Calendar 2020

Fall Semester: August 24 – December 18, 2020
Classes begin
Tuition due
Last day to add/drop classes
College closed - Labor Day
Scholarship application deadline (spring scholarships)
Minnesota Teacher Conventions
Veterans’ Day
Thanksgiving break
Final exams
Last day of fall semester
Spring semester begins

August 24
August 28
September 7
October 15
October 15-16
November 11
November 26-27
December 14-18
January 11

Urgent Info Alerts:

StarAlert messages
Star Alert is Ridgewater’s emergency notification system. For weather-related campus closures or a campus emergency, we use Star Alert to send SMS text messages or email messages to accounts that you have designated. Students are automatically opted into this service. To cancel or add additional information to your Star Alert account, please visit ridgewater.edu/staralert.

Registration

Academic Advising
Students must meet with an advisor for degree and course planning and to obtain a registration access code unless they have completed 29 or more credits.

Add, Drop and Withdraw
A course add includes initial registration, additional registration, or substituting one course for another; it must be completed by the term’s fifth business day.
A course drop occurs when a student removes a course from his/her schedule on or before the fifth business day of the term.
A course withdrawal occurs when a student removes a course from his/her schedule after the fifth business day of the term. Students are strongly encouraged to meet with an advisor prior to withdrawing from courses.

Refunds
Refund schedule for full-term course and other courses that begin during the first week of the semester:
August 24-28 100% refund
After August 28, refunds vary, depending on timing. Go to ridgewater.edu/financialaid for more details.

Satisfactory Academic Progress
To maintain enrollment and financial aid eligibility, students must make satisfactory progress, maintaining a 2.0 cumulative GPA and completing 66.67% of cumulative attempted credits.

Paying for College $$

Financial Aid
The Financial Aid Office provides information on federal and state aid programs. Apply online at fafsa.ed.gov. Ridgewater’s school code is 005252. Payment plans are available through Nelnet. Learn more in your eServices account.

Undocumented/DACA Minnesota residents may be eligible for aid through the Minnesota Dream Act. Learn more at http://www.ohe.state.mn.us.

Work Study
Work on campus! Great jobs are available on campus for students who qualify for work study hours. Jobs are flexible with course schedules. Find a list of open jobs at ridgewater.edu/workstudy. You must complete the FAFSA and indicate an interest in work study to determine eligibility.

Community Jobs
Whether you are looking for part-time work while you are going to college or a full-time career once you graduate, Ridgewater has resources to help you. collegecentral.com/ridgewater

Scholarships
Watch your student email for reminders! More than $200,000 in scholarships will be awarded! ridgewater.edu/scholarships

We are Warriors!
Stay Informed: Check your email
Email is the primary way we communicate important information and opportunities. Each student is assigned a Ridgewater email and should CHECK IT OFTEN! ridgewater.edu/email. In addition, Ridgewater is piloting a text messaging student communication system called Signal Vine. Stay tuned.

Services Alerts:

Student Services text messages
In eServices, students can receive notifications of tuition due dates, course information, advising announcements, etc. Just go to your online eServices and opt in to text messaging under “Account Management”. Sign up today so we can help you succeed!

eServices makes it easier

eServices is your individual online student portal where you can access your grades, register for classes, pay your bill, and see your financial aid award letter.

To Log into eServices
ridgewater.edu/eservices
Enter your StarID and StarID password to access:
Courses and Registration
• Search and register for courses
• View and modify your schedule
Grades and Transcripts
• View semester grades (they are not mailed)
• View your unofficial transcript
• View your DARS report (verify you take the right courses to graduate)
Financial Aid Info
• Check the status of your application
• See your possible awards
Bills and Payment Info
• Check out your full account details
• Pay online

Student Log Ins

Access Ridgewater’s website home page for information you need. To access resources you'll likely use the most, go online to ridgewater.edu. See STUDENT LOGINS at the top if you are on a computer, or on your phone, click on the MENU bar for STUDENT LOGINS in the dropdown options. You will find:
• Email & Office 365
• eServices
• D2L Brightspace
• StarID

Your online orientation is a valuable tool to explore college resources to help you succeed. ridgewater.edu/onlineorientation.

D2L Brightspace

D2L (Desire 2 Learn) is a tool used to deliver course materials for online and on-campus classes. Check with your instructor to see if D2L is something you will be using for any of your classes.

Log into your D2L Brightspace Account
ridgewater.edu/D2L
Enter your StarID and StarID password
• Once you are logged into D2L, any classes that will be using D2L will be listed in the My Course section. The class will become a blue hyperlink that you can click on at the start of the semester.
• Log into D2L and click on each class during the first week of school so that your instructor knows you will be attending class.
• D2L can be used to post assignments, quizzes and readings - it can also be used to upload papers or other assignments for class.
• Each class will have an instructor and his/her contact information in the syllabus.

Information release

Ridgewater cannot release private or educational information without your written consent. If you want information released to third parties, including parents, newspapers and for internal publications such as the graduation program, go to ridgewater.edu/inforelease. The release remains in effect unless changes are made.

* Data Privacy Act of 1972 and the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974
Resources, computers, printers, tutors, study rooms, etc.

**Regular Library Hours:**
Monday - Thursday: 7:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Summer Library Hours** (subject to change):
Monday - Thursday: 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

[ridgewater.edu/library](http://ridgewater.edu/library)

One of the best ways to maximize your college experience is to be involved. Find an activity that's right for you!
[ridgewater.edu/student.services.activities](http://ridgewater.edu/student.services.activities)

- Program-related clubs
- Athletics or recreational sports, including NEW mixed Clay Target
- Student government
- Fine arts and honor society
- On-campus disc golf or billiards

**Student ID/Warrior Card**

Get your Warrior card the first week of class. Visit the Student Life desk and we’ll take your picture for your Student ID. Watch your campus email for available times. Your Warrior card will be used as a library card and a picture ID. You may also get some sweet student discounts with it around town!

**Bookstore**

- Rentals
- In-store purchasing
- Book buyback
- Online purchasing
- Book charging
- Ridgewater gear

Get your books at the bookstore. New and used books are available at [ridgewaterbookstore.com](http://ridgewaterbookstore.com) and in the bookstore **two weeks before** each semester.

***All students who have met one of the tuition and fee payment requirements and are registered for at least one Ridgewater credit may charge their books at the on-campus bookstore on either campus or online.***

Book buyback is available toward the end of each semester.

**Bookstore Hours:**
Monday - Thursday: 7:45 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Friday: 7:45 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

On the Ridgewater website, look for the Bookstore under Student Services & Activities.

Follow the Ridge!

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**Important contact information - Student Services**

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