

WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY

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Academic Calendar

Spring 2008

JANUARY

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|----|---------|--|
| 1 | Tuesday | New Year's Day. University is closed. |
| 21 | Monday | Martin Luther King's Birthday celebrated. University is closed. |
| 22 | Tuesday | First day of classes |
| 29 | Tuesday | Last day for 100 percent refund for withdrawal from spring semester* |

FEBRUARY

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|----|---------|--|
| 12 | Tuesday | Lincoln's Birthday. University is open; classes are in session. |
| 18 | Monday | President's Day celebrated. University is closed; classes are cancelled. |
| 19 | Tuesday | Monday class schedule |
| 26 | Tuesday | Last day for 50 percent refund for withdrawal from spring semester* |

MARCH

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|-------|-----------|---|
| 11 | Tuesday | Last day for academic withdrawal from spring semester |
| 15-23 | Inclusive | Spring break. University is open; classes are cancelled. |
| 21 | Friday | Good Friday. University is closed; classes are cancelled. |
| 22 | Saturday | University is closed; classes are cancelled. |
| 23 | Sunday | Easter. University is closed. |

MAY

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|------|-----------|------------------------|
| 9-16 | Inclusive | Examination period |
| 17 | Saturday | Spring semester ends. |
| 20 | Tuesday | Commencement |
| 21 | Wednesday | Commencement rain date |

**Does not apply to financial aid recipients. See Refund Policy for Title IV Fund Recipients.*

Summer Session I 2008

MAY

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|----|---------|---|
| 26 | Monday | Memorial Day celebrated. University is closed. |
| 27 | Tuesday | First day of classes. Last day for 100 percent refund for withdrawal from Summer Session I. |

JUNE

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|----|-----------|---|
| 9 | Monday | Last day for 50 percent refund for withdrawal from Summer Session I |
| 11 | Wednesday | Last day for academic withdrawal from Summer Session I courses |

JULY

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| 2 | Wednesday | Summer Session I ends. |
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Summer Session II 2008

JULY

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|----|----------|---|
| 4 | Friday | Independence Day. University is closed. |
| 7 | Monday | First day of classes. Last day for 100 percent refund for withdrawal from Summer Session II |
| 17 | Thursday | Last day for 50 percent refund for withdrawal from Summer Session II |
| 22 | Tuesday | Last day for academic withdrawal from Summer Session II courses |

AUGUST

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|----|---------|-------------------------|
| 12 | Tuesday | Summer Session II ends. |
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Fall 2008**SEPTEMBER**

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|----|-----------|--|
| 1 | Monday | Labor Day. University is closed. |
| 2 | Tuesday | First day of classes |
| 10 | Wednesday | Last day for 100 percent refund for withdrawal from fall semester* |

OCTOBER

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|----|---------|--|
| 7 | Tuesday | Last day for 50 percent refund for withdrawal from fall semester* |
| 13 | Monday | Columbus Day celebrated. University is open; classes are in session. |
| 21 | Tuesday | Last day for academic withdrawal from fall semester courses |

NOVEMBER

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|----|----------|---|
| 4 | Tuesday | Election Day. University is open; classes are in session. |
| 11 | Tuesday | Veterans Day. University is open; classes are in session. |
| 27 | Thursday | Thanksgiving Day. University is closed. |
| 28 | Friday | University is open; classes are cancelled. |
| 29 | Saturday | University is open; classes are cancelled. |
| 30 | Sunday | University is open; classes are cancelled. |

DECEMBER

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|-------|-----------|--|
| 12-19 | Inclusive | Examination period |
| 20 | Saturday | Fall semester ends. |
| 21 | Sunday | Winter break begins. |
| 25 | Thursday | Christmas Day. University is closed. |
| 26-31 | | University is closed; classes are cancelled. |

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Spring 2009**JANUARY**

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|-----|---------------------|--|
| 1-2 | Thursday/
Friday | University is closed. |
| 19 | Monday | Martin Luther King's Birthday celebrated. University is closed. |
| 20 | Tuesday | First day of classes |
| 27 | Tuesday | Last day for 100 percent refund for withdrawal from spring semester* |

FEBRUARY

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|----|----------|--|
| 12 | Thursday | Lincoln's Birthday. University is open; classes are in session. |
| 16 | Monday | President's Day celebrated. University is closed; classes are cancelled. |
| 17 | Tuesday | Monday class schedule |
| 24 | Tuesday | Last day for 50 percent refund for withdrawal from spring semester* |

MARCH

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|-------|-----------|--|
| 10 | Tuesday | Last day for academic withdrawal from spring semester |
| 16-21 | Inclusive | Spring break. University is open; classes are cancelled. |

APRIL

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|----|----------|---|
| 10 | Friday | Good Friday. University is closed; classes are cancelled. |
| 11 | Saturday | University is closed; classes are cancelled. |
| 12 | Sunday | Easter. University is closed. |

MAY

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|------|-----------|------------------------|
| 8-15 | Inclusive | Examination period |
| 16 | Saturday | Spring semester ends. |
| 19 | Tuesday | Commencement |
| 20 | Wednesday | Commencement rain date |

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Summer Session I 2009

MAY

- 25 Monday Memorial Day celebrated. University is closed.
26 Tuesday First day of classes. Last day for 100 percent refund for withdrawal from Summer Session I.

