

Fort Hays State University
Cross-Border Sias Timeline - Spring 2026
All Dates and Times are U.S. Central Time - zone

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Action Item	Weeks	Who		
Action Item	Deadlines	Lead	Support	Aware
Pre - Spring Term				
Spring Hire Contracts	14-Jan-26	HR	Dept.	Faculty/GA
Deadline for chairs/ICs to have FHSU Online Course Requests submitted to the Registrar	16-Jan-26	GA	IC	Partner
Teaching Assignment entered and cross-checked in Workday for Spring 2026		IC	Registrar	BB
Language proficiency status report	Monthly	ISS		Partner
Spring 2026 Admissions	28-Jan-26			
Blackboard shells open to faculty for Spring 2026 (4 weeks prior to Spring term)	28-Jan-26	TS		Faculty
Language proficiency status report (4 week prior)	28-Jan-26	ISS		Partner
Admission and Transcript reports: Late Admits	5-Feb-26	Partner	Admissions	Admissions/ REG
Final day to submit passing English Language Proficiency score (2 weeks prior)	12-Feb-26	ISS		Partner
F26 Diplomas and Transcripts sent to Sias	14-Feb-26	Registrar	GA/Partner	Partner/GA
Registration Reports and Templates to partner	16-Feb-26	GAISS	Partner	
Faculty arrive on campus(one week prior)	19-Feb-26	Faculty		Partner
Registration Batch Load Roster (Wednesday)	21-Feb-26	Partner		Partner - GA
Register Students (Pre-check-Workday registration-Blackboard load*) (Friday)	23-Feb-26	GA	IA Registrar	TS
Week 1 (Sias)	March 2 - March March 6			
Classes Begin (Monday)	March			
Registration Batch Load Roster (first roster update by Monday)		Partner	GA	Registrar-TS
Registration at partner school		Partner		
Roster Discrepancy Check (Workday/Blackboard) <i>(ongoing first 10 days)</i>		Faculty	Partner	GA
Full refund period for students to drop courses <i>(ongoing first 10 days)</i>		Partner		SFS
ASC and CbyD - list of courses and faculty with contact information (Thursday)		Partner	GA	IC
Registration Batch Load Roster (second roster update by Thursday)		Partner	GA	Registrar - TS
Issue Pathway Scholarships for the previous year scholarship recipients		Presidents Offi	GA/Partner	Partner
Intent to Return Letter		Jeni		Faculty
Week 2 (Sias)	March 9 - March 13			
Registration Batch Load Roster (final update by Thursday)		Partner	GA	Registrar - TS
Final week to register for classes				
ASC and CbyD - list of courses and faculty with contact information (Thursday)		Partner	GA	IC
Full refund period ends for students to drop courses	Partner - SFS			

Week 3 (Sias)	March 16 - March 20			
Enrollment Projections for Fall 2026 Provided to FHSU		Partner	GA	Partner - GA - IC
Week 4 (Sias)	March 23 - March 27			
Inform faculty if the student dropped/withdrew after 4 weeks		GA		Faculty
Edward Hammond - Scholarships - determine KIS recipient		GA		Partner
SFS begins invoicing process		SFS		SFS - Partner
Tassels for Graduation (<i>request number needed for commencement</i>)		Registrar		Partner
Week 5 (Sias)	March 30 - April 3			
Admission Templates for Fall 2026		ISS		Partner
Fall 2026 Projections		IC	GA	Partner
Week 6 (Sias)	April 6 - April 10			
Final Invoice Processed - Wiring of Payment Begins		SFS		Partner
Textbook List (reviewed and confirmed for Fall 2026)		IC	GA	Partner
Re-evaluate all current stipends and contracts for cross-border		GA		Faculty
Re-evaluate/Renew Contingent teaching contracts for cross-border		Jeni		Faculty
Initiate Intent to Return Process		Chairs/Dept.	Faculty	HR/GA
Week 7 (Sias)	April 13 - April 17			
FHSU Returning Faculty begin Residence Renewal Process at Partner School		Faculty		Partner
ASC/CbyD Review by Academic Department		Partner		IC
Faculty (requested to return) confirm plans to return		Faculty	Chairs/Dept.	HR/GA
Week 8 (Sias)	April 20 - April 24			
Draft Contract for next AY		Jeni/OIA		Faculty
University Counsel MOA Cover Sheet/Contract Review		Jeni/OIA		Faculty
Teaching Assignments for Fall 2026 - initial		IC	GA	Partner
Admission for Fall 2026 applicants		Partner	IA	GA
Week 9 (Sias)	April 27 - May 1			
Week 10 (Sias)	May 4 - May 8			
Calendar for Fall 2026 Posted		GA		Partner
Week 11 (Sias)	May 11 - May 15			
Next AY Sias/SNU Contract Draft		Jeni		Faculty
Last day to Withdraw with "W" on transcript, no refund				Students - Registrar
Week 12 (Sias)	May 18 - May 22			
Week 13 (Sias)	May 25 - May 29			

Teaching Assignments for Fall 2026 - Final		IC	GA	Partner
Sias Homecoming		FHSU		Admin
Graduation Ceremony - FHSU Delegation		FHSU		Admin
Week 14 (Sias)		June 1 - June 5		
Student Evaluations Open (two weeks before finals)				IEQI
Week 15 (Sias)		June 8 - June 12		
Last Day of Regular Classes				Faculty
Week 16 (Sias)		June 15 - June 19		
Final Exams				Faculty
Student Evaluations of courses close				IREF
Post Term				
FHSU faculty submit final grades to FHSU Registrar			June 22, 2026	
Report ran to determine missing final grades			GA	IC
Faculty Return Stipend (upon all final grades)			June 22 - June 26	GA HR Faculty
Faculty Referral Program Stipend Issued				
Partner Transcripts: Final additions or changes for Spring 2026 graduates			Partner	Registrar
Spring 2026 grade report available in Workday				Workday
Grades available on the IP Portal				Portal
Probation, Suspension and Dismissal Report and Letters Shipped			June 29 - July 3	AACE GA Partner
Diplomas and transcripts of students graduating Spring 2026 shipped			FHSU	Registrar GA
ASC - CbyD Grades sent to FHSU load in Workday			Partner	Registrar GA
Pre-Fall Term				
Teaching Assignments entered and cross-checked in Workday for Fall 2026			IC	Registrar BB
Blackboard shells open to faculty for Fall 2026 (4 weeks prior to Fall term)			Registrar	BB Faculty
Admission and Transcript reports: Late Admits			Partner	IA
Professional Development Week: IBTSS Conference in Cambodia			August 1-7, 2026	
Fall Term 2026				
TENTATIVE Dates				FHSU-Partner
FHSU University Breaks and Holidays				
Martin Luther King Holiday	19-Jan-26			
Spring Break - University Holiday	March 16-20, 2026			
Memorial Day	25-May-26			

Chinese Holidays

Chinese New Year	Feb 16 - 23
Tomb- Sweeping Day	4-Apr-26
Labor Day	1-May-26
Dragon Boat Festival	19-Jun-26

Notes:

Workday to Blackboard Integration runs three times daily (5p, 6p, 7p Central Time)

Global Blackboard: <https://globalbb.fhsu.edu/>

Academic and Operational Team

Academic Administration	Jeni McRay (at FHSU) Matt Schenk (at Sias)
Academic Standing	Beth Spencer
Faculty	FHSU International Faculty
HR - Human Resources	Russel Irby Kenadee O'brien
RCOBE Director of Strategic Partnerships	Robert Lloyd
Department Chair/Administrative Assistant	Paul Nienkamp/Jodie Wear-Leiker (PHIL)
Department Chair/Administrative Assistant	Steve Sedbrook/Noel Sanderson (HHP) Anthony Fox (HHP)
Department Chair/Administrative Assistant	Eric Leuschner/Amy Richecky (ENG)
Cross Border Education Specialist	Sharon Graham (UNIV)
TS - Technology Services	Greg Grammon - Server Michael Leibold - Blackboard
GAISS - Global Affairs International Services	Haley Williams Jadyn Snyder (faculty HR processes/visa/travel) Cassie Smith (admissions) Damian Win (academic operations)
Registrar - Registrar's Office	Craig Karlin (Registrar) Becky Newel (Assistant Registrar) Sheila McGuire (Course Scheduling) Nikki Houchen (Degree Analyst/Student Records)

	Tammy Winters (Grades/Course Registrations)
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