



CSUSM MSW Program Internship Education Calendar 2026-2027

Fall Semester 2026

First Day of Internship, 2nd Year Students: Monday August 31 OR Tuesday September 1, 2026

First Day of Internship, 1st Year Students: Tuesday, September 8th OR Weds., Sept 9th, 2026

Last Day of Internship, FALL SEMESTER, ALL STUDENTS: Friday, December 11, 2026

Thursday August 27	NEW INTERNSHIP SUPERVISOR ORIENTATION TRAINING
Monday, Aug. 31	First day of classes for Fall 2026 Semester, ALL STUDENTS
Monday, Aug. 31 OR Tuesday Sept. 1	Advanced Year Students First Day of Internship for Fall 2026 Semester – 20 Hrs. /Wk.
Wed & Thurs Sept 2 & 3	All day Mandatory Pre-Internship Immersion for all Foundation Year Internship Students (students attend either day depending on class schedule)
Monday, Sept. 7	Labor Day Holiday; campus closed & no Internship or classes
Tuesday, Sept. 8 OR Wednesday, Sept. 9	Foundation Year Students First Day of Internship for Fall 2026 Semester – 16 Hrs./Wk.
Friday, Oct. 2	All students - Student Learning Agreements (MSW Guidelines & Limitations, & Agency Orientation Checklists) Due via IPT Database
Monday, Oct. 12 through Friday, Nov. 13	Agency Site Visits: Internship Seminar Professor-Agency Internship Supervisor-Student Meeting to discuss student progress; meeting held at agency site
Wednesday, November 11	Veteran's Day Holiday; campus closed & NO Internship or classes
Thurs/Fri, Nov. 26 & 27	Thanksgiving Holiday; campus closed & NO Internship or classes
Wednesday, December 2	Comprehensive Skills Evaluations for Fall 2026 Semester due
Friday, Dec. 11	Last day of Internship for Fall 2026 Semester – All Students
Mon Dec 21, 2026 – Friday January 1, 2027	Winter Break – CAMPUS CLOSED; NO Internship allowed during this break

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL STUDENTS MUST REPORT BACK TO INTERNSHIP ON MONDAY, JANUARY 4th, 2027, OR TUESDAY, JANUARY 5th, 2027, depending on class schedule. PLEASE REFER TO REQUIRED INTERNSHIP HOURS EACH MONTH, LISTED IN APPENDIX I, AT THE END OF THIS DOCUMENT. IT IS THE STUDENTS' RESPONSIBILITY TO KNOW THE EXACT MINIMUM HOURS REQUIRED IN INTERNSHIP EACH WEEK AND TOTALS FOR EACH SEMESTER. FAILURE TO COMPLETE REQUIRED NUMBER OF INTERNSHIP HOURS WILL RESULT IN A GRADE OF NO-CREDIT FOR THE INTERNSHIP INTERNSHIP/SEMINAR.



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Spring Semester 2027

First Day of Internship, SPRING SEMESTER, ALL STUDENTS: Monday January 5th

Last Day of Internship, SPRING SEMESTER, ALL STUDENTS: Friday, May 8th

Monday, Jan 4 OR Tues, Jan 5	First Day of Internship for Spring 2027 Semester - All Students
Monday, Jan. 18	Martin Luther King Day; Campus closed & NO Internship
Monday January 25	First day of classes Spring 2027 Semester, ALL STUDENTS
Friday, January 29	AGENCY FAIR - Foundation Year Students Only 9:00 am – 12:00 pm, location SDSU Montezuma Hall
Monday, March 22 - Friday, March 26	Spring Break; No Internship or classes this week
Wednesday, March 31	Cesar Chavez Holiday; Campus Closed and NO internship
Monday April 26	Comprehensive Skills Evaluations for Spring 2027 Semester due
Friday, May 7	Last day of Internship/classes for Spring 2027 Semester – All Students
Saturday, May 15	Commencement

CSUSM Policies on Holidays & Campus Closures:

CSUSM Campus Open

When an agency is closed for a holiday and CSUSM Campus is open for this holiday, e.g. Columbus Day, President's Day, etc. and the student has scheduled internship hours on the day the agency is closed, the student is responsible for making-up those hours (sometime before the end of the semester) to meet the required minimum practicum hours in the Internship Education course for that semester.

CSUSM Campus Closed

When CSUSM campus is closed, the student shall not conduct internship hours on that day (even if the agency is open), e.g., Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Holiday, Friday after Thanksgiving Holiday, & Winter break. Students are not required to make up holiday hours observed by the University.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Students may not be at the Internship agency when campus is closed during any holiday, as students not covered by the University's liability insurance when the campus is closed.

APPENDIX I. CSUSM MSW PROGRAM INTERNSHIP INTERNSHIP HOURS: YEAR 2026-2027 ¹

1ST YEAR FOUNDATION YEAR STUDENTS

16 HOURS PER WEEK

Fall Semester 2026

September 2026, Hours in Internship: 64

October 2026, Hours in Internship: 64

November 2026, Hours in Internship: 56

December 2026, Hours in Internship: 32

Fall Semester 2026: 216 INTERNSHIP HOURS REQUIRED

Spring Semester 2027

January 2027, Hours in Internship: 56

February 2027, Hours in Internship: 64

March 2027, Hours in Internship: 64

April - May 2027, Hours in Internship: 80

Spring Semester: 264 INTERNSHIP HOURS REQUIRED

Total Internship Hours Foundation Year 2026-2027 = MINIMUM 480 Hours

IMPORTANT INTERNSHIP POLICY REGARDING ACCRUAL OF HOURS: Internship hours must be gained at 16 hours per week during the foundation year Internship practicum, over each of the 15-week semesters (fall and spring); **students are not permitted to complete Internship hours prior to the end of the semester or begin Internship before the fall Internship start date, unless required by the agency AND approved by the Internship Department.**

IMPORTANT POLICY REGARDING BANKING INTERNSHIP HOURS: In special circumstances, students may bank NO MORE THAN one-weeks' worth of hours per semester; however, these banked hours can only be accrued after approval has been granted from both the Agency Internship Supervisor and the CSUSM Internship Seminar Professor.

¹ Please note that hours listed may vary by week, depending on students' specific Internship days. There may be some months when a student is in Internship fewer or more days than what is listed in the calendar. The calendar is simply a guide – so please use it as such and track your hours with your Internship agency supervisor.

IMPORTANT NOTE: By the end of each semester, the student must complete the minimum Internship hours required, as listed in this Internship Calendar. If you are falling behind in hours, please consult with both your agency Internship supervisor and your CSUSM MSW Internship Faculty Liaison. Failure to complete required hours in Internship by the end of each semester can result in receiving a grade of NO CREDIT for the Internship practicum, thus requiring the student to repeat the entire Internship practicum semester for which they received a grade of NO CREDIT.

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2ND YEAR ADVANCED YEAR STUDENTS

20 HOURS PER WEEK

Fall Semester 2026

August/September 2026, Hours in Internship: 82 (this may vary slightly due to holiday)

October 2026, Hours in Internship: 92

November 2026, Hours in Internship: 56

December 2026, Hours in Internship: 40

Fall Semester: 280 INTERNSHIP HOURS REQUIRED

Spring Semester 2027

January 2027, Hours in Internship: 80

February 2027, Hours in Internship: 80

March 2027, Hours in Internship: 80

April - May 2027, Hours in Internship: 100

Spring Semester: 340 MINIMUM INTERNSHIP HOURS REQUIRED

Total Internship Hours Advanced Year 2026-2027 = MINIMUM 620 Hours

IMPORTANT INTERNSHIP POLICY REGARDING ACCRUAL OF HOURS: Internship hours must be gained at 20 hours per week in the concentration year Internship practicum, over each of the 15-week semesters (fall and spring); **students are not permitted to complete Internship hours prior to the end of the semester or begin Internship before the fall Internship start date, unless required by the agency AND approved by the Internship Department.**

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