JUNE

- 8 Monday Last day for 50 percent refund for withdrawal from Summer Session I
10 Wednesday Last day for academic withdrawal from Summer Session I courses

JULY

- 1 Wednesday Summer Session I ends.

Summer Session II 2009

JULY

- 3 Friday Independence Day celebrated. University is closed.
4 Saturday Independence Day. University is closed.
6 Monday First day of classes. Last day for 100 percent refund for withdrawal from Summer Session II
16 Thursday Last day for 50 percent refund for withdrawal from Summer Session II
21 Tuesday Last day for academic withdrawal from Summer Session II courses

AUGUST

- 11 Tuesday Summer Session II ends.

Fall 2009

SEPTEMBER

- 7 Monday Labor Day. University is closed.
8 Tuesday First day of classes
16 Wednesday Last day for 100 percent refund for withdrawal from fall semester*

OCTOBER

- 12 Monday Columbus Day celebrated. University is open; classes are in session.
13 Tuesday Last day for 50 percent refund for withdrawal from fall semester*
27 Tuesday Last day for academic withdrawal from fall semester courses

NOVEMBER

- 3 Tuesday Election Day. University is open; classes are in session.
11 Wednesday Veterans Day. University is open; classes are in session.
26 Thursday Thanksgiving Day. University is closed.
27 Friday University is open; classes are cancelled.
28 Saturday University is open; classes are cancelled.
29 Sunday University is open; classes are cancelled.

DECEMBER

- 16-23 Inclusive Examination period
24 Thursday Fall semester ends.
25 Friday Christmas Day. Winter break begins. University is closed.
26-31 University is closed. Classes are cancelled.

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Spring 2010**JANUARY**

1	Friday	New Year's Day. University is closed.
18	Monday	Martin Luther King's Birthday celebrated. University is closed.
19	Tuesday	First day of classes
26	Tuesday	Last day for 100 percent refund for withdrawal from spring semester*

FEBRUARY

12	Friday	Lincoln's Birthday. University is open; classes are in session.
15	Monday	President's Day celebrated. University is closed; classes are cancelled.
16	Tuesday	Monday class schedule
23	Tuesday	Last day for 50 percent refund for withdrawal from spring semester*

MARCH

9	Tuesday	Last day for academic withdrawal from spring semester
14-20	Inclusive	Spring break. University is open; classes are cancelled.

APRIL

2	Friday	Good Friday. University is closed; classes are cancelled.
3	Saturday	University is closed; classes are cancelled.
4	Sunday	Easter. University is closed.

MAY

7-14	Inclusive	Examination period
15	Saturday	Spring semester ends.
18	Tuesday	Commencement
19	Wednesday	Commencement rain date

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Summer Session I 2010**MAY**

24	Monday	First day of classes. Last day for 100 percent refund for withdrawal from Summer Session I.
31	Monday	Memorial Day celebrated. University is closed.

JUNE

7	Monday	Last day for 50 percent refund for withdrawal from Summer Session I
9	Wednesday	Last day for academic withdrawal from Summer Session I courses
30	Wednesday	Summer Session I ends.

Summer Session II 2010**JULY**

4	Sunday	Independence Day. University is closed.
5	Monday	Independence Day observed. University is closed.
6	Tuesday	First day of classes. Last day for 100 percent refund for withdrawal from Summer Session II
15	Thursday	Last day for 50 percent refund for withdrawal from Summer Session II
20	Tuesday	Last day for academic withdrawal from Summer Session II courses

AUGUST

10	Tuesday	Summer Session II ends.
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Fall 2010**SEPTEMBER**

6	Monday	Labor Day. University is closed.
7	Tuesday	First day of classes
15	Wednesday	Last day for 100 percent refund for withdrawal from fall semester*

OCTOBER

11	Monday	Columbus Day celebrated. University is open; classes are in session.
12	Tuesday	Last day for 50 percent refund for withdrawal from fall semester*
26	Tuesday	Last day for academic withdrawal from fall semester courses

NOVEMBER

2	Tuesday	Election Day. University is open; classes are in session.
11	Thursday	Veterans Day. University is open; classes are in session.
25	Thursday	Thanksgiving Day. University is closed.
26	Friday	University is open; classes are cancelled.
27	Saturday	University is open; classes are cancelled.
28	Sunday	University is open; classes are cancelled.

DECEMBER

16-23	Inclusive	Examination period
24	Friday	Fall semester ends.
25	Saturday	Christmas Day. University is closed.
26-31	Sunday	Winter break begins. University is .. closed.

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The William Paterson University of New Jersey Mission Statement

The William Paterson University of New Jersey is a comprehensive public institution of higher learning with a mission that incorporates teaching, research and creative activity, and service. Maintaining a tradition of leadership in general education and multiculturalism, the University is committed to promoting student success, academic excellence, and community outreach with opportunities for lifelong learning. ■ It offers rigorous baccalaureate, graduate degree, and certification programs for both traditional and nontraditional students. ■ The University's distinguished teachers, scholars, and professionals actively challenge students to high levels of intellectual and professional accomplishment and personal growth in preparation for careers, advanced studies, and productive citizenship in an increasingly global economy and technological world. ■ The University values diversity and equity as essential to educational excellence, with an obligation by everyone in the University community to create and maintain a climate in which respect and tolerance are recognized as part of the institution's commitment to educational quality.

Approved: Board of Trustees, February 21, 1998



The William Paterson University of New Jersey

Vision Statement

William Paterson University is committed to excellence in all its programs, functions, and services. Members of the University community strive to achieve the highest professional and ethical standards, and work together to realize the institution's vision. ■ The University is dedicated to maintaining a student-centered environment that promotes the academic and professional success of students. Through high-quality educational programs and opportunities provided by distinguished faculty and staff, students will become lifelong learners and seek knowledge, competencies, and skills that will make them responsible and productive citizens committed to improving their communities. Effective academic and extracurricular programming, including innovative course scheduling, and support services will be provided to meet the needs of all students. ■ As the cornerstone of the University, academic excellence is advanced through rigorous educational programs that challenge students to high levels of achievement. Excellence is maintained through program reviews and continuous planning and assessment of curricular and student development initiatives. The research and scholarly endeavors of faculty will be supported, and the library's role as the center of the University's learning environment will be strengthened. ■ The University will maintain state-of-the-art technology with respect to both the infrastructure and its application in teaching, learning, research/scholarship, and administrative functions. To help prepare students in an increasingly interdependent "global village" and world economy, international education will be promoted through appropriate curricular initiatives throughout the campus. ■ In the University's outreach efforts, programs and opportunities will be offered to help address the educational, economic, social, and cultural needs of the state and surrounding region, and continue to contribute to the economic and social development of the City of Paterson. Mutually beneficial relationships will be pursued with schools, private and public agencies, and other institutions of higher education. ■ Recognizing that diversity and multiculturalism are essential to academic excellence, the University reaffirms its commitment to multiculturalism and diversity among faculty, students, staff, administrators, and programs. A climate of civility, tolerance, and respect for others will be maintained, and appropriate measures will be taken to deal effectively with any form of discrimination.

Approved: Board of Trustees, February 21, 1998

Diversity Statement

Diversity enriches the educational experience through the exchange of different ideas, beliefs, and perspectives. Diversity promotes growth and a healthy society because it challenges stereotyped preconceptions; encourages critical thinking; and helps students learn to communicate effectively with people of varied backgrounds.

Diversity strengthens communities; prepares students to become good citizens in an increasingly complex, pluralistic society; fosters mutual respect and teamwork; and helps build communities whose members are judged by the quality of their character and contributions.

Diversity enhances the nation's and the state's economic competitiveness because it brings together individuals from varied and different backgrounds and cultures into the workplace. The William Paterson University of New Jersey is a public university, and accepts as a part of its mission the responsibility to address the needs of the diverse institutions and populations within its region.

The Board of Trustees of William Paterson University strongly reaffirms its support for diversity among faculty, students, staff, and programs, and commits everyone in the William Paterson University community, in their roles and responsibilities, to implement the University's diversity initiatives, and maintain a climate of respect and tolerance as part of the institution's commitment to educational quality.

Approved: Board of Trustees, February 21, 1998

Introduction

Since its founding as Paterson City Normal School in 1855, William Paterson University has provided educational programs and resources for northern New Jersey and its people. Dedicated to excellence and access, and committed to evolving to meet current needs in the field of higher education, the University strives to offer the highest quality programs in the liberal arts and professions.

Located 20 miles west of New York City, William Paterson reflects the diversity of its constituents, approximately 11,000 of whom are enrolled in programs in the University's five Colleges: the College of the Arts and Communication, the Cotsakos College of Business, the College of Education, the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, and the College of Science and Health.

Having developed from an institution dedicated historically, and solely, to the professional preparation of teachers, William Paterson has become a comprehensive public university. Today it offers courses of study in 42

undergraduate and 22 graduate degree programs, as well as a number of programs leading to endorsement for teacher certification and other professional qualifications.

The University's faculty consists of highly talented individuals dedicated to teaching and the pursuit of knowledge and creative expression, 89 percent of whom hold terminal degrees in their fields.

The University is governed by a Board of Trustees and is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, which periodically reviews and reaffirms the accreditation status of William Paterson to ensure continuous improvement and purposeful change. The Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools affirmed its accreditation following the last decennial review in June 2001. At the beginning of the new millennium, the University looks forward to the challenges of the future as it builds on the foundations of the past.