

State University of New York Downstate Medical Center  
**College of Medicine and School of Graduate Studies**  
 Academic Calendar 2023-2024

FALL 2023 SEMESTER	
MON. JULY 3	(M4) Semester Begins
MON. JULY 3 – JULY 7	(M3) Core Clinical Year Vacation (1 week)
MON. JULY 3	(MS4) Registration/Payment Deadline
MON. JULY 3	First Day of Brooklyn Free Clinic/Pre-Arranged Special Clinical Experiences for Fall 2023
MON. JULY 10-FRI. SEPT 29	(MS3) Core Year <b>Block II</b> Begins & Registration/Payment Deadline
SAT. JULY 9 – SUN JULY 10	<b>Eid al-Adha (Begins at Sundown on 7/8)</b>
<b>FRI. JUL 14</b>	<b>Last Day to Apply for New York State Residency for Fall 2023 semester Foundation years</b>
MON. AUG. 7-AUG 11	Orientation Foundations 1 (Class of 2027)
MON. AUG. 28-SEPT. 8	Graduate School Registration
MON. AUG. 14	Unit 1 begins (Foundations 1) and Unit 5 begins (Foundations 2) & Registration/Payment Deadline
WED. AUG. 30	Graduate School: New student Orientation
MON. SEPT. 4*	Labor Day - <b>No Classes®</b>
TUES. SEPT. 5 – FRI SEP. 8	Graduate School Add/Drop period
MON. SEPT. 11	Graduate School Classes Begin
SAT. SEPT 16 – SUN. SEPT 17	Rosh Hashanah - Classes Meet <sup>^</sup> - <b>Begins at Sundown on 9/15</b>
MON. SEPT 25	Yom Kippur – <b>Begins at Sundown on 9/24</b>
MON. OCT. 2 – FRI. OCT 6	Unit 1 Assessment and Integration Week ( <b>Foundations 1</b> )
MON. OCT 2-FRI DEC 22	<b>Core Year (MS3) Block III</b>
MON. OCT. 9	Columbus Day – <b>No Classes®</b>
TUES. OCT. 10	Unit 2 Begins (Foundations 1)
MON. NOV 6 – THUR. NOV. 9	Unit 5 Assessment and Integration Week (Foundations 2)
TUES. NOV. 7	Election Day - Classes Meet (Medical School) - No Classes (Graduate School)
FRI. NOV 10	Veterans' Day –No Classes (Administrative Offices will be closed)
SUN. NOV. 12	Diwali
MON. NOV. 13	Unit 6 Begins (Foundations 2)
MON. NOV. 13	Spring 2024 Registration Information e-mailed to Returning Students

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THUR./FRI. NOV. 23/24	Thanksgiving Holiday - <b>No Classes</b> ®
THUR. DEC. 7	Last Day to Apply for New York State Residency for Spring 2024 semester (All students)
MON. DEC.18-FRI DEC. 22	Unit 2 Assessment and Integration Week (Foundations 1)
FRI. DEC. 22	Graduate School Semester ends
MON. DEC.25– MON. JAN 1, 2024	Winter Break Foundations 1 and 2
FRI. DEC. 22	<i>Clerkship and Advanced Clinical Year (MS3 &amp; 4) Semester ends</i>
MON. DEC 25 – MON. JAN. 8, 2024	<i>Clerkship and Advanced Clinical Year (MS3 &amp; 4) Vacation</i>
<b>SPRING 2024 SEMESTER</b>	
TUES. JAN. 2	Graduate School Registration Period for Spring Semester Begins
TUES. JAN. 2	Unit 3 Begins (Foundations 1), Unit 6 continues (Foundations 2) Registration & Payment Deadline
MON. JAN 8-THUR MAR 28	<b>Core Year (MS3) Block 4</b>
MON. JAN. 8	<i>Clerkship and Advanced Clinical Year (MS3 &amp; 4) Spring Semester Begins</i> Registration & Payment Deadline for Spring semester
MON. JAN. 8	Graduate School Spring Semester Classes Begin
MON. JAN 8 – FRI JAN 12	Graduate School Add/Drop period
FRI. JAN. 12	Graduate School Registration Period for Spring Semester Ends
FRI. JAN 12	<b>Deadline to Submit Fall Semester Grades to Registrar: Foundation years (Units 1 &amp; 5)</b>
MON. JAN. 15	Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday Observed – <b>No Classes</b> ®
FRI. JAN. 26	Last Day to file for <b>May 2024</b> Graduation
MON. JAN. 29– FRI. FEB 9	Unit 6 Assessment & Gateway 2 Integration weeks (Foundations 2)
MON. FEB. 12 – FRI. MAR. 22	Foundations 2 Study and Take USMLE Step 1 (6 weeks)
MON. FEB. 19	Presidents' Day Observed - <b>No Classes</b> ®,
<b>MON. MAR. 11 - FRI. MAR. 15</b>	Unit 3 Assessment & Integration week (Foundations 1)
FRI. MAR. 15	Class of 2024 Residency Match Day
<b>MON. MAR. 18</b>	Unit 4 Begins (Foundations 1)

