

**UAB School of Optometry
Academic Calendar 2025 - 2026**

FALL SEMESTER 2025

DATE	DAY	EVENT
August 4-8	Monday - Friday	Orientation for Incoming First Years
August 11	Monday	Fall Classes and Clinics Begin
August 23	Saturday	Super Saturday
September 1	Monday	Labor Day Holiday
September 14	Sunday	50% Tuition Payment Due
October 3-5	Friday - Sunday	Alabama Optometric Association Convention*
October 8-11	Wednesday - Saturday	AAO Meeting* - Boston, MA
October 6-7	Monday and Tuesday	Fall Mini-Break (First Years)
October 12	Sunday	Remaining Tuition Balance Due
October 13-14	Monday and Tuesday	Fall Mini-Break (Second - Fourth Years)
November 26-28	Wednesday - Friday	Thanksgiving Holiday
December 1-5	Monday - Friday	Gift of Sight - Western Health Center
December 2 <i>or</i> 4	Tuesday <i>or</i> Thursday	NBEO Part II PAM Exam (Fourth Years)
December 5	Friday	Last Day of Fall Classes and Clinics
December 5	Friday	Deadline for Mandatory Course & Instructor Evaluations
December 8-12	Monday - Friday	Fall Final Exam Week
December 12	Friday	Final Grades Due by Noon
December 15, 2025 - January 2, 2026	Monday - Friday	Term Break - Winter Holidays

SPRING SEMESTER 2026

DATE	DAY	EVENT
January 5, 2026	Monday	Spring Classes and Clinics Begin
January 19	Monday	Martin Luther King Holiday - UABSO Closed
February 2	Monday	50% Tuition Payment Due
February 21	Saturday	Ophthalmic Lasers Course (Third Years)
February 25 - March 1	Wednesday - Sunday	SECO Meeting* - Atlanta, GA
March 9	Monday	Remaining Tuition Balance Due
March 9-13	Monday - Friday	Spring Break (First Years)
March 10	Tuesday	Optometry Students at Legislature (Second Years)
March 12-20	Thursday - Friday	NBEO Part I ABS Exam Break (Third Years)
March 16	Monday	White Coat Ceremony (First Years)
March 16, 17, 18, <i>or</i> 19	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, <i>or</i> Thursday	NBEO Part I ABS Exam (Third Years)
February 16	Monday	Clinic Orientation (First Years)
March 23-27	Monday - Friday	Spring Break (Second - Fourth Years)
April 3	Friday	<i>Spring Visit for Entering Class</i>
May 1	Friday	Last Day of Spring Classes and Clinics
May 3-7	Sunday - Thursday	ARVO Annual Meeting* - Denver, CO
May 4-8	Monday - Friday	Spring Final Exam Week
May 8	Friday	Deadline for Mandatory Course & Instructor Evaluations
May 7	Thursday	Graduate Day & Awards Reception (Fourth Years)
May 8	Friday	Doctoral Convocation & Hooding Ceremony
May 11	Monday	Final Grades Due by Noon
May 11-31	Monday - Sunday	Term Break (First Years)
May 11-15	Monday - Sunday	Term Break (Second - Third Years)

SUMMER SEMESTER 2026

DATE	DAY	EVENT
May 18	Monday	First Summer Session Begins (Second and Third Years)
May 25	Monday	Memorial Day Holiday - UABSO Closed
June 1	Monday	Summer Classes Begin (First Years)
TBD		50% Tuition Payment Due
June 19	Friday	Juneteenth - UABSO Closed
June 26	Friday	First Summer Session Ends (Second and Third Years)
June 29	Monday	Second Summer Session Begins (Second and Third Years)
June 17-20	Wednesday - Saturday	American Optometric Association Meeting* - Phoenix, AZ
July 3	Friday	Independence Day Observed - UABSO Closed
TBD		Remaining Tuition Balance Due
TBD		CEC Orientation (First Years)
July 24	Friday	Summer Classes End (First Years)
July 27-31	Monday - Friday	Summer Final Exam Week (First Years)
August 7	Friday	Deadline for Mandatory Course & Instructor Evaluations
August 7	Friday	Second Summer Session Ends (Second and Third Years)
August 10	Monday	Final Grades Due By Noon

* Clinic absence must be requested and made up.

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This calendar is subject to change depending on the needs of the program, unforeseen events, and unplanned occurrences.