

LATE START FALL 2026 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Thursday, September 17	Last day to drop for 100% tuition refund
Friday, September 18	CLASSES BEGIN
Saturday, September 19	Last day to add a class Last day to drop without a grade of “WD”
Sunday, September 20	Course withdrawal (WD) period begins: A grade of ‘WD’ is assigned to students who officially drop a course Verification of Enrollment Rosters (VOE) available to faculty
Monday, September 21	No classes scheduled
Friday, September 25	Course Withdrawal (WD) period ends Verification of Enrollment (VOE) Rosters due from faculty Census date
Saturday, September 26	Course withdrawal period begins; A grade of “W” is assigned to students who officially withdrew from a course (Sept. 26 – Nov. 6) WN Grades assigned
Monday, October 12	College Closed
Tuesday, October 13	Classes follow Monday schedule
Friday, November 6	Last day to withdraw from a course with a grade of “W” Last day to apply for Graduation for Fall 2026
Wednesday, November 25	No classes scheduled
Thursday – Friday November 26 -27	College Closed
Saturday, November 28	No classes scheduled
Monday, December 14	Last day of classes Deadline for Completion of Incomplete (INC) grades for: Winter/Spring 2026 semester and Summer 2026 sessions
Tuesday - Monday December 15 -21	Final Examinations Grade rosters open
Friday, December 18	ESL Departmental Exams
Monday December 21	End of Fall Term
Thursday – Friday December 24 -25	College Closed
Monday, December 28	Grades Due

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Hostos offers a Late Start (9W1) session to allow for increased flexibility for Fall 2026. Registration for continuing students begins on March 30.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Why are we offering Late Start sessions?

Similar to summer and winter sessions, our Late Start session allows students to take courses in shorter time frames than our regular sessions.

2. When are the first and last dates of classes?

Classes begin on September 18 and end on December 21.

3. When is the last date to enroll?

The last date to enroll is on September 19.

4. Who can enroll in the Late Start session?

All continuing, transfer and readmit students are eligible to enroll. **Please note that there will be limited course offerings and some financial aid limitations. Students are highly encouraged to speak with their coach/advisor to determine if the Late Start session is the best option for them.**

5. What types of courses will be offered?

Late Start sessions typically offer entry-level courses from various academic departments. Students can view available courses on Schedule Builder.

6. How many credits can students take?

Students can take a maximum of 12 credits/hours in the Late Start session. Since the Late Start session is part of the Regular term, the combined total of the Late Start and Regular session cannot exceed 18 credits/hours, unless approved by the Dean or Vice-President/Provost of Academic Affairs.

7. What does this mean for my financial aid?

Students may be eligible to receive financial aid for enrolling in the Late Start session. Please note that if a student enrolls in both the Regular (15-week) session and the Late Start (9W1) session, registration for all sessions must occur by September 1 and the student's financial aid eligibility will be based on enrollment as of September 1. If additional courses are added for the Late Start (9W1) session after September 1, those course(s) cannot be used to determine the student's financial aid eligibility. However, if a student enrolls only for the Late Start (9W1) session without enrolling in the Regular (15-week) session by September 22, then the student will be eligible for financial aid for all courses in the Late Start (9W1) session. Students who have questions about their financial aid eligibility should speak to financial aid.

8. Will students enrolling in the Late Start session be eligible for TAP?

Students must be enrolled in at least 1 Regular (15-week) session course and must register for all sessions by September 1. If the course in the Late Start (9W1) session is the one making you a full-time student, you will be eligible for TAP pending review of your registered courses, their impact to your approved program of study and HESC application for the year. For Part Time TAP, students need to register for 6-11 credits counting to their degree and have at least one course in the Regular (15-week) session, prior to the census date.

9. What is the refund policy for the Late Start session?

There will be an adjusted refund schedule. Instead of the traditional 100%, 75%, 50% and 25% refund periods, there will be only one 100% refund period. Check the Late Start Academic Calendar above for more details.