



Wrapping up the  
Spring Semester

April 2026

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**SCHOOL OF PURE AND APPLIED SCIENCES**

# SPAS Meeting Agenda



- School Updates
- Policy Updates
- Academic Committee Updates
- Schedule – Upcoming Events & Key Dates



# SPAS Updates



- **Contracts**

- Coming via Adobe Sign

- **Budget**

- Lab funds are solid
- SPAS is down to enough funds to print!
- Get in your last-minute year-end funding requests! Lab managers for Science, Andy for Math

- **Form 3's** – just a few left!

- **Graduation Ceremonies**

- May 1<sup>st</sup> – Three Ceremonies – Details in emails from VPAA's office

9:00 am

- SoAHSS, ½ non-DE AA students, SoBT

12:30 pm

- SoPAS, SoN, SoAH, ½ non-DE AA students

4:00 pm

- SoE, DE student

Details in the email from Jeannie –  
Be sure to RSVP



# SPAS – Wrapping up Spring 2026!

- Final Exams

Get with Chairs/Coordinators for Common Finals and/or Assessment directions – check your physical mailboxes

- Grade Submissions –

- Due at Thursday, April 30th @1200 (Noon)

- **Check your FSW email and contact phone number every day from the start of final exams week to the day of the deadline, even if you think you're finished. Please make sure we have a working number for you.**
- Any student receiving an F or an I also requires a last date of attendance. For ground classes, that is the last day they attended class, for online students you can use the last day they submitted an assignment.
- Don't forget page 2!
- Grades roll nightly





# Planning for Summer 2026

- Textbook adoptions
  - Complete!
- Summer Schedule
  - Enrollment has begun – Gus will begin adding/shifting classes as needed
  - A little down from this time last summer but catching up every week (~5K currently registered, Summer 2025 ~7.9K)
- Simple Syllabus
  - Reminder – only need privacy setting for zoom links – all other sections should be public!
  - Make sure your syllabus are accessible – These are searchable on the website. When reviewing your canvas course (or any documents) in YuJa, be sure to comply with the guidance below – no matter what percentage is showing on the screen:
    - Items flagged as Severe and Major are HAVE TO DOs – these are changes that are required in the new law
    - Items flagged as Minor are BEST PRACTICES – these are recommended, but should only be addressed after the Severe and Major items are updated.
    - If you need extra help, enroll in the YuJa toolkit or reach out!
  - To reset a section, go to the upper left-hand menu of your syllabus in Canvas, and click on the clock-like image. You will then be promoted to select which sections you want to reset. I strongly recommend resetting both the HONORLOCK section and the REQUIRED COURSE MATERIALS section EVERY SEMESTER to ensure you have the latest information.



# Planning for Fall 2026

## Academic Calendar

The FALL Academic Calendars, to include final exams, are published:

<https://www.fsw.edu/calendars>

If you teach at a non-standard start time, use the first date available (two are listed)

- Fall planning is well underway!
  - Enrollment has begun – Gus will begin adding/shifting classes as needed
  - Currently about the same from this time last year (~4K currently registered - Fall 2025 ~15K)
- Textbook adoptions
  - Inputting textbooks into the BibliU site over the next few weeks
- Simple Syllabus
  - New rules go into effect for FALL
  - I added a new important date section to the SPAS Template – If this is helpful will continue to update every term
  - Need both Schedule sections now – one for the public and your students, and the Canvas one private and just for your students
  - If you teach BLENDED be sure to add a definition for what that is in your course description
  - Textbooks have been updated in all course masters for FALL – there were some changes! Be sure to reset the section to update
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# Policy Updates



## From VP Offices

### Reinstatement Forms

- Instructor signatures will no longer be required on reinstatement forms – SPAS office will verify student prior registration based on Banner. Refer students to their advisor for help with the forms
- School addresses – students can use [SPAS@fsw.edu](mailto:SPAS@fsw.edu) to submit forms to our office – emails to this go to the Andy as well as either Gus or I depending on leave schedules

### Attendance Verification

- This fall they processed approximately 1,000 late attendance verifications forms.
- Since these need to be initiated by instructors, please help everyone by emphasizing the quiz due dates multiple times the first week of class

