

UAB School of Optometry 2024-2025 Academic Calendar

FALL

BEGIN DATE	END DATE	DAY(S)	EVENT	1Y	2Y	3Y	4Y
August 5	August 9	Mon - Fri	Orientation for Incoming First Years	X			
August 12		Mon	Fall Classes and Clinics Begin	X	X	X	X
August 17		Sat	Super Saturday				
September 2		Mon	Labor Day Holiday	X	X	X	X
September 15		Sun	50% Tuition Payment Due	X	X	X	X
October 4	October 6	Fri - Sun	Alabama Optometric Association Convention*				
October 13		Sun	Remaining Tuition Balance Due	X	X	X	X
October 14	October 15	Mon - Tue	Fall Mini-Break	X	X	X	X
November 6	November 9	Wed - Sat	AAO Meeting* - Indianapolis, IN				
November 27	November 29	Wed - Fri	Thanksgiving Holiday	X	X	X	X
December 2	December 6	Mon - Fri	Gift of Sight - Western Health Center				
December 3 or 5		Tues or Thu	NBEO Part II PAM Exam (Fourth Year)				X
December 6		Fri	Last Day of Fall Classes and Clinics	X	X	X	X
December 6		Fri	Deadline for Mandatory Course & Instructor Evaluations	X	X	X	X
December 9	December 13	Mon - Fri	Fall Final Exam Week	X	X	X	
December 13		Fri	Final Grades Due by Noon	X	X	X	X
December 14, 2024	January 1, 2025		Term Break - Winter Holidays	X	X	X	X

SPRING

BEGIN DATE	END DATE	DAY(S)	EVENT	1Y	2Y	3Y	4Y
January 2, 2025		Thu	Spring Classes and Clinics Begin	X	X	X	X
January 20		Mon	Martin Luther King Holiday - UABSO Closed	X	X	X	X
January 25		Sat	Ophthalmic Lasers Course			X	
February 3		Mon	50% Tuition Payment Due	X	X	X	X
February 26	March 2	Wed - Sun	SECO Meeting* - Atlanta, GA				
March 6	March 16	Thu - Sun	NBEO Part I ABS Exam Break (Third Year)			X	
March 10		Mon	Remaining Tuition Balance Due	X	X	X	X
March 10, 11, 12, or 13		M, Tu, W, or Th	NBEO Part I ABS Exam (Third Year)			X	
TBD			Clinic Orientation (First Year)	X			
March 10	March 14	Mon - Fri	Spring Break (First Year)	X			
March 17		Mon	White Coat Ceremony (First Year)	X			
March 18		Tue	Optometry Students at Legislature (Second Year)		X		
March 24	March 28	Mon - Fri	Spring Break (Second - Fourth Years)		X	X	X
April 4		Fri	Spring Visit for Entering Class				
April 25		Fri	Last Day of Spring Classes and Clinics	X	X	X	X
April 25		Fri	Deadline for Mandatory Course & Instructor Evaluations	X	X	X	X
April 28	May 2	Mon - Fri	Spring Final Exam Week	X	X	X	
May 4	May 8	Sun - Thu	ARVO Annual Meeting* - Salt Lake City, UT				
May 5		Mon	Final Grades Due by Noon	X	X	X	X
May 5	May 11	Mon - Sun	Term Break (Second - Third Years)		X	X	
May 5	May 26		Term Break (First Year)	X			
May 7		Wed	Graduate Day & Awards Reception (Fourth Year)				X
May 8		Thu	Doctoral Convocation & Hooding Ceremony				X

SUMMER

BEGIN DATE	END DATE	DAY(S)	EVENT	1Y	2Y	3Y	4Y
May 12		Mon	First Summer Session Begins (Second and Third Years)		X	X	
May 26		Mon	Memorial Day Holiday - UABSO Closed	X	X	X	
May 27		Tue	Summer Classes Begin (First Year)	X			
June 9		Mon	50% Tuition Payment Due	X	X	X	
June 19		Thu	Juneteenth Holiday - UABSO Closed	X	X	X	
June 20		Fri	First Summer Session Ends (Second and Third Years)		X	X	
June 23		Mon	Second Summer Session Begins (Second and Third Years)		X	X	
June 25	June 28	Wed - Sat	American Optometric Association Meeting* - Minneapolis, MN				
July 4		Fri	Independence Day Holiday - UABSO Closed	X	X	X	
July 8		Tue	Remaining Tuition Balance Due	X	X	X	
TBD			CEC Orientation (First Year)	X			
July 18		Fri	Summer Classes End (First Year)	X			
July 18		Fri	Deadline for Mandatory Course & Instructor Evaluations	X	X		
July 21	July 25	Mon - Fri	Summer Final Exam Week				
August 1		Fri	Second Summer Session Ends (Second and Third Years)		X	X	
August 1		Fri	Final Grades Due By Noon	X	X	X	

\* Clinic absence must be requested and made up.

This calendar is subject to change depending on the needs of the program, unforeseen events, and unplanned occurrences.