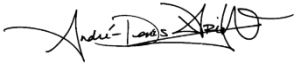




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Office of the Senior Vice President and Provost

MEMORANDUM

TO: Deans, Directors, and Chairs—Norman Campus

FROM: André-Denis G. Wright 
Senior Vice President and Provost, Norman Campus

DATE: August 21, 2026

SUBJECT: 2026 Fall Student Holiday (OU v Texas)

Please inform the faculty in your academic units that the SGA Undergraduate Student Congress and Graduate Student Senate have designated Friday, October 9, as the 2026 Fall Student Holiday. This date has been approved by Student Congress and the President in accordance with the [Unscheduled Holidays Policy](#):

“Undergraduate Student Congress and Graduate Student Senate shall have authority to recommend to the President one unscheduled school holiday in the Fall semester of each academic year with the understanding the recommendation of a holiday must be made to the President at least two weeks before the recommended date in order to allow time for adjusting teaching schedules and the like.”

As in the past, only the compressed format courses scheduled for Friday will meet on October 9. All classes on the Norman campus will meet Thursday, October 8, and Monday, October 12.

Please note that this designation excludes the College of Law.

Other Fall Reminders:

November 3, 2026 is election day. The University of Oklahoma supports students in their right to vote! Students should make every effort to vote during times that will not disrupt their class schedule, but faculty should allow for flexibility to ensure they are able to make it to the polls.

Football Season Opener (Friday, September 4): Academic & Campus Operations

In preparation for OU Football’s opening game and to accommodate traffic, parking, and safety measures that accompany game day, the university is making adjustments to academic and campus operations on Friday, September 4.

- **Norman Campus:** Will suspend normal academic and campus operations for students and employees on Friday, September 4.

- **OU Health Campus Programs (All Locations) and OU-Tulsa:** Will suspend normal academic and campus operations for students and employees, beginning at 3 p.m. on Friday, September 4.
 - *OU-Tulsa: Students of evening and weekend classes, please contact your instructor for remote learning options.*
- **OU Online Programs:** Will continue regularly scheduled instruction.

[Read the full announcement](#) for important changes on this date. The university will resume normal operations, including regular class and work schedules, on Tuesday, September 8, following the Labor Day holiday.

Showtime on the Soval (Thursday, October 29): Academic & Campus Operations – Norman Campus

The annual Soval Series concert will be held the evening of Thursday, October 29. To accommodate final event preparations, including sound checks and security protocols, the Norman campus will suspend normal academic and campus operations for students and employees, beginning at 3 p.m. on Thursday, October 29.

Effective at 3 p.m. on Thursday, October 29:

- In-person classes on the Norman campus will be canceled.
- On the Norman campus, only essential employees should remain in or report to their on-campus position. No remote work; eligible employees will be granted administrative leave. Please check with your supervisor if you are unsure of your work schedule.

OU Health Campus Programs (All Locations), OU-Tulsa, and OU Online Programs:

Students and employees will follow their regular class and work schedules.

The Norman campus will resume normal operations, including regular class and work schedules, on Friday, October 30.

More information on this year's Soval Series events will be announced soon.

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