .....Easter Holiday (College Closed)  
March 28 - April 1.....Spring Break (No Classes)  
April 6 .....Financial Aid Withdrawal Penalty Period Ends (12-Week Session)  
April 14 .....Last Day for Student Initiated Withdrawal (12-Week Session)  
May 10.....End of 12-Week Session

**SPRING SEMESTER 2016 (8-Week Sessions)**

January 11.....First Day of 1<sup>st</sup> 8-Week Session  
January 18.....Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday (College Closed)  
February 12 .....Financial Aid Withdrawal Penalty Period Ends (1<sup>st</sup> 8-Week Session)  
February 18 .....Last Day for Student Initiated Withdrawal (1<sup>st</sup> 8-Week Session)  
March 7 .....End of 1<sup>st</sup> 8-Week Session  
March 8 .....First Day of 2<sup>nd</sup> 8-Week Session  
March 25 - 27 .....Easter Holiday (College Closed)  
March 28 - April 1.....Spring Break (No Classes)  
April 18 .....Financial Aid Withdrawal Penalty Period Ends (2<sup>nd</sup> 8-Week Session)  
April 22 .....Last Day for Student Initiated Withdrawal (2<sup>nd</sup> 8-Week Session)  
May 10.....End of 2<sup>nd</sup> 8-Week Session

**SPRING SEMESTER 2016 (5-Week Sessions)**

January 11.....First Day of 1<sup>st</sup> 5-Week Session  
January 18.....Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday (College Closed)  
February 1 .....Financial Aid Withdrawal Penalty Period Ends (1<sup>st</sup> 5-Week Session)  
February 4 .....Last Day for Student Initiated Withdrawal (1<sup>st</sup> 5-Week Session)  
February 15 .....End of 1<sup>st</sup> 5-Week Session  
February 16 .....First Day of 2<sup>nd</sup> 5-Week Session  
March 7 .....Financial Aid Withdrawal Penalty Period Ends (2<sup>nd</sup> 5-Week Session)  
March 10 .....Last Day for Student Initiated Withdrawal (2<sup>nd</sup> 5-Week Session)  
March 21 .....End of 2<sup>nd</sup> 5-Week Session  
March 25 - 27 .....Easter Holiday (College Closed)  
March 28 - April 1.....Spring Break (No Classes)  
April 4 .....First Day of 3<sup>rd</sup> 5-Week Session  
April 22 .....Financial Aid Withdrawal Penalty Period Ends (3<sup>rd</sup> 5-Week Session)  
April 27 .....Last Day for Student Initiated Withdrawal (3<sup>rd</sup> 5-Week Session)  
May 6.....End of 3<sup>rd</sup> 5-Week Session

**SPRING SEMESTER 2016 (4-Week Sessions)**

January 11.....First Day of 1<sup>st</sup> 4-Week Session  
January 18.....Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday (College Closed)  
January 27 .....Financial Aid Withdrawal Penalty Period Ends (1<sup>st</sup> 4-Week Session)

January 29 .....	Last Day for Student Initiated Withdrawal (1 <sup>st</sup> 4-Week Session)
February 8 .....	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> 4-Week Session
February 9 .....	First Day of 2 <sup>nd</sup> 4-Week Session
February 24 .....	Financial Aid Withdrawal Penalty Period Ends (2 <sup>nd</sup> 4-Week Session)
February 26 .....	Last Day for Student Initiated Withdrawal (2 <sup>nd</sup> 4-Week Session)
March 7 .....	End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> 4-Week Session
March 8 .....	First Day of 3 <sup>rd</sup> 4-Week Session
March 23 .....	Financial Aid Withdrawal Penalty Period Ends (3 <sup>rd</sup> 4-Week Session)
March 25 - 27 .....	Easter Holiday (College Closed)
March 28 - April 1 .....	Spring Break (No Classes)
April 4 .....	Last Day for Student Initiated Withdrawal (3 <sup>rd</sup> 4-Week Session)
April 12 .....	End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> 4-Week Session
April 13 .....	First Day of 4 <sup>th</sup> 4-Week Session
April 28 .....	Financial Aid Withdrawal Penalty Period Ends (4 <sup>th</sup> 4-Week Session)
May 2 .....	Last Day for Student Initiated Withdrawal (4 <sup>th</sup> 4-Week Session)
May 10 .....	End of 4 <sup>th</sup> 4-Week Session

### **SUMMER TERM 2016 (8 WEEKS)**

May 31 .....	First Day of Classes
July 4 .....	Independence Day Holiday (College Closed)
July 5 .....	Financial Aid Withdrawal Penalty Period Ends (8-Week Session)
July 11 .....	Last Day for Student Initiated Withdrawal (8-Week Session)
July 26 .....	End of Summer Term

### **SUMMER TERM 2016 (4-WEEK SESSIONS)**

May 31 .....	First Day of Classes
June 15 .....	Financial Aid Withdrawal Penalty Period Ends (1 <sup>st</sup> 4-Week Session)
June 20 .....	Last Day for Student Initiated Withdrawal (1 <sup>st</sup> 4-Week Session)
June 27 .....	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> 4-Week Session
June 28 .....	First Day of 2 <sup>nd</sup> 4-Week Session
July 4 .....	Independence Day Holiday (College Closed)
July 14 .....	Financial Aid Withdrawal Penalty Period Ends (2 <sup>nd</sup> 4-Week Session)
July 19 .....	Last Day for Student Initiated Withdrawal (2 <sup>nd</sup> 4-Week Session)
July 26 .....	End of Summer Term