

Kentucky College of Optometry
ACADEMIC CALENDAR
2025-2026

This table is an overview of the academic year. Day-by-day schedules will be distributed and are subject to change without notice.

Summer 2025	Description
May 19, 2025	Summer Semester Begins (Classes of 2026, 2027)
May 26, 2025	Memorial Day (No Classes or Clinics – Classes of 2026*, 2027)
June 9, 2025	Mini-Summer Semester Begins (Class of 2028)
June 19, 2025	Juneteenth Observance (No Classes or Clinics – Classes of 2026*, 2027, 2028)
June 25-28, 2025	Optometry's Meeting – Minneapolis, MN (Classes and Clinics operate normally, no lab)
July 4, 2025	Independence Day Observance (No Classes or Clinics – Classes of 2026*, 2027, 2028)
July 17-20, 2025	National Optometric Association – Columbus, OH (Classes and Clinics operate normally)
August 4,5 2025	NBEO Part 1 (Non-Targeted, Classes and Clinics operate normally)
August 15, 2025	Summer Semester Ends (Class of 2026, 2027, 2028)
Fall 2025	Description
August 19-22, 2025	1 st year Orientation (Class of 2028)
August 25, 2025	Fall Semester Begins (Classes of 2026,2027, 2028,2029)
September 1, 2025	Labor Day (No Classes or Clinics – Classes of 2026*,2027, 2028,2029)
October 8-11, 2025	Fall Break – AAO (No Classes or Clinics – Classes of 2026*, 2027, 2028, 2029)
November 26-28, 2025	Thanksgiving Break (No Classes or Clinics – Classes of 2026*, 2027, 2028, 2029)
December 2 & 4, 2025	NBEO Part 2 (Targeted, Class of 2026 no clinic on registered test day)
December 12, 2025	Last day of clinics (Class of 2026 and 2027)
December 16, 2025	Fall Semester Ends (Classes of 2027, 2028, 2029)
Spring 2026	Description
January 7, 2026	Spring Semester Begins (Classes of 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029)
January 19, 2026	Martin Luther King Jr. Day (No Classes or Clinics – Classes of 2026*, 2027, 2028, 2029)
February 25-March 1, 2026	SECO International – Atlanta, GA (Classes and Clinics operate normally)
March 9-13, 2026	Spring Break (No Classes or Clinics – Classes of 2026*, 2027, 2028, 2029)
March 16-19, 2026	NBEO Part 1 (Targeted – No Classes or Clinics - Class of 2026)
March 28, 2026	White Coat Ceremony – Class of 2028
April 3, 2026	Good Friday (No Classes or Clinics 2026*, 2027, 2028, 2029)
April 7, 2026	Non-targeted Part II and TMOD (classes and clinics operate normally)
April 10, 2026	Tentative Research Day
April XX-XX, 2026	KOA spring conference (2026*, 2027, 2028, 2029 Classes ONLY)
April 16-18, 2026	Hillbilly Days (UPIKE Campus closed.)
April 22, 2026	Clinic Orientation (Class of 2028)
April 23, 2026	Externship Orientation (Class of 2027)
April 24, 2026	Spring Semester Ends (Classes of 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029)
April 29 -May 1, 2026	Capstone Graduation Activities (Class of 2026)
May 2, 2026	Health Professions Commencement (Class of 2026)

*Class of 2026 students on 4th year EXTERNAL clinical rotations are subject to the schedule of their clinical sites during those semesters. Students on 4th year INTERNAL clinical rotations will follow the academic calendar during that semester.