

SPRING 2025 REGISTRATION IMPORTANT NOTES

The spring 2025 course schedule is available on October 10th via [Course Search](#).

- October 28th 12:00am: Advanced registration begins
- November 11th 11:59pm: Advance registration ends
- November 18th (TBA): Advanced registration results will be available via Path@Penn.
- November 19th 7am: Course registration reopens and remains open through the add/drop periods for each part of term.

All SP2 Students are required to register for the spring term or apply for a [leave of absence](#). Failure to register may result in involuntary leave or program withdraw.

All SP2 Students are required to follow their program of study:

- [Master of Science in Social Policy](#)
- [Master of Science in Social Policy and Data Analytics](#)
- [Master of Science in Nonprofit Leadership](#)
- [Master of Social Work](#)
- [PhD in Social Welfare](#)

All SP2 Students are strongly encouraged to meet with their academic advisor prior to registering for spring term courses.

Parts of Term

The majority of SP2's courses follow the start/end and registration deadlines for the traditional 14-week term. 26 SP2 courses are offered in a non-traditional format. Start/end and registration deadlines for all SP2 courses:

Spring 14 Weeks

- Impacted Courses: *all SP2 Course Offerings not listed below*
- Begins: January 15th
- Monday Course Schedule: January 15th
- Holiday (no classes): January 20th
- Add/Drop/Swap Ends (100% tuition refund): January 28th
- Drop Ends (50% tuition refund): February 24th
- Withdraw (no refund): February 25th
- Spring Break: March 8th – 16th
- Last Day of Classes: April 30th
- Course Evaluations: TBA
- Last Day of Term: May 13th
- Grading: May 16th

Spring 1st 7 weeks

- Impacted Courses: MSSP-6320-001, MSSP-6320-003, NPLD-7820-001, NPLD-7820-002, SWRK-7620-001
- Begins: January 15th
- Monday Course Schedule: January 15th
- Holiday (no classes): January 20th
- Add/Drop/Swap Ends (100% tuition refund): January 21st
- Drop Ends (50% tuition refund): February 2nd
- Withdraw (no refund): February 3rd
- Last Day of Classes: March 5th
- Course Evaluations: TBA
- Grading: March 9th

Spring 2nd 7 weeks

- Impacted Courses: MSSP-6320-002, NPLD-7850-001, NPLD-7890-002
- Begins: March 17th
- Add/Drop/Swap Ends (100% tuition refund): March 22nd
- Drop Ends (50% tuition refund): April 2nd
- Withdraw (no refund): April 3rd
- Holiday (no classes): January 20th
- Last Day of Classes: April 30th
- Course Evaluations: TBA
- Grading: May 3rd

NPL 1st 10 weeks

- Impacted Courses: NPLD-5930-001, NPLD-7620-001, NPLD-7810-001
- Begins: January 15th
- Monday Course Schedule: January 15th
- Holiday (no classes): January 20th
- Add/Drop/Swap Ends (100% tuition refund): January 24th
- Drop Ends (50% tuition refund): February 14th
- Withdraw (no refund): February 15th
- Last Day of Classes: April 4th
- Course Evaluations: TBA
- Grading: April 8th

NPL 2nd 10 weeks

- Impacted Courses: NPLD-5920-001, NPLD-7940-001
- Begins: February 24th
- Add/Drop/Swap Ends (100% tuition refund): March 5th
- Drop Ends (50% tuition refund): March 24th
- Withdraw (no refund): March 25th
- Last Day of Classes: May 9th
- Course Evaluations: TBA
- Grading: May 13th

NPL 1st 5 weeks

- Impacted Courses: NPLD-5650-001, NPLD-5670-001, NPLD-5800-001
- Begins: January 15th
- Monday Course Schedule: January 15th
- Add/Drop/Swap Ends (100% tuition refund): January 19th
- Holiday (no classes): January 20th
- Drop Ends (50% tuition refund): January 29th
- Withdraw (no refund): January 30th
- Last Day of Classes: February 21st
- Course Evaluations: TBA
- Grading: February 25th

NPL 3rd 5 weeks

- Impacted Courses: NPLD-5690-001, NPLD-5830-001, NPLD-7890-001
- Begins: April 7th
- Add/Drop/Swap Ends (100% tuition refund): April 10th
- Drop Ends (50% tuition refund): April 19th
- Withdraw (no refund): April 20th
- Last Day of Classes: May 9th
- Course Evaluations:
- Grading: May 12th

Spring Break MSW-One Week Intensive Courses

- Impacted Courses: SWRK-7600-003, SWRK-7770-001, SWRK-7780-001
- Begins: March 10th
- Add/Drop/Swap Ends (100% tuition refund): March 10th
- Drop Ends (50% tuition refund): March 12th
- Withdraw (no refund): March 13th
- Last Day of Classes: March 16th
- Course Evaluations: TBA
- Grading: March 20th

Law School 14 weeks

- Impacted Courses: SSPP-6230-401
- Begins: January 13th
- Add/Drop/Swap Ends (100% tuition refund): January 24th
- Drop Ends (50% tuition refund): January 24th
- Withdraw (no refund): January 24th
- Last Day of Classes: April 24th
- Course Evaluations: TBA
- Grading: May 16th

Travel Courses

Course Number: SWRK-7480-001 Microfinance and Women's Empowerment in India (1cu)

- Instructor: Femida Handy and Tiana Marrese
- Country: India
- Part of Term: Intersession (12/20/24 to 1/14/25)
- Travel Dates: January 3rd to January 13th
- Last Date of Academic Activity: March 1st
- Course Fee: \$1,484
- Drop with 100% refund of tuition and fees: December 4th (30 days prior to travel)
- Drop with 50% refund of tuition and fees: December 19th (15 days prior to travel)
- Withdraw – 0% refund of tuition and fees: December 20th

Course Number: NPLD-5850-001 Social Impact Lab (1cu)

- Country: Costa Rica
- Instructors: Peter Frumkin and Adam Roth-Saks
- Part of Term: 1 Week Intensive (3/10/25 to 3/16/25)
- Travel Dates: March 9th to March 15th
- Last Date of Academic Activity: March 29th
- Course Fee: \$800
- Drop with 100% refund of tuition and fees: February 7th (30 days prior to travel)
- Drop with 50% refund of tuition and fees: February 22nd (15 days prior to travel)
- Withdraw – 0% refund of tuition and fees: February 23rd

Course Number: NPLD-7500-001 Corporate Social Responsibility (1cu)

- Country: Netherlands
- Instructors: Femida Handy and Scott Harkey
- Part of Term: TBA
- Travel Dates: May 4th to May 15th
- Last Date of Academic Activity: May 18th
- Course Fee: \$725
- Drop with 100% refund of tuition and fees: April 4th (30 days prior to travel)
- Drop with 50% refund of tuition and fees: April 19th (15 days prior to travel)
- Withdraw – 0% refund of tuition and fees: April 20th

Status

- Full-Time Status is 3 or more course units per term.
- SP2 students typically enroll in 4 to 5 course units per term. SP2 students cannot artificially extend their expected graduation term by not following the planned program of study for their degree.
- Part-time status is less than 3 course units in a term.
- Students must enroll in a minimum of 2 course units in the term to qualify for financial aid.

Course(s)

- SP2 students enroll in graduate courses only. Graduate courses are numbered 5000 and above.
- SP2 students are required to have approval from their academic advisor to enroll in a course outside of SP2.
- SP2 students who enroll in coursework outside of the school are responsible for following the academic calendar, add/drop/swap and refund dates for that school. Students are responsible for contacting the school for the relevant deadlines.

Course Activity Type(s)

SP2 offers on-campus, online and hybrid courses throughout the academic year.

- On-Campus – all course activity is in-person and on Penn's campus
- Online – all course activity is online via Canvas and Zoom
- Hybrid – course activity is in-person and online

International Students

- International students are required to maintain full-time enrollment during the academic year. Full-time enrollment is 3 or more course units in a term. International students must follow their program of study and cannot artificially extend their degree completion. A typical full-time schedule is 4 to 5 course units per term depending on the academic program.
- International students in their final term of study must complete a [Reduced Course Load](#) request form with ISSS.
- International students can take 1 fully online course in a term. Please note the clarification, 1 course not 1 cu. International students cannot take 2 .5 course unit courses. Only 1 fully online course in a term is permitted. This is a requirement of your student visa. International students can enroll in hybrid courses because hybrid courses have an in-person component. Failure to follow these guidelines can result in Visa challenges, tuition/fee costs and will have a negative impact on degree completion.
- These requires do not apply to international students in the online NPL program.

Canvas

[Canvas](#) is Penn's learning management system. Canvas is not an indicator of enrollment. Students are required to register for classes and confirm their enrollment via [Path@Penn](#). Instructor(s) are not required to have their Canvas sites active before classes begin.

Resources

- [Path@Penn](#) is your main hub for information about your academic records, financial aid and student profile. [Path@Penn Resources & Support for Students](#)
- [Course Search](#) details SP2 and Penn's course offerings for each term.
- [Penn.Pay](#) is Penn's online billing system. You will receive an [auto-generated](#) bill from Penn before each semester that lists your tuition and fee charges.
 - [Billing Schedule](#)
- [Wellness at Penn](#) provides support, resources and practical tools for health and wellness across the Penn community.
- [International Student and Scholar Services](#) supports all things Visa related.
- [Andrea M. Porter](#), SP2 Director of Student Information/Registrar.