



School of Communication and Information Academic Year Schedule 2023-24

FALL 2023 TERM

Classes begin Tuesday, September 5 (day after Labor Day)

Change of designation days during the week of Thanksgiving:

Tuesday, November 21 will run on a THURSDAY schedule

Wednesday, November 22 will run on a FRIDAY schedule

No classes during Thanksgiving recess, Thursday, November 23 through Sunday, November 26
This means that Saturday classes are not held that week.

End of semester for undergraduate classes:

Last day of classes: Wednesday, December 13

Reading day: Thursday, December 14

Final exams: Friday, December 15 through Friday, December 22

End of semester for graduate classes:

Last day of classes: Wednesday, December 20

Here is a list of when the 15 class meetings are for each day's schedule. Dates in red are days when the schedule is running on a different day than you would expect. (Also note that Saturday classes have fewer than 15 meetings so each class is slightly longer; contact us if you have questions.)

Week	Mon classes will be held on:	Tuesday classes will be held on:	Wednesday classes will be held on:	Thursday classes will be held on:	Friday classes will be held on:	Saturday classes have fewer than 15 meetings
1	11-Sep	5-Sep	6-Sep	7-Sep	8-Sep	Please
2	18-Sep	12-Sep	13-Sep	14-Sep	15-Sep	contact
3	25-Sep	19-Sep	20-Sep	21-Sep	22-Sep	us
4	2-Oct	26-Sep	27-Sep	28-Sep	29-Sep	if you have
5	9-Oct	3-Oct	4-Oct	5-Oct	6-Oct	questions
6	16-Oct	10-Oct	11-Oct	12-Oct	13-Oct	about
7	23-Oct	17-Oct	18-Oct	19-Oct	20-Oct	your
8	30-Oct	24-Oct	25-Oct	26-Oct	27-Oct	Saturday
9	6-Nov	31-Oct	1-Nov	2-Nov	3-Nov	class
10	13-Nov	7-Nov	8-Nov	9-Nov	10-Nov	schedule
11	20-Nov	14-Nov	15-Nov	16-Nov	17-Nov	
12	27-Nov	28-Nov	29-Nov	21-Nov (Tue)	22-Nov (Wed)	
13	4-Dec	5-Dec	6-Dec	30-Nov	1-Dec	
14	11-Dec	12-Dec	13-Dec	7-Dec	8-Dec	
15	18-Dec	19-Dec	20-Dec	14-Dec	15-Dec	

WINTER 2024 TERM

Friday, December 22 through Friday, January 12

SPRING 2024 SEMESTER

Classes begin Tuesday, January 16 (day after M.L.King Day)

No classes during Spring Break, Saturday, March 9 through Sunday, March 17

PLEASE NOTE if you are teaching a Saturday or Sunday class, this means you miss two meetings for Spring Break

End of semester for undergraduate classes:

Last day of classes: Monday, April 29

Reading days: Tuesday, April 30 and Wednesday, May 1

Final exams: Thursday, May 2 through Wednesday, May 8

End of semester for graduate classes:

Last day of classes: Monday, May 6

SUMMER 2024 TERM

First session classes begin on Tuesday, May 28

Last session classes end on Wednesday, August 14

For those teaching fully asynchronous classes:

The standard for awarding credits is defined based on face-to-face classes: campus-based three-credit classes should be, per week, 3 contact hours plus 2 to 3 hours of out-of-class work over a 15 week semester.

Asynchronous classes should have equivalent workloads although obviously there are no “contact hours” per se. In winter and summer, the terms are compressed but the assumption is that the workload comes to a similar total as the same class taught during fall or spring.

In creating your plan for a fully asynchronous class, you are welcome to arrange the deadlines as you wish between the first day of classes and the last day of classes for the term. The course description and learning outcomes should be the same as for campus-based classes, and we ask you to make a syllabus available on the first day of classes for the term that includes information about how the schedule for your class works.

Please do not have assignments due or exams given on days when there are no classes, such as Thanksgiving weekend or Spring Break.

