

Tentative UAB School of Optometry 2026-2027 Academic Calendar

FALL SEMESTER 2026

DATE	DAY	EVENT
August 10-14	Monday - Friday	Orientation for Incoming First Years
August 17	Monday	Fall Classes and Clinics Begin
TBD	TBD	Super Saturday
September 7	Monday	Labor Day Holiday
TBD	TBD	50% Tuition Payment Due
October 1-4	Thursday - Sunday	Alabama Optometric Association Convention* - Birmingham, AL
September 30 - October 3	Wednesday - Saturday	American Academy of Optometry Meeting* - Anaheim, CA
October 5-6	Monday and Tuesday	Fall Mini-Break (First Years)
October 12-13	Monday and Tuesday	Fall Mini-Break (Second - Fourth Years)
TBD	TBD	Remaining Tuition Balance Due
November 25-27	Wednesday - Friday	Thanksgiving Holiday
TBD	TBD	Gift of Sight - Western Health Center
December 1 or 3	Tuesday or Thursday	NBEO Part II PAM Exam (Fourth Years)
December 11	Friday	Last Day of Fall Classes and Clinics
December 14-18	Monday - Friday	Fall Final Exam Week
December 18	Friday	Deadline for Mandatory Course & Instructor Evaluations
December 21	Monday	Final Grades Due by Noon
December 21, 2026 - January 1, 2027	Monday - Friday	Term Break - Winter Holidays

SPRING SEMESTER 2027

DATE	DAY	EVENT
January 4, 2027	Monday	Spring Classes and Clinics Begin
January 18	Monday	Martin Luther King Holiday - UABSO Closed
TBD	TBD	White Coat Ceremony (First Years)
TBD	TBD	50% Tuition Payment Due
TBD	Saturday	Ophthalmic Lasers Course (Third Years)
March 3-7	Wednesday - Sunday	Southern College of Optometry Meeting* - Atlanta, GA
TBD	TBD	Remaining Tuition Balance Due
TBD	TBD	NBEO Part I ABS Exam Break (Third Years)
TBD	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday	NBEO Part I ABS Exam (Third Years)
TBD	TBD	Clinic Orientation (First Years)
TBD	TBD	Spring Visit for Entering Class
March 8-12	Monday - Friday	Spring Break (First Years)
TBD	TBD	Optometry Students at Legislature (Second Years)
March 22-26	Monday - Friday	Spring Break (Second - Fourth Years)
April 30	Friday	Last Day of Spring Classes and Clinics
TBD	Sunday - Thursday	Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology Annual Meeting* -
May 3-7	Monday - Friday	Spring Final Exam Week
May 7	Friday	Deadline for Mandatory Course & Instructor Evaluations
May 10	Monday	Final Grades Due by Noon
May 10-16	Monday - Sunday	Term Break (Second - Third Years)
May 10-31	Monday - Monday	Term Break (First Years)
TBD	TBD	Graduate Day & Awards Reception (Fourth Years)
TBD	TBD	Doctoral Convocation & Hooding Ceremony

SUMMER SEMESTER 2027

DATE	DAY	EVENT
May 17	Monday	First Summer Session Begins (Second and Third Years)
May 31	Monday	Memorial Day Holiday - UABSO Closed
June 1	Tuesday	Summer Classes Begin (First Years)
TBD	TBD	50% Tuition Payment Due
June 18	Friday	Juneteenth Holiday - UABSO Closed
June 25	Friday	First Summer Session Ends (Second and Third Years)
June 28	Monday	Second Summer Session Begins (Second and Third Years)
TBD	Wednesday - Saturday	American Optometric Association Meeting* -
July 5	Monday	Independence Day Holiday (observed) - UABSO Closed
TBD	TBD	Remaining Tuition Balance Due
TBD	TBD	CEC Orientation (First Years)
July 23	Friday	Summer Classes End (First Years)
July 26-30	Monday - Friday	Summer Final Exam Week (First Years)
August 6	Friday	Deadline for Mandatory Course & Instructor Evaluations
August 6	Friday	Second Summer Session Ends (Second and Third Years)
August 9	Monday	Final Grades Due By Noon

* Clinic absence must be requested and made up.