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<b>MON. MAR. 25 – FRI. MAR. 29, 2024</b>	<b>Spring Break (Foundations 1 and Class of 2025 Vacation week)</b>
FRI. MAR. 29	Good Friday <sup>^</sup>
MON. APR. 1 – FRI. APR. 5	Transition to Clerkships – Class of 2026
MON. APR. 8	Class of 2025 begins Advanced Clinical Work
MON. APR. 8- FRI. JUNE 28	CORE YEAR Clerkships – Class of 2026 ( <b>Block I</b> )
WED. APR. 10 (TENTATIVE)	Graduate School Annual Research Day
FRI. MAY 10	Graduate School Classes ends
<b>WED. MAY 15</b>	<b>Commencement</b>
<b>THUR. MAY 30 – FRI. JUNE 7</b>	<b>Unit 4 and Gateway 1 Assessments Period</b>
<b>FALL 2024 SEMESTER</b>	
MON. JULY 1	First Day for Brooklyn Free Clinic/Pre-Arranged Clinical Experiences for Fall 2024
MON. JULY 1- FRI, JULY 5	CORE YEAR Clerkships – Class of 2026 Vacation Week
MON. JULY 1	<b>Advanced Clinical Year</b> (MS4) Begins (Registration & Payment Deadline)
MON. JULY 8-FRI. SEPT 27	<b>Core Year</b> (MS3) Block II Begins (Registration & Payment Deadline)
<b>FRI. JULY 19</b>	<b>Last Day to Apply for New York State Residency for Fall 2023 for Foundations Year 2</b>
MON. AUG 12	Unit 5 Begins (Foundations 2)

**NOTES:**

<sup>^</sup>Per New York State Education Law, Section 224-a: “Any student in an institution of higher education who is unable, because of religious beliefs, to attend classes on particular day or days shall, because of such absence on the particular day or days, be excused from any examinations or any study or work assignments.” All missed work, **must be made up** at the discretion of the faculty.

Students should contact faculty **well in advance** to request taking time off, including for religious holidays. Arrangements **must be made** for making up academic work missed.

**Holidays in Clinical Years**

® Students in clinical courses should check with appropriate departments regarding time off. All 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year students will be expected to adhere to the holiday schedules of the department (and hospital site) to which they are assigned. Fourth year students completing subinternships will have clinical obligations which may extend throughout vacation periods. Refer to the [2023-2024 Student Handbook](#) and the [Registrar website](#) for curriculum information pertaining to the Clinical Years.

\* The Emergency Medicine Clerkship always begins on a Monday, even on a holiday.

The 2023-2024 Calendar is tentative and is generally not finalized until September due to curriculum adjustments.

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