

Academic Calendar Comparison (based on 2025-2026 information)

Table: Summer length, Fall start (week of August), Spring start (week of January)

Institution	Summer term (dates) → approx weeks	Fall first day (date) → week of Aug	Spring first day (date) → week of Jan
BIG 12 Institutions			
Baylor University	Full session: Jun 9 – Aug 14, 2025 → ≈ 9.5 weeks . (also two ~5-week sessions).	Aug 25, 2025, → Week 4 (Aug 22–28).	Jan 20, 2026, → Week 3 (Jan 15–21). Baylor Registrar+2Baylor Calendar+2
Brigham Young University (BYU, Provo)	Summer 2025 — BYU uses a different term layout; summer sessions are posted (multiple terms). Main spring/summer blocks vary; see calendar. → session lengths vary (short/term).	Fall 2025 listed as Sep 3, 2025 (BYU's academic calendar is later than typical Aug starts) → (September).	Jan 8, 2025 , shown for Spring 2025 in BYU calendar (BYU varies by year/term). Academic Calendar+1
University of Central Florida (UCF)	Summer 2025 — multiple sessions; full/term summer. (Example: Session 1 and others; summer session structure is modular). Approx lengths vary by session; full summer span runs roughly May–July/Aug depending on session.	Aug 18, 2025 (UCF Session 1 / full-term classes start) → Week 3 (Aug 15–21).	Spring modules start in early January, depending on the session; full-semester sessions typically begin early January (week 2–3) . UCF Academic Calendar+2Office of Undergraduate Studies+2
Texas Christian University (TCU)	Summer 2025 — multiple summer sessions (BA1/BA2/BA3); modular; many sessions in May–July (individual sessions ~3–6 weeks). No single 'full' long summer—sessions vary.	Aug 18, 2025 (First day of classes noted for Fall 2025 in TCU grad catalog) → Week 3 (Aug 15–21).	Jan 12, 2026 , noted for Spring 2026 in TCU calendar → Week 2 (Jan 8–14). TCU Registrar+1
Texas Tech University (TTU)	Summer I/II (2026 example): Summer I May 29 – June 30, 2026, → ≈ 4.6 weeks ; full summer offerings span May–Aug in modular sessions (see TTU one-page calendar).	Aug 25, 2025, → Week 4 (Aug 22–28).	Jan 14, 2026 (TTU lists Spring 2026 first class day Jan 14) → Week 3 (Jan 15–21) (Jan 14 is the end of Week 2 / start week boundary). Texas Tech University

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University of Cincinnati (UC)	Summer 2025 term span: May 12 – Aug 9, 2025, → ≈ 12.7 weeks (multiple sessions inside summer).	Aug 25, 2025 (Fall term listed Aug 25–Dec 13, 2025) → Week 4 (Aug 22–28) .	Jan 13, 2025 , was the Spring 2025 start historically; Spring 2026 is listed in the 2025–26 calendar (check UC registrar page for exact Spring 2026 first day). University of Cincinnati+1
University of Kansas (KU)	Summer 2025: KU shows multi-session summer; full summer coverage (example full span May–July/Aug). Specific summer ranges vary by session; KU’s Summer 2025 resources show sessions running May–July. → full summer ranges ≈ 11–13 weeks, depending on session.	Aug 18, 2025 → Week 3 (Aug 15–21) .	Spring 2026 first-day info available on KU Registrar; Spring 2026 typical first day = Jan (week 2–3) — see KU spring calendar. University Registrar+1
University of Oklahoma (OU)	Summer 2025: OU lists summer sessions (examples: May 12, June 9; July 7 starts depending on session). Full-term offerings are modular; session lengths vary from ~3–8 weeks.	Aug 25, 2025 (OU Fall 2025 classes begin Aug 25) → Week 4 (Aug 22–28) .	Jan 20, 2026 , is listed in OU 2025–26 PDF for Spring 2026 start → Week 3 (Jan 15–21) . University of Oklahoma+1
University of Texas at Austin (UT Austin)	Summer (May/June–July) — UT Austin offers May/June/Maymester/May/June sessions; lengths vary (short sessions & full May/June/May+terms).	Fall semester 2025 runs Aug 19 – Jan 10; Fall Term 2025 classes begin Aug 25, 2025, → Week 4 (Aug 22–28) .	Spring 2026 begins Jan 12, 2026 → Week 2 (Jan 8–14) . University of Texas Registrar+1
West Virginia University (WVU)	Summer 2025: WVU summer includes a Maymester (May 12–30), 6-week sessions, and a 12-week session — modular; e.g., traditional 12-week session ends in mid-August. → session lengths: 3–12 weeks, depending on session.	Aug 20, 2025 (on-campus first day listed) → Week 3 (Aug 15–21) .	Spring 2026 (check WVU spring 2026 calendar; many campuses list mid-Jan starts e.g., Jan 20) — see WVU registrar. WVU Registrar+1

