



Fall 2026 & Spring 2027

IMPORTANT DATES - subsequent to adjustments

Full Up to Date Calendar available at <https://www.vandercook.edu/all-events/>

Fall 2026

August 17, 2026	Move-in begins in IIT dorms; Schoology Opens; Fall 26 Student Teacher Seminar
August 21, 2026	New Student Orientation; Segway Tour & Family Dinner
August 22, 2026	New Student Orientation; VCM Community Lunch & Carnival
August 24, 2026	First Day Meetings & Convocation; Student Teaching Begins
August 25, 2026	First Day of Classes
September 4, 2026	End of the Add/Drop period
September 7, 2026	Labor Day - No Classes
September 11, 2026	End of IIT Registration in VCM Classes
September 14, 2026	Library Week Begins
September 15, 2026	ILMEA Audition Preparation Night
September 16, 2026	Undergraduate Recital Request Forms Due
September 17, 2026	Drumline Performance for Breast Cancer Awareness
September 22, 2026	F26 Student Teaching Seminar 5p
September 26, 2026	First Day of One City
September 27, 2026	Prism Concert & Open House, 3:00p
October 5, 2026	Mid-term week begins
October 1, 2026	Spring 2027 Registration Opens
October 2, 2026	Undergraduate Recital Repertoire/ Dress Rehearsal Forms Due
October 4, 2026	Undergraduate Instrument Repair Course (1st of 3 Saturdays)
October 11-18, 2026	Fall Break
October 24, 2026	Undergraduate Instrument Repair Course (2nd of 3 Saturdays)
October 30, 2026	Symphonic Band Fall Tour - Classes & Lessons prior to 3p do not meet
November 6, 2026	Last Day to Withdraw from classes; F25 Student Teaching Seminar 5p
October 31, 2026	Undergraduate Instrument Repair Course (3rd of 3 Saturdays)
November 5, 2026	Jazz & Percussion Concert, 7:00p
November 17, 2026	Visit & Audition Day
November 17, 2026	VanderGiving and Faculty Recital, 5:30 - 7:30p
November 11-14, 2026	Pasic & BOA Grand Nationals in Indianapolis
November 20, 2026	Choral & Orchestra Dress Rehearsal @ Nativity of Our Lord, 4-7p
November 20, 2026	Spring 27 Undergraduate Repertoire & Dress Rehearsal Forms Due
November 22, 2026	Choral & Orchestra Concert @ Nativity of Our Lord, 3p
November 25-29, 2026	Thanksgiving Break - No Classes
December 4, 2026	End of Fall 2026 Regular Classes; Student Teaching Ends
December 5, 2026	One City Winter Concert, 11:00a



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December 7-11, 2026 Final Exam Week; Juries Friday, December 11, 2026
December 11, 2026 Music Content Exam Due for Sp26 Student Teachers
December 12, 2026 Symphonic Band Rehearsal, 9:30a-4:30p
December 16-18, 2026 Midwest Band & Orchestra International Clinic
December 18, 2026 Symphonic Band Performance @ Midwest 11:15a
December 18, 2026 Fall 2026 Degree Conferral

Spring 2027

January 4, 2027 Senior / Professional Education 6 week Classes begin
January 11, 2027 Regular Classes Begin
January 18, 2027 Martin Luther King Day No Classes - Sr. classes meet
January 22, 2027 End of the Add/Drop period and End of IIT Registration in VCM Classes
January 22-23, 2027 ChamberFest 2027 - pending
January 27-30, 2027 Illinois Music Education Conference, Peoria, IL
February 2, 2027 Visit & Audition Day
February 6, 2027 VCM Day of Percussion 2027
February 8, 2027 MECA Online Opens
February 11, 2027 Comp Exams & PCE's for Sp27 Student Teachers **Due** (No Late Submissions Allowed)
February 16, 2027 Q & F Student Teacher Day
February 16, 2027 VCM Concert Invitational at Symphony Center
February 17, 2027 Student Teaching Begins
February 24-27, 2027 ASTA Conference
March 1, 2027 Midterm week begins; Sp27 Student Teacher Seminar, 5p
March 2, 2027 Visit & Audition Day
March 7-10, 2027 ACDA Conference
March 12, 2027 CPS Beginning Band Symposium @ Kelly High School
March 14 - 21, 2027 Spring Break Week - No Classes
March 26, 2027 Semester Break - No Classes
March 29, 2027 Last day to withdraw from classes
March 30, 2027 Student Conductor Concert, 6:30p
April 1, 2027 Fall 2027 Registration begins
April 9, 2027 Junior Visit Day
April 9, 2027 Chamber Ensembles & Chorale Concert, 1:00p
April 20, 2027 Sp25 Student Teacher Seminar, 5p
April 26, 2027 Gala All-School Dress Rehearsal, 1:00-6:00p
April 27, 2027 Gala 2027, 6:00p
April 30, 2027 End of Spring 2027 Regular Classes
May 3 - 7, 2027 Final Exam Week; Juries May 3, 2027



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May 3, 2027	String Ensemble IPO Rehearsal
May 4, 2027	String Ensemble Side by Side IPO - 10a & 12p
May 4, 2027	End of the Year Celebration & Graduate Recognition, 5:00p
May 8, 2027	One City Spring Concert, 11:00a
May 14, 2027	Spring Degree Conferral
May 28, 2027	Student Teaching Ends; Playing Comps & Music Content for F27 Student Teachers Due

Summer 2027

June 7, 2027	MECA Week One
June 14, 2027	First Day of Summer Session (Online Courses)
June 18, 2027	End of the Add/Drop period
June 24, 2027	Undergraduate New Student Online Information Session, 11:00a
July 5, 2027	Independence Day Observance - No Classes
July 6, 2027	First Day of Summer Session On-site Classes
July 14, 2027	Concert in the Park
July 17, 2027	Cohort Review, 1:00-4:00p
July 18, 2027	MMEd Studio Recital, 3:00p
July 21, 2027	Poster Session, 5:30-7:00p
July 22, 2027	Choir / Orchestra Concert, 6:30p
July 23, 2027	Last Day of Classes
July 24, 2027	Commencement Ceremony @ Symphony Center, 2:00p
July 30, 2027	Grades due & Degree Conferral
July 30, 2027	Online MECA Ends & Grades Due

Fall 2027 - Tentative

August 16, 2027	Move-in begins in IIT dorms; F26 Student Teacher Seminar
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