

### Fall 2027 Session Dates

Term 1277 ■ Term dates: Aug 23, 2027 to Dec 10, 2027

Formerly known as "Mountain"	Standard Sessions for Fall 2027			<b>Finals Week</b> (for 16 Week Only) 12/6/27 to 12/9/2027
Session	Long Name	Session Begins	Session Ends	
16	16 Week	8/23/2027	12/10/2027	
5A	1st 5 Week	8/23/2027	9/24/2027	
5B	2nd 5 Week	9/27/2027	10/29/2027	
5C	3rd 5 Week	11/1/2027	12/3/2027	
8A	1st 8 Week	8/23/2027	10/15/2027	
8B	2nd 8 Week	10/18/2027	12/10/2027	

### Dynamically Dated ■ Fall 2027

Session	Long Name	Session Begin	Session End	The posted dates are generic sessional dates. Units will enter <b>precise</b> start-and-end dates for each class section.
DD1	Dynamic Dating First	8/23/2027	10/17/2027	
DD2	Dynamic Dating Second	10/18/2027	12/10/2027	

### DYNAMICALLY DATED CLASSES ARE DIFFERENT

**Most classes should use standard sessions, not DD custom dates.** Why? DD classes are most commonly built to accommodate an NAU institutional partner, such as a school district, hospital, or agency that must run on a different calendar than NAU. The number of courses approved to schedule dynamically is intentionally quite limited. Only classes that must align with an outside entity’s schedule or that cannot legitimately fit within a standard session should be scheduled as DD.

DD classes tend to be confusing to students since they have different drop and payment dates than standard classes. For this reason, Classes should be scheduled within a standard session whenever possible.

Please remember that there are multiple steps to building a DD section, including entering the precise start-and-end dates in two places (cards) in Coursedog –and verifying you have set sufficient contact hours. More details below.

- Dynamically dated (DD) classes scheduled by Academic Units *on the Flagstaff campus* require approval. In-person/blended DD classes will generally not fit within a standard meeting time, which impacts student schedules, passing time, final exam schedules, and classroom utilization.
- DD classes are also designed to correspond with grade-posting cycles.
  - Classes ending *before* midterm grading are associated with the DD1 session.
  - Classes ending *after* midterm grading are associated with the DD2 session.
  - [Summer has an additional DD session—DD3.]
- If you need to build an approved DD class, you must first identify the precise start and end dates. The session table gives you the *default* range for each DD session, but when you build, you must enter the precise start and end dates.
  - Dynamically dated classes should start and end on the actual dates listed.
- Choose your DD session based on the End Date of your class (not the Start Date).

5. **Test whether DD is appropriate.** If your potential DD classes begin and end in the same weeks as standard sessions, they should be changed to a standard session.

## DYNAMICALLY DATED CLASSES ARE DIFFERENT, CONTINUED

6. In Courserdog, your specific DD dates must be entered in two areas. WHERE to enter that info:
  - 1 General Information card *and*
  - 2 Meeting Patterns & Rooms card ☒ Meeting Pattern Additional Information
7. **No Wait Lists** for dynamically dated classes. PeopleSoft cannot handle Wait Lists for DD classes, and it is misleading to students to think they may have a chance to get in. **Wait List should be set to zero for DD classes.**
8. If the class meets in-person, you must ensure that your meeting pattern provides enough contact hours. This resource may come in handy: [Calculators for Contact Hours and Dynamic Dates](#)

## ONLY IN LIMITED CASES MAY CLASSES EXTEND PAST THE START/END OF A TERM

The Department of Education (DOE) and Federal Student Aid (FSA) require that classes do not overlap terms or extend past the start/end of a term. Certain clinical and education programs are exempt from this rule if all of the following apply:

- a. All students in the program must participate in practicum or clinical experience and its completion is required for graduates to apply for licensure or authorization or practice occupation those students intend to pursue;
- b. The school has little or no control over the length or start/end dates of practicum or clinical experience. This may be due to constraints imposed by outside licensing bodies, or the need to accommodate schedules of entities with which students are being placed (e.g., school districts or hospitals, etc.); and
- c. Credit hours associated with practicum or clinical experience must be associated with the term in which most of the training occurs, even if starting and ending dates do not exactly align with term dates and/or overlap with another term.
- d. If you have a new course that will meet the above requirements and is not already approved to be offered outside of a standard term, please submit the "Request for a Class to Start/End Outside Regular Term" form.