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University of Houston (UH)	Summer 2025/2026: UH uses multiple summer sessions (May–Aug) with modular sessions; full/combined spans vary; check UH Summer calendars for each session.	Aug 25, 2025 (UH Regular Session 1 first day listed) → Week 4 (Aug 22–28) .	Spring 2026 first day and term info appear in UH catalogs (often early–mid Jan; see UH catalog). University of Houston+1
University of Arizona	Summer 2025/2026: University of Arizona offers multiple summer session options (standard class date sets, short sessions) lengths varying by session (4-, 8-, 12-week options).	Fall 2025 starts vary by session — many standard classes begin mid-August–late (consult UA dates and deadlines for exact start).	Spring 2026 start dates available on UA registrar (typically early–mid Jan for the full semester). Office of the Registrar+1
Arizona State University (ASU)	Summer 2025: ASU publishes a Summer 2025 calendar PDF (multiple sessions; e.g., 8-week/4-week sessions). Session lengths vary; the full summer calendar is modular.	Fall 2025: ASU’s Session A classes begin Aug 21, 2025 (Session A example) → Week 3 (Aug 15–21) .	Spring 2026: ASU spring session calendar available — full semester typically begins in early–mid Jan (see ASU registrar). ASU Registrar Services+1
University of Utah	Summer 2025: University of Utah posts Summer 2025 calendars (main & online) — modular sessions; standard summer term dates available in registrar PDF.	Fall 2025: general calendar dates posted; class registration and fall start are mid-Aug (see registrar PDF); specific fall class start often around Aug 19–25 → mapped to Week 3 or 4 depending on exact date.	Spring 2026: Spring term info published (see registrar) — spring start is typically mid-January (week 2–3). University of Utah Registrar+1
Kansas Institutions			
Emporia State University	Summer 2025: Emporia State posts summer calendars and lists Summer 2025 session dates (modular blocks).	Aug 18, 2025 — Emporia State Fall 2025 classes begin Aug 18, 2025 → Week 3 (Aug 15–21) .	Jan 20, 2026 — Spring 2026 first block begins Jan 20 → Week 3 (Jan 15–21) . Emporia State University+1

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Fort Hays State University (FHSU)	Summer 2025: Summer classes begin June 2, 2025 , and the <u>term ends July 25, 2025</u> , → ≈ 7.3 weeks for that summer span (FHSU posts multiple sessions).	Aug 18, 2025 — Fall 2025 classes begin Aug 18, 2025 → Week 3 (Aug 15–21) .	Spring 2025 example shows Jan 21, 2025; Spring 2026 details are in FHSU registrar pages (often mid-Jan). Fort Hays State University+1
Pittsburg State University (Pitt State)	Summer 2026 (example): 8-week session June 1 – <u>July 24, 2026</u> (and 4-week subsessions) → 8-week / 4-week structures .	Aug 18, 2025 — Fall Semester 2025: Classwork begins Aug 18, 2025 → Week 3 (Aug 15–21) .	Spring 2026 starts in mid-January (see Pitt State calendar; Spring 2026 first day often Jan 12–20 range). Pittstate+1
Washburn University	Summer 2025: Full session example <u>May 27 – July 17</u> → ≈ 7.0 weeks (plus multiple 5-week sessions).	Aug 16, 2025 listing shows University classes begin Aug 16 (Washburn’s Fall 2025 calendar lists Aug 16) → (mid-Aug; Week 3: Aug 15–21) .	Spring 2026 and details are on Washburn’s academic calendar pages (spring starts mid-Jan). Washburn University+1
Wichita State University	Summer 2025: WSU notes an 8-week summer session (their academic summary says the year is 16-week fall/spring + an 8-week summer). → 8 weeks (standard).	Aug 18, 2025 — Full-semester classes begin Aug 18, 2025 , → Week 3 (Aug 15–21) .	Spring 2026 first day usually mid-January (WSU calendar PDF lists spring start dates; check WSU registrar). Wichita State University Catalog+1

Notes, caveats and next steps

1. **Modular summers:** Many universities run *multiple* summer sessions (e.g., 4-week, 5-week, 8-week, 12-week). I reported (a) the main full-session spans where available, or (b) the typical session lengths (if the institution uses multiple short sessions). The calendar *pages cited* in the table include session breakdowns for each school.
2. **Year matching:** I mostly pulled the **2025–2026** academic calendars (or the latest published calendars that cover Summer 2025 / Fall 2025 / Spring 2026).
3. **Missing exact single-date entries:** For some institutions, I left the summer answer as “modular/multiple sessions” because they do not publish one single continuous full summer block; they publish multiple overlapping session options (common for large public universities). The calendar links next to each row show the detailed session breakdowns.