

**SUNY COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY
ACADEMIC CALENDAR
MAY 2025 - MAY 2026**

Revised: 08/18/2025

Classes, Clinics & Labs		Midterm Exams (no classes, clinics or labs)	Final Exams (no classes, clinics or labs)
First Year - (Class of 2029)			
Orientation	August 14 & 15		
Fall Semester	Aug. 18, 2025 – Dec. 8, 2025	Oct. 14, 2025 – Oct. 20, 2025	Dec. 9, 2025 – Dec. 18, 2025
Spring Semester	Jan. 5, 2026 – May 4, 2026	Feb. 26, 2026 – Mar. 6, 2026	May 5, 2026–May 15, 2026

Second Year - (Class of 2028)			
Fall Semester	Aug. 18, 2025 – Dec. 8, 2025	Oct. 14, 2025 – Oct. 20, 2025	Dec. 9, 2025 – Dec. 18, 2025
Spring Semester	Jan. 5, 2026 – May 4, 2026	Feb. 26, 2026 – Mar. 6, 2026	May 5, 2026–May 13, 2026

Third Year (midterms scheduled during class time) – (Class of 2027)		
Orientation	May 16, 2025 (White Coat Ceremony will be held on May 30 th)	
Summer term	May 27, 2025 – August 9, 2025	Aug. 11, 2025 – Aug. 15, 2025
Fall term	August 18, 2025 – November 3, 2025	Nov. 4, 2025 – Nov. 7, 2025
Winter term	November 10, 2025 – February 7, 2026 Winter break: Dec. 19, 2025 – Jan. 3, 2026	Feb. 9, 2026 – Feb. 13, 2026
Spring term	February 17, 2026 – May 11, 2026 Clinics Only: Feb. 17 – Mar. 7, 2026 Class/Clinics resume: March 23, 2026 – May 11, 2026	May 12, 2026 – May 15, 2026
Orientation	March 26, 2026 (Rising 4 th Year Orientation)	

Fourth Year Clinic Rotations – (Class of 2026)		Quarterly Orientation (For Internal Rotations Only)
Summer rotation	May 27, 2025 – August 13, 2025	May 27, 2025
Fall rotation	August 18, 2025 – November 5, 2025	August 19, 2025
Winter rotation	Nov. 10, 2025 – Feb. 13, 2026 (Break: Dec. 24 – Jan. 4) (Break: Feb. 17 - Feb. 20)	November 11, 2025
Spring rotation	February 23, 2026 – May 15, 2026 (Capstone: May 19, 2026)	February 24, 2026

Graduate Program			
Summer Session	May 27, 2025 – August 1, 2025	(Class time)	Aug. 4, 2025 – Aug. 8, 2025
Fall Semester	Aug. 18, 2025 – Dec. 8, 2025	Oct. 14, 2025 – Oct. 20, 2025	Dec. 9, 2025 – Dec. 18, 2025
Spring Semester	Jan. 5, 2026 – May 4, 2026	Feb. 26, 2026 – Mar. 6, 2026	May 5, 2026–May 15, 2026

It is the policy of SUNY College of Optometry that faculty, staff or students may be excused from classes and UEC clinics for the observance of religious holidays if advance notice is given. Excused absence from clinic for religious observances requires advance notice to the appropriate UEC Service Chief at the beginning of the term for coverage and rescheduling. For academic courses, faculty must notify their Department Chair and students must notify the course Instructor of Record at the beginning of the term or as soon as the syllabus is available. Students are responsible for any missed material, requirements, labs or clinics and must ensure that any missed examinations or assessments are made up. Faculty must take vacation leave for missed days.

Severe Weather Emergencies

When severe weather occurs, the President may decide to cancel or move to remote access for classes, labs and/or clinic assignments. To close the college, a directive or declaration from the Governor's office is required.