HOLIDAYS THAT OCCUR DURING DAYS RUTGERS IS OPEN MAY AFFECT ATTENDANCE IN CLASSES AND MEETINGS

Please note the responsibility of faculty and instructors, as well as religiously observant students, outlined in the university policy:

It is University policy to excuse, without penalty, students who are absent from class because of religious observance and to allow the make-up of work missed because of such absence. Examinations and special required out-of-class activities shall ordinarily not be scheduled on those days when religiously observant students refrain from participating in secular activities. Absences for reasons of religious obligation shall not be counted for purposes of reporting.

Students are advised to provide timely notification to instructors about necessary absences for religious observances and are responsible for making up the work or exams according to an agreed-upon schedule.

***Note that Jewish and Muslim holy days begin at sundown on the first day indicated.**

Please consult the following resources with information about religious holidays and observances to help you plan your classes, meetings, and work schedules:

Rutgers Student Affairs website on [Absences for Religious Holidays](#) which includes policy statements and lists of dates.

Rutgers Office of Equity and Inclusion website on [Respect Faith Practices](#) which includes policy statements and lists of dates.

Center for Islamic Life at Rutgers University has a [Ramadan guide available](#) from 2023. They will update it before Ramadan next starts, the evening of March 10, 2024, but the helpful tips are still applicable.

Rutgers Hillel has a sheet on [Navigating the Jewish High Holiday Season](#) from 2023. They will update it before Rosh Hashana next begins, the evening of September 15, 2023, but the helpful tips are still applicable.

Federal holidays can be found on [this U.S. Office of Personnel Management site](#).

New Jersey [State holidays can be found on this site](#).

The following chart is reprinted from the Rutgers University Equity and Inclusion site linked above:

Date(s)	Holiday or Observance	Religion
September 15-17, 2023*	Rosh Hashanah	Jewish
September 24-25, 2023*	Yom Kippur	Jewish
September 26-27, 2023*	Mawlid al-Nabi	Islamic
September 29 - October 6, 2023*	Sukkot	Jewish

October 6-7, 2023*	Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah	Jewish
October 15-24, 2023	Navratri	Hindu
November 1, 2023	Feast of All Saints	Christian
November 2, 2023	All Souls' Day	Christian
November 12, 2023	Diwali	Hindu/ Jain/ Sikh
December 7-15, 2023*	Hanukkah	Jewish
December 8, 2023	Feast of the Immaculate Conception	Christian
December 24, 2023	Christmas Eve	Christian
December 25, 2023	Christmas	Christian
December 26, 2023 - January 1, 2024	Kwanzaa	

Spring 2024 dates not provided as of the date of this document.

SELECTED CONFERENCES in our disciplines (dates as of July 7, 2023)

Arranged chronologically

- Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC)
August 7 – 10, 2023 | Washington, DC
- Association for Library and Information Science Conference (ALISE)
October 2 - 5, 2023 | Milwaukee, WI
- Association for Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T) October 27 –
31, 2023 | London, United Kingdom
- National Communication Association (NCA), Seattle, WA
November 16 - 19, 2023 | Forest Heights, MD
- New Jersey Association of School Librarians (NJASL) December 3
- 5, 2023 | Atlantic City, NJ
- Library Learning Experience, American Library Association (ALA)
January 19 - 22, 2024 | Baltimore, MD
- Eastern Communication Association, Buffalo, NY
March 20 - 24, 2024 | Cambridge, MA
- Kentucky Conference on Health Communication (alternates with D.C. Health COMM Conference) April 3 –
6, 2024 | Lexington, KY
- iConference, Virtual Conference
April 15 – 18, 2024 | Virtual Conference
April 22 – 26, 2024 | Changchun, China
- International Conference on Media Industries
April 16 – 19 | Kings College, London
- New Jersey Library Association
Net yet announced for 2024, usually in May/June | Atlantic City,
- International Communication Association (ICA) June 20 -
24, 2024 | Gold Coast, Australia
- American Library Association (ALA) Conference

June 27 – July 2, 2024 | San Diego, CA
ACM SIGIR, Virtual Conference
Not yet announced for 2024, usually in July.
International Association of School Librarianship (IASL), Virtual Conference Not yet
announced for 2024, usually in July.
International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA), Virtual Conference Not
yet announced for 2024, usually in August | Rotterdam, The Netherlands
Special Libraries Association (SLA), Conference
Not yet announced for 2024, usually July/August
International Association for Media and Communication Research (IAMCR)
Not yet announced for 2024, usually in July (likely in New Zealand, soon after ICA)