# Academic Committee Updates



From SPAS Reps

- Academic Standards
- Academic Technology
- Curriculum
- General Ed
- Learning Assessment
- Professional Development
- CURC/Honor's Advisory Council
- OTOC
- Library
- Shared Governance

PD Application link:

<https://fsw.teamdynamix.com/TDClient/2031/Portal/Requests/ServiceDet?ID=53874>

<https://fsw.catalog.instructure.com/browse/trainingcalendar/tlc/courses/cobp-math---april>



## All Courses Must Meet New Accessibility Requirements by April 24, 2026

As you may recall, I recently sent an email to the campus community highlighting a [new federal rule](#) requiring that public colleges and universities provide accessible websites, web content, mobile apps, and other digital services by **April 24, 2026**.

### YuJa Panorama - Accessibility Scanning Inside Canvas

[YuJa Panorama](#) includes an integrated feedback feature *within Canvas* to assist you with addressing any course accessibility issues. Your homework this week is to ensure YuJa Panorama is enabled in each of your courses in Canvas (note: while YuJa is enabled by default, it may have been disabled since release, so be sure to follow the steps below).

#### How to enable YuJa Panorama

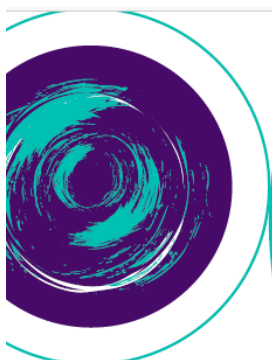
1. Enter a course and select "Settings" in the course navigation.
2. Select the "Navigation" tab.
3. On the lower list of hidden options, locate "YuJa Panorama."
4. Select the options button to the right side of the name and select "Enabled."
5. Scroll to the bottom of the page and select the "Save" button.
6. Repeat steps 1 - 5 for each of your courses.

#### Check out these resources for using YuJa

- Support Article: [Getting Started with Panorama for Instructors](#)
- Video: [YuJa Panorama LMS Accessibility Platform](#)

#### Upcoming Accessibility-Related Professional Development

**You will soon see a plethora of open office hours and training opportunities on the [CTLE Training Calendar](#) - make sure you take advantage of all there is to offer!**



THE CENTER FOR TEACHING AND  
LEARNING EXCELLENCE PRESENTS:

# 4TH ANNUAL FSW CONFERENCE

June 2 - June 4, 2026

This event will be held virtually

## Theme: Closing the Achievement Gap in the Age of AI: Professional Development and Pedagogy

Artificial intelligence is reshaping how we teach, learn, and support students—especially at state colleges, where innovation and access go hand in hand. This conference will explore practical strategies for using AI in teaching, student support, and college operations, with a focus on improving outcomes and narrowing achievement gaps across academic programs and services.

### Key Areas of Focus:

- AI-powered tools for enhancing instruction and learning
- Using AI to support underperforming or struggling students
- Addressing technology access and digital skill-building
- Integrating AI into general education and career pathways
- AI-assisted tutoring, advising, and academic coaching
- Course design and curriculum updates for the AI era
- Academic integrity and responsible AI use in classrooms
- Student perspectives on using AI for success
- Case studies on AI integration at the program or course level

### We welcome submissions from:

- Faculty and Instructors
- Academic and student support staff
- Instructional designers and technologists
- Advisors, Administrators and Curriculum Developers
- Students and Teaching Assistants

### Proposal Types:

- Interactive Workshops
- Panel Discussions
- Research Presentations
- Case Studies
- Student-Led Sessions

## Proposals due: March 27, 2026

Submission link:

[https://fsw.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_cM8p179ZeqWDxZA](https://fsw.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cM8p179ZeqWDxZA)

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## PD Events



### Self-Paced

[Reimagine: Adapting Your Course for AI](#)

[Annual Adjunct Review Process](#)

[Assessment 101](#)

[Open Education Resources \(OER\), Copyright and Fair Use](#)

[DEV 101](#)

[FSW Caregivers Support Group](#)

[FSW AI Upskilling](#)

