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# ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2006-2008

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## FALL 2006

April 13-Aug 29		Continual Registration for Fall 2006 for all students on the Web ( <a href="http://www.oldwestbury.edu">www .oldwestbury.edu</a> )
Aug 23, 24, 28, 29	Wed-Tues	Advising for all students, 10 A.M. – 7 P.M.
Aug 25	Fri	Advising for all students 10 A.M. – 4 P.M.
Aug 27	Sun	Residence halls open for new students
Aug 29	Tues	Residence halls open for continuing students
Aug 30	Wed	Classes begin
Aug 30-Sept 6	Wed-Wed	Add/Drop/Late Registration on the Web ( <a href="http://www.oldwestbury.edu">www.oldwestbury.edu</a> ) (\$40 late registration fee)
Sept 4	Mon	Labor Day – no classes; offices closed
Sept 22	Fri	Rosh Hashanah – no classes after 4:30 P.M.
Sept 23	Sat	Rosh Hashanah – no classes
Sept 24	Sun	Rosh Hashanah – no classes
Oct 1	Sun	Yom Kippur – no classes after 4:30 P.M.
Oct 2	Mon	Yom Kippur – no classes
Oct 5	Thurs	Applications for graduation (Registrar's Office) due from candidates expecting to complete requirements by December 2006
Oct 9	Mon	Columbus Day – no classes; offices closed
Oct 18-24	Wed-Tues	Mid-term week
Oct 27	Fri	Mid-term grades due
Oct 30-Dec 13	By Appointment	Advising in department offices for Spring 2007 early registration
Nov 6	Mon	Spring 2007 early registration for seniors on the Web ( <a href="http://www.oldwestbury.edu">www.oldwestbury.edu</a> )
Nov 7	Tues	Election Day – classes in session; offices minimally staffed
Nov 9	Thurs	Spring 2007 early registration for juniors on the Web ( <a href="http://www.oldwestbury.edu">www.oldwestbury.edu</a> )
Nov 11	Sat	Veteran's Day – classes in session
Nov 13	Mon	Spring 2007 early registration for sophomores on the Web ( <a href="http://www.oldwestbury.edu">www.oldwestbury.edu</a> )
Nov 16	Thurs	Spring 2007 early registration for freshmen on the Web ( <a href="http://www.oldwestbury.edu">www.oldwestbury.edu</a> )
Nov 17-Dec 13		Continual registration for Spring 2007 for all Students on the Web ( <a href="http://www.oldwestbury.edu">www.oldwestbury.edu</a> )
Nov 22	Wed	Dining Hall closes after dinner
Nov 23-Nov 26	Thurs-Sun	Thanksgiving Recess (begins after last class Wednesday)
Nov 26	Sun	Dining Hall reopens for dinner
Nov 27	Mon	Classes resume
Dec 14-Dec 20	Thurs-Wed	Examinations week (Grades due 48 hours after final exams)
Dec 20	Wed	Fall semester ends after last examination. Residence Halls close at 1 P.M.
Dec 21, 22	Thurs, Fri	Make Up Days
Dec 25	Mon	Christmas Day – offices closed

## SPRING 2007

Jan 1	Mon	New Year's Day – offices closed
Jan 2	Tues	Winter Mini-semester begins
Jan 3-Jan 23		Continual registration for Spring 2007 for all students on the Web ( <a href="http://www.oldwestbury.edu">www.oldwestbury.edu</a> )
Jan 15	Mon	Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday observed – no classes; offices closed
Jan 17-Jan 23	Wed-Tues	Advising for all students 10 A.M. – 7 P.M.
Jan 19	Fri	Advising for all students 10 A.M. – 4 P.M.
Jan 23	Tues	Residence Halls open Winter Mini-semester ends

