

**SUNY COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY
ACADEMIC CALENDAR
MAY 2026 - MAY 2027**

12/12/2025

<u>Classes, Clinics & Labs</u>	<u>Midterm Exams</u> (no classes, clinics or labs)	<u>Final Exams</u> (no classes, clinics or labs)
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First Year - (Class of 2030)

Orientation	August 13 & 14		
Fall Semester	Aug. 17, 2026 – Dec. 7, 2026	Oct. 13, 2026 – Oct. 19, 2026	Dec. 8, 2026 – Dec. 17, 2026
Spring Semester	Jan. 4, 2027 – May 3, 2027	Feb. 25, 2027 – Mar. 5, 2027	May 4, 2027–May 14, 2027

Second Year - (Class 9)

Fall Semester	Aug. 17, 2026 – Dec. 7, 2026	Oct. 13, 2026 – Oct. 19, 2026	Dec. 8, 2026 – Dec. 17, 2026
Spring Semester	Jan. 4, 2027 – May 3, 2027	Feb. 25, 2027 – Mar. 5, 2027	May 4, 2027–May 12, 2027

Third Year (midterms) – (Class of 2028)

Orientation	May 14 & 15, 2026 (White Coat Ceremony will be held on May 15 th)		
Summer term	May 26, 2026 – August 8, 2026	Aug. 10, 2026 – Aug. 14, 2026	
Fall term	August 17, 2026 – November 2, 2026		Nov. 3, 2026 – Nov. 6, 2026
Winter term	November 9, 2026 – February 6, 2027 Winter break: Dec. 18, 2026 – Jan. 2, 2027		Feb. 8, 2027 – Feb. 12, 2027
Spring term	February 16, 2027 – May 10, 2027 Clinics Only: Feb. 16 – Mar. 6, 2027 Class/Clinics resume: March 22, 2027 – May 10, 2027		May 11, 2027 – May 14, 2027
Orientation	March 25, 2027 (Rising 4 th Year Orientation)		

Fourth Year Clinic – (Class of 2027)

		<u>Quarterly Orientation</u> (For Internal Rotations Only)
Summer rotation	May 26, 2026 – August 12, 2026	May 26, 2026
Fall rotation	August 17, 2026 – November 4, 2026	August 18, 2026
Winter rotation	Nov. 9, 2026 – Feb. 12, 2027 (Break: Dec. 24 – Jan. 3) (Break: Feb. 16 - Feb. 19)	November 10, 2026
Spring rotation	February 22, 2027 – May 14, 2027 (Capstone: May 18, 2027)	February 23, 2027

Graduate Program

Summer Session	May 26, 2026 – July 31, 2026	(Class time)	Aug. 3, 2026 – Aug. 7, 2026
Fall Semester	Aug. 17, 2026 – Dec. 7, 2026	Oct. 13, 2026 – Oct. 19, 2026	Dec. 8, 2026 – Dec. 17, 2026
Spring Semester	Jan. 4, 2027 – May 3, 2027	Feb. 25, 2027 – Mar. 5, 2027	May 4, 2027–May 14, 2027

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)

Holidays, Events and Breaks on next page →

HOLIDAYS, EVENTS, BREAKS & PROGRAM START DATES

YEAR 2026		
May 25, 2026	Monday	MEMORIAL DAY (Building Closed)
May 27, 2026	Wednesday	No classes scheduled. (3 rd and 4 th year clinics are scheduled)
June 12, 2026	Friday	2025-2026 Resident's Program Farewell Ceremony
June 17-20, 2026	Wed. – Sat.	AOA meeting. Classes, labs and clinics are in session.
June 19, 2026	Friday	JUNETEENTH (Building Closed)
July 1, 2026	Wednesday	2026-2027 Resident's Program begins
July 4, 2026	Saturday	INDEPENDENCE DAY (Building closed)
August 25, 2026	Tuesday	Faculty Meeting
September 7, 2026	Monday	LABOR DAY (Building Closed)
September 12, 2026	Saturday	(3 rd and 4 th year clinics are scheduled)
September 21, 2026	Monday	No classes scheduled. (3 rd and 4 th year clinics are scheduled)
September 29, 2026	Tuesday	UEC Clinical Faculty Meeting
Sept. 30 – Oct.3, 2026	Wed. – Sat.	AAO Meeting. Classes, labs and clinics are in session.
October 12, 2026	Monday	INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY (Building Closed)
October 23 - 25, 2026	Fri. – Sun.	Envision
November 11, 2026	Wednesday	Veteran's Day. Classes, labs and clinics are in session.
November 25, 2026	Wednesday	No classes scheduled. No 3 rd & 4 th yr. UEC clinics scheduled.
November 26, 2026	Thursday	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY (Building Closed)
November 27, 2026	Friday	No classes, labs or clinics scheduled. Library access TBA.
December 1 or 3, 2026	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 17, 2026	Thursday	Faculty Meeting/Staff Recognition Ceremony/Holiday Party (Clinics Closed)
December 25, 2026	Friday	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY (Building Closed)
YEAR 2027		
January 1, 2027	Friday	NEW YEAR'S DAY (Building Closed)
January 4, 2027	Monday	3 rd yr schedules and 4 th year rotations resume.
January 18, 2027	Monday	MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY (Building Closed)
January 19, 2027	Tuesday	UEC Clinical Faculty Meeting
February 15, 2027	Monday	PRESIDENT'S DAY (Building Closed)
March, 2027 (TBD)	(TBD)	Faculty Retreat/Faculty Meeting
March 8 - 12, 2027	Mon. – Fri.	SPRING RECESS (1 st , 2 nd years and graduate program)
March 8 – 20, 2027	Mon. – Sat.	Third Year Study Break for NBEO
March 10, 2027	Wednesday	4 th year clinics are scheduled (for guidance on religious observance, please refer to our policy on the first page of this calendar)
March 11 & 12, 2027	Thurs. & Fri.	Residency Major Presentation (No am/pm clinics, evening clinics are in session)
March 15 - 18, 2027	Mon. – Thurs.	NBEO Part I – 3 rd year class
March 22, 2027	Monday	3 rd year class/clinic schedules resume.
March 25, 2027	Thursday	Class of 2028 – General 4 th Year Clinical Orientation (tentative date)
March 26, 2027	Friday	No classes scheduled. (3 rd and 4 th year clinics are scheduled)
March 30–April 3, 2027	Tues. – Sat.	OVDI Meeting. Classes, labs and clinics are in session.
May 2 - 6, 2027	Sun. – Thurs.	ARVO Meeting. Classes, labs and clinics are in session.
May 11, 2027	Tuesday	Faculty Meeting
May 13 & 14, 2027	Thurs. & Fri.	Class of 2029 – Third Year Clinical Orientation
May 14, 2027	Friday	Class of 2029 - White Coat Ceremony (afternoon)
May 18, 2027	Tuesday	Class of 2027 - Capstone Program
May 19, 2027	Wednesday	UEC Clinical Faculty Meeting
May 20, 2027	Thursday	Commencement - CLASS OF 2027!!!!!!
May 24, 2027	Monday	4 th year summer rotation begins (Class of 2028) & Grad. Program 3 rd year summer quarter begins (Class of 2029)
May 31, 2027	Monday	MEMORIAL DAY (Building Closed)
** Dates are subject to change when necessary.		