

# ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Bethel operates on an early semester calendar with two 15-week semesters and a three-week session in January that is part of the Extended Spring Semester. There is no support staff scheduled over breaks. Anyone wanting to stay on campus during break must email [build-program@bethel.edu](mailto:build-program@bethel.edu) at least one week prior to the start of the break to detail why you are requesting to stay on campus. BUILD will consider whether it is possible to arrange for support staff to cover the break as part of determining whether the request can be approved. If your request is not approved then you can still come to campus during the day while campus is open from 6:00 am until 9:00 pm but cannot stay in the residence halls and will not have any support staff available to support you while you are on campus.

## Fall Semester 2025

Fall Personal Learning Plan (PLP) Meetings	Monday, August 4- Thursday, August 21
Residence halls open (New first-year students)	Friday, August 22
Residence halls open (Returning second-year students)	Sunday, August 24
Classes begin	Wednesday, August 27
Labor Day (no classes)	Monday, September 1
Fall break (Students need to be checked out of their room by 9:00 pm on Thursday, October 9 and can return anytime after 12:00 noon on Sunday, October 12)	Thursday evening, October 9 - Sunday afternoon, October 12
Homecoming & Family Weekend	Friday, October 17 - Sunday, October 19
First Half Ends	Monday, October 20
Advising Day (No day classes, night classes are held) & BUILD Registration for January Session and Spring	Wednesday, October 22
Second Half Begins	Thursday, October 23
Thanksgiving break (Tuesday night classes are held. Students need to be checked out of their room by 9:00 pm on Tuesday, November 25 and can return anytime after 12:00 noon on Sunday, November 30)	Tuesday evening, November 25 - Sunday afternoon, November 30
Classes resume	Monday, December 1
Festival of Christmas (tickets required)	Thursday, December 4 - Saturday, December 6
Last day of classes, Second Half Ends	Friday, December 12
Final examinations	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, December 15, 16, 18, & 19
Study Day (No classes) & Internship Fair	Wednesday, December 17
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 19, whichever comes first)	Friday, December 19 - Tuesday, January 4

## Extended Spring Semester 2026

Students return	Sunday afternoon, January 4
January Session Classes Begin	Monday, January 5
Spring Personal Learning Plan (PLP) Meetings	Monday, January 5 - Tuesday, January 27

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Martin Luther King Jr. Day (No classes)	Monday, January 19
Last day of classes for January Term	Tuesday, January 27
January Session Break (Students need to be checked out of their room by 9:00 pm on Tuesday, January 27 and can return anytime after 12:00 noon on Sunday, February 1)	Tuesday, January 27 - Sunday, February 1
Students return	Sunday afternoon, February 1
Spring Session Classes Begin	Monday, February 2
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 13 and can return anytime after 12:00 noon on Sunday, March 22)	Friday evening, March 13 - Sunday afternoon, March 22
Students return	Sunday afternoon, March 22
Classes resume	Monday, March 23
First Half Ends	Friday, March 27
Second Half Begins	Monday, March 30
Easter Break (Thursday night classes are held. Students need to be checked out of their room by 9:00 pm on Thursday, April 2 and can return anytime after 12:00 noon on Sunday, April 5)	Thursday evening, April 2 - Sunday afternoon, April 5
Students return	Sunday afternoon, April 5
Classes resume	Monday, April 6
Last day of Spring classes, Second Half Ends	Friday, May 15
Final examinations	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, May 18, 19, 21 & 22
Study Day & BUILD Spring Dinner	Wednesday, May 20
Exit Personal Learning Plan (PLP) Meetings	Monday, May 18 - Friday, May 29
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 22, whichever comes first)	Friday, May 22
Commencement	Saturday, May 23
Residence halls close for second-year graduating students in BUILD, noon	Sunday, May 24