## SPRING 2007 (continued)

Jan 24	Wed	Classes begin
Jan 24-Jan 30	Wed-Tues	Add/Drop/Late Registration on the Web ( <a href="http://www.oldwestbury.edu">www.oldwestbury.edu</a> ) (\$40 late registration fee)
Feb 12	Mon	Lincoln's Birthday – classes in session
Feb 19	Mon	President's Day – no classes; offices closed
March 1	Thurs	Applications for graduation (Registrar's Office) due from candidates who expect to complete requirements by May 2007
March 14-March 20	Wed-Tues	Mid-term week
March 23	Fri	Mid-term grades due
March 26-May 9	By Appointment	Advising in department offices for Fall 2007 early registration
March 31	Sat	Dining Hall closes at noon
April 1-April 8	Sun-Sun	Spring recess
April 8	Sun	Dining Hall reopens for dinner
April 9	Mon	Classes resume Fall 2007 early registration for seniors on the Web ( <a href="http://www.oldwestbury.edu">www.oldwestbury.edu</a> )
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April 19	Thurs	Fall 2007 early registration for freshmen on the Web ( <a href="http://www.oldwestbury.edu">www.oldwestbury.edu</a> ) Honors Convocation – Classes cancelled from 2 P.M. – 6 P.M.
April 20-Aug 29		Continual registration for Fall 2007 for all students on the Web ( <a href="http://www.oldwestbury.edu">www.oldwestbury.edu</a> )
May 10-May 16	Thurs-Wed	Examinations week (Grades due 48 hours after final exams)
May 16	Wed	Spring Semester ends after last examination
May 17, 18	Thurs, Fri	Make-Up Days
May 19	Sat	Residence Halls close, 1 P.M.
May 20	Sun	Commencement, 9 A.M.

## SUMMER 2007

May 28	Mon	Memorial Day observed –offices closed
May 29	Tues	Summer Session I begins (2 days/week) Summer Session II begins (4 days/week)
July 2	Mon	Summer Session II ends Final grades due for Summer Session II 48 hours after final examination
July 3, 4	Tues, Wed	Independence Day observed – no classes; offices closed on July 4 only
July 5	Thurs	Summer Session III begins (4days/week, M-Th)
Aug 8	Wed	Summer Session I ends Summer Session III ends Final grades due for Summer Sessions I & III 48 hours after final examination

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Aug 22, 23, 27 and 28	Wed, Thurs, Mon and Tues	Advising for all students, 10 A.M. – 7 P.M.
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June 30	Mon	Summer Session II ends Final grades due for Summer Session II 48 hours after final examination
July 4	Fri	Independence Day observed; no classes, offices closed
July 7	Mon	Summer Session III begins (4 days/week, M-Th)
Aug 4	Mon	Summer Session I ends
Aug 7	Thurs	Summer Session III ends Final grades due for Summer Sessions I and III 48 hours after final examination

# THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK COLLEGE AT OLD WESTBURY AT A GLANCE

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*SUNY College at Old Westbury is a place where exciting things happen, both in and out of the classroom. For that reason, we enjoy using verbs when describing who we are and what we do. So, SUNY College at Old Westbury ...*

- ... **teaches** students to lead at work, in the community, and in life through a campus environment that demands academic excellence and offers close interaction among students, faculty and staff.
- ... **dedicates** itself to offering students an invigorating atmosphere where diversity and intercultural understanding is woven into the very fabric of the academic and social programs.
- ... **remains** the only public, four-year liberal arts and sciences college on Long Island.
- ... **ranked** fourth among the “Top Public Comprehensive Colleges” in the North and first in Campus Diversity among comprehensive colleges in the North in the 2005 “America’s Best Colleges” guidebook published by U.S. News & World Report.
- ... **serves** as the college of choice for 3,400 students who are pursuing Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in their chosen course of study.
- ... **offers** more than 40 baccalaureate degree programs through its School of Arts and Sciences, School of Business, and School of Education. Those programs include:  
*Accounting; Adolescence Education; American Studies; Biochemistry; Biological Sciences; Business Administration; Chemistry; Childhood Education; Comparative Humanities; Computer and Information Science; Criminology; Finance; Health and Society; Industrial and Labor Relations; Language and Literature; Management Information Systems; Marketing, Mathematics; Media and Communications; Middle Childhood Education; Philosophy and Religion; Politics, Economics and Society; Psychology; Sociology; Spanish Language, Hispanic Literature and Culture; Special Education; Visual Arts, and Visual Arts: Electronic Media.*
- