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Welcome to Frostburg State University

This catalog is designed to be a road map to your future at Frostburg State University. It will direct you to valuable information regarding the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the College of Education and the College of Business. It will lead you through our many programs of study, giving details about every course available at the time of publication, and it will guide you to the best opportunities for financial aid. It will give you useful information about our academic policies and procedures. In short, this catalog will provide a description of what we offer, and how you can become a part of Frostburg State University.

Like any map, what it cannot provide is the experience of Frostburg State University. It cannot describe the quality of our faculty and our support personnel. You may note that more than 80 percent of our faculty have Ph.D.’s, but it is important to know that they publish in the most prestigious books and journals in the world, while still giving their full support and attention to their students. They pride themselves on the close and personal connections they form with students. It doesn’t tell you that we employ one faculty member for every 16 students and that you will never sit in a lecture hall with hundreds of students. It also cannot express the importance we place on providing support through our Center for Academic Advising and Retention, our Orientation Program or our Learning Connections in which incoming first-year students join a group of students with similar interests, then take several courses with those same students. Enduring friendships are often born of these communities.

This catalog cannot give you a true sense of this beautiful, uncrowded campus in the mountains of Western Maryland, nor can it convey the environment that so many students say enhances both their learning and their development as human beings. These qualities can only be realized from experiencing this campus and allowing us the privilege of providing you an education.

We are glad you have chosen Frostburg and look forward to your becoming an engaged member of our community who will remember mentors, friends, and intellectual challenges when you think of Frostburg State University in years to come.

Dr. Ronald Nowaczyk, President
Academic Calendar 2020-2021

For all deadlines: action must be completed by 4:30 p.m. on the date specified.

Fall 2020
Undergraduate Fall 2020
August 17 Classes Begin (15-week session, 7-week I session)
Aug. 17 – Aug. 19 Drop/Add Period and Late Registration. (7-week I session)
Aug. 17 – Aug. 21 Drop/Add Period and Late Registration. (15-week session)
September 7 Labor Day – Classes scheduled
September 8 Last Day to File Pass/Fail Form (15-week session)
September 9 Mid-Term Warnings Available (7-week I session)
September 17 Last Day to Withdraw from Courses with a “W” (7-week I session)
September 25 Last Day for Grade Changes for Spring 2020 and Summer 2020 (Including Removal of “I” Grades)
September 28 Mid-Term Warnings Available (15-week session)
September 30 Last Day to Withdraw from Courses with a “WF” (7-week I session)
October 1-2 Final Exams (7-week session I)
October 5 Classes Begin (7-week II session)
Oct. 5-Oct. 7 Drop/Add Period and Late Registration. (7-week II session)
October 23 Last Day to Withdraw from Courses with a “W” (15-week session)
October 28 Mid-Term Warnings Available (7-week II session)
November 5 Last Day to Withdraw from Courses with a “W” (7-week II session)
November 18 Last Day to Withdraw from Courses with a “W” (15-week session, 7-week session II)
November 18 Last Day of Classes (15-week session, 7-week session II)
Nov. 19-20 Final Exams (7-week session II)
Nov. 19-21, 23-24 Final Exams (15-week session)
November 22 Common Finals (15-week session)
November 24 Residence Halls Close at 7:00 p.m.

Intersession 2021
November 2 Registration Begins
December 18 Cancellation Date for Courses with insufficient enrollment
January 4, 2021 Classes Begin
January 5 Last Day to Withdraw with a Refund
January 5 Last Day to Add a Course / Last Day to Drop Course without “W”
January 15 Last Day to Drop a Course with a “W”
January 18 M.L. King Holiday – No Classes, Offices Closed
January 22 Last Day of Classes

Spring 2021
November 2 - 20, 2020 Spring 2021 Registration Period
January 18 M.L. King Holiday – Offices Closed
January 21 Residence Halls Open for Non-Registered New Students at 8 a.m.
January 21 Testing (New Non-Registered Students Only)
January 22 Advising and Registration (New Non-Registered Students Only)
January 24 Residence Halls Open for registered returning students at 9 a.m.
January 25 Classes Begin
January 25 – 29 Drop/Add Period and Late Registration.
February 15 Last Day to File Pass/Fail Form
March 5 Last Day for Grade Changes for Fall 2020 and Intersession 2021 (Including removal of incomplete grades)
March 8 Mid-Term Warnings Available
March 12 Residence Halls Close at 7:00 p.m.
March 13 – 21 Spring Break – No classes
March 21 Residence Halls Open at 12 noon
March 22 Classes Resume
March 22 Last Day to Register for Six-Week 2 Intensive Online Courses
March 29 First Day of Six-Week 2 Intensive Online Courses
April 2 Last Day to Withdraw from Courses with a “W”
May 11 Last Day to Withdraw from Courses with a “WF”
May 11 Last Day of Classes
May 12 Reading Day
May 13 – 14 Final Exams
May 15 Common Finals
May 17 – 19 Final Exams
May 19 Residence Halls Close at 7:00 p.m. (students with late finals may request an exception from the RLO)
May 20 Commencement

Summer 2021
See the Summer Session Schedule Booklet for complete calendar

Calendar subject to change without notice.