Closure or cancellation/remote access notices will be made through the following outlets:

- College website – <http://www.sunyopt.edu>
- SUNY Optometry Emergency Mass Notification System and Office365 Email Alerts
- Recorded message on the College's main telephone number (212-938-4000)

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HOLIDAYS, EVENTS, BREAKS & PROGRAM START DATES

YEAR 2025		
May 26, 2025	Monday	MEMORIAL DAY (Building Closed)
May 30, 2025	Friday	Class of 2027 – White Coat Ceremony
June 7, 2025	Saturday	(3 rd & 4 th year clinics are scheduled)
June 13, 2025	Friday	2024-2025 Resident's Program Farewell Ceremony
June 19, 2025	Thursday	JUNETEENTH (Building Closed)
June 25-28, 2025	Wed. – Sat.	AOA meeting. Classes, labs and clinics are in session.
July 1, 2025	Tuesday	2025-2026 Resident's Program begins
July 4, 2025	Friday	INDEPENDENCE DAY (Building closed)
August 26, 2025	Tuesday	Faculty Meeting
September 1, 2025	Monday	LABOR DAY (Building Closed)
September 23 & 24, 2025	Tues. & Wed.	No classes scheduled. (3 rd and 4 th year clinics are scheduled)
September 30, 2025	Tuesday	UEC Clinical Faculty Meeting
October 2, 2025	Thursday	No classes scheduled. (3 rd and 4 th year clinics are scheduled)
October 8 - 11, 2025	Wed. – Sat.	AAO Meeting. Classes, labs and clinics are in session.
October 13, 2025	Monday	INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY (Building Closed)
October 21, 2025	Tuesday	Presidential Inauguration. No classes, labs or clinics scheduled.
October 24 - 26, 2025	Fri. – Sun.	Envision
November 11, 2025	Tuesday	Veteran's Day. Classes, labs and clinics are in session.
November 26, 2025	Wednesday	No classes scheduled. No 3 rd & 4 th yr. UEC clinics scheduled.
November 27, 2025	Thursday	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY (Building Closed)
November 28, 2025	Friday	No classes, labs or clinics scheduled. Library access TBA.
December 2 or 4, 2025	Tuesday or Thursday	NBEO Part II Exam – 4 th year class (Students choose one day to take the exam) Preceding day of your exam is a study day.
December 18, 2025	Thursday	Faculty Meeting/Staff Recognition Ceremony/Holiday Party (Clinics Closed)
December 25, 2025	Thursday	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY (Building Closed)
YEAR 2026		
January 1, 2026	Thursday	NEW YEAR'S DAY (Building Closed)
January 5, 2026	Monday	3 rd yr schedules and 4 th year rotations resume.
January 19, 2026	Monday	MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY (Building Closed)
January 20, 2026	Tuesday	UEC Clinical Faculty Meeting
February 16, 2026	Monday	PRESIDENT'S DAY (Building Closed)
March 8 & 9, 2026	Sun. & Mon.	Faculty Retreat/Faculty Meeting
March 9 - 13, 2026	Mon. – Fri.	SPRING RECESS (1 st , 2 nd years and graduate program)
March 9 – 21, 2026	Mon. – Sat.	Third Year Study Break for NBEO
March 16 - 19, 2026	Mon. – Thurs.	NBEO Part I – 3 rd year class
March 12 & 13, 2026	Thurs. & Fri.	Residency Major Presentation (No am/pm clinics, evening clinics are in session)
March 20, 2026	Friday	No classes scheduled. (3 rd and 4 th year clinics are scheduled)
March 23, 2026	Monday	3 rd year class/clinic schedules resume.
March 26, 2026	Thursday	Class of 2027 – General 4 th Year Clinical Orientation (tentative date)
April 3, 2026	Friday	No classes scheduled. (3 rd and 4 th year clinics are scheduled)
April 22 - 26, 2026	Tues. – Sat.	OVDR Meeting. Classes, labs and clinics are in session.
May 3 - 7, 2026	Sun. – Thurs.	ARVO Meeting. Classes, labs and clinics are in session.
May 12, 2026	Tuesday	Faculty Meeting
May 14 & 15, 2026	Thurs. & Fri.	Class of 2028 – Third Year Clinical Orientation. White Coat Ceremony held on 5/15.
May 15, 2026	Friday	Class of 2028 - White Coat Ceremony
May 19, 2026	Tuesday	Class of 2026 - Capstone Program
May 20, 2026	Wednesday	UEC Clinical Faculty Meeting
May 21, 2026	Thursday	Commencement - CLASS OF 2026!!!!!!
May 25, 2026	Monday	MEMORIAL DAY (Building Closed)
May 26, 2026	Tuesday	4 th year summer rotation begins (Class of 2027) & Grad. Program 3 rd year summer quarter begins (Class of 2028)
** Dates are subject to change when necessary.		