# Schedule - Simple Syllabus – Summer 2026



- 02/02/2026 - Institutional templates editing
- 02/03/2026 - School template editing opens
- 02/05/2026 - Course master editing opens
- **02/19/2026 - Course Master syllabi editing closes**
- 02/20/2026 - Section level editing opens
- **03/26/2026 - 45 days statutory requirement for Summer**
- 05/10/2026 - Section level due to Chairs for all assigned classes
- 06/23/2026 - Section level editing closes Summer B (the day before class starts)

# Schedule - Simple Syllabus – Fall 2026



- **03/23/2026** – Institutional editing
- **03/24/2026** - School template editing opens
- **03/25/2026** - Course master editing opens
- **03/31/2026** - Course master editing closes
- **04/01/2026** - Section level editing opens for Fall terms
- **04/30/2026** - *45-day Statutory requirement for Fall Syllabi (contract days)*
- **08/16/2026** - Section level closes for Fall Standard & A (the day before class starts)
- **09/08/2026** - Section level closes for Fall E (the day before class starts)
- **10/13/2026** - Section level editing closes for Fall B (the day before class starts)



# Schedule - Fall Dates!

## FALL 2026 SEMESTER

Important Dates	STANDARD TERM (1)	EXPRESS TERM (E)	COMPACT TERM (A)	COMPACT TERM (B)
First day of Classes	8/24/2026	9/9/2026	8/24/2026	10/14/2026
College Closed (Labor Day)	9/7/2026	–	9/7/2026	–
Study Day (no classes)	9/8/2026		9/8/2026	
College Closed (Veterans Day)	11/11/2026	11/11/2026	–	11/11/2026
College Closed (Thanksgiving)	11/25/2026 - 11/29/2026	11/25/2026 - 11/29/2026	–	11/25/2026 - 11/29/2026
Last Day of Classes	12/5/2026	12/5/2026	10/8/2026	12/5/2026
Final exams	12/7/2026 - 12/12/2026	12/7/2026 - 12/12/2026	Last Class	Last Class

## SPRING 2027 SEMESTER

Important Dates	STANDARD TERM (1)	EXPRESS TERM (E)	COMPACT TERM (A)	COMPACT TERM (B)
First day of Classes	1/11/2027	1/25/2027	1/11/2027	3/3/2027
College Closed (MLK Day)	1/18/2027	–	1/18/2027	–
College Closed (President's Day)	2/15/2027	2/15/2027	2/15/2027	–
College Closed (Spring Break)	3/22/2027 - 3/28/2027	3/22/2027 - 3/28/2027	–	3/22/2027 - 3/28/2027
Last Day of Classes	4/26/2027	4/26/2027	2/24/2027	4/26/2027
Final exams	4/27/2027-5/3/2027	4/27/2027-5/3/2027	Last Class	Last Class

## SUMMER 2027 SEMESTER

Important Dates	STANDARD TERM (1)	EXPRESS TERM (E)	COMPACT TERM (A)	COMPACT TERM (B)
First day of classes	5/10/2027	–	5/10/2027	6/23/2027
College Closed (Memorial Day)	5/31/2027	–	5/31/2027	–
College Closed (Independence Day)	7/4/2027 - 7/5/2027	–	–	7/4/2027 - 7/5/2027
Last Day of Classes	8/2/2027	–	6/16/2027	8/2/2027
Final exams	Last Class	–	Last Class	Last Class



# Schedule - Fall Dates!

- Duty Days August 17 – 21, 2026
- Convocation August 17, 2026
- First day of classes August 24, 2026
- Attendance Verification Due September 15, 2026
- Replace an “I” grade September 21, 2026
- College closed September 7, 2026
- Classes Begin - Express Term September 9, 2026
- Classes Begin - Compact B Term October 14, 2026
- College closed November 11, 2026
- College closed November 25-29, 2026
- Last day of classes December 5, 2026
- Final Exams December 7-12, 2026
- Final Grades due December 15, 2026 - Noon
- Last Duty Day December 18

# Schedule - Upcoming Key Dates – next 6 weeks



- Wednesday, April 15
  - Preview FSE - Collier
- Thursday, April 23
  - Preview FSE – Hendry Glades
- Apr 22 – 28
  - Final Exams
- Friday, May 1
  - Commencement
- Monday, May 4
  - Last Duty Day – Happy Summer!

• **Classes Begin – Summer Term**

**May 11, 2026**

