

Kentucky College of Optometry
ACADEMIC CALENDAR
2026-2027

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

Summer 2026	Description
May 11, 2026	Summer Semester Begins (Classes of 2027, 2028)
May 25, 2026	Memorial Day (No Classes or Clinics – Classes of 2027*, 2028)
June 8, 2026	Mini-Summer Semester Begins (Class of 2029)
June 18-20, 2026	Optometry's Meeting – Phoenix, AZ (Classes virtual and Clinics operate normally, no lab)
June 19, 2026	Juneteenth Observance (No Classes or Clinics – Classes of 2027*, 2028, 2029)
July 3, 2026	Independence Day Observance (No Classes or Clinics – Classes of 2027*, 2028, 2029)
July 9-12, 2026	National Optometric Association – St. Louis, MO (Classes and Clinics operate normally)
August 5 & 6, 2026	NBEO Part 1 (Non-Targeted, Classes and Clinics operate normally)
August 7, 2026	Summer Semester Ends (Class of 2027, 2028, 2029)
Fall 2026	Description
August 11-14, 2026	1 st year Orientation (Class of 2030)
August 17, 2026	Fall Semester Begins (Classes of 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030)
September 7, 2026	Labor Day (No Classes or Clinics – Classes of 2027*, 2028, 2029, 2030)
September 30-October 3, 2026	Fall Break – AAO (No Classes or Clinics – Classes of 2027*, 2028, 2029, 2030)
November 25-27, 2026	Thanksgiving Break (No Classes or Clinics – Classes of 2027*, 2028, 2029, 2030)
December 1 & 3, 2026	NBEO Part 2 (Targeted, Class of 2027 no clinic on registered test day)
December 11, 2026	Last day of clinics (Class of 2027 and 2028)
December 14, 2026	Fall Semester Ends (Classes of 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030)
Spring 2027	Description
January 6, 2027	Spring Semester Begins (Classes of 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030)
January 18, 2027	Martin Luther King Jr. Day (No Classes or Clinics – Classes of 2027*, 2028, 2029, 2030)
March 3-7, 2027	SECO International – Atlanta, GA (Classes and Clinics operate normally)
March 8-12, 2027	Spring Break (No Classes or Clinics – Classes of 2027*, 2028, 2029, 2030)
March 15-18, 2027	NBEO Part 1 (Targeted – No Classes or Clinics - Class of 2028)
March 20, 2027	White Coat Ceremony – Class of 2029
March 26, 2027	Good Friday (No Classes or Clinics 2027*, 2028, 2029, 2030)
April 6, 2027	Non-targeted Part II and TMOD (classes and clinics operate normally)
April 9, 2027	UPIKE Research Day
April 15-17, 2027	KOA spring conference (2027*, 2028, 2029, 2030 Online Classes ONLY, No Clinics)
April 15-17, 2027	Hillbilly Days (UPIKE Campus closed.)
April 27, 2027	Clinic Orientation (Class of 2029)
April 29, 2027	Externship Orientation (Class of 2028)
April 30, 2027	Spring Semester Ends (Classes of 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030)
May 5-7, 2027	Capstone Graduation Activities (Class of 2027)
May 8, 2027	Health Professions Commencement (Class of 2027)

*Class of 2027 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.