



The UNIVERSITY of OKLAHOMA, HEALTH CAMPUS
Office of the Senior Vice President and Provost

MEMORANDUM

TO: OU Health Campus Leadership Committee

FROM: Gary E. Raskob, PhD 
Senior Vice President and Provost, OU Health Campus

DATE: August 26, 2026

SUBJECT: 2026 Fall Semester Student Holiday (OU v Texas) and Announcements

Following review of policies for both the 2026 Fall Holiday and academic attendance for OU Health Campus and discussions with campus representatives, including OUHC Student Government Association, I am announcing the 2026 Fall Student Holiday as follows:

Fall Holiday: Friday, October 9, 2026, will be designated as a 2026 Fall Holiday for Health Campus program students. In-person classes in Oklahoma City, Tulsa, and additional OUHC Program sites are cancelled for Friday, October 9. Online courses will meet as originally scheduled.

As in the past, given the context of our health professions and graduate student programs, Program Directors and Chairs are responsible for determining which program students will not be permitted to take the holiday on Friday, October 9, due to clinical responsibilities, patient care needs, or other unique circumstances.

Faculty and Staff may take PTO or unpaid leave on October 9, subject to the regular leave request policies. Please note that this is not a paid University holiday, and *supervisors do not have discretion to permit employees to take the day off without taking paid or unpaid leave.*

Other Fall Reminders and Announcements:

November 3, 2026 is election day. The University of Oklahoma supports the 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. Information about employee voting is available from Human Resources, hbrp@ou.edu.

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.

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

[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.

Please distribute this communication to Health Campus program students, faculty, and staff. If you have questions regarding this holiday, please contact Senior Vice Provost Jill Raines.

Thank you for your leadership in training the next generation of health professionals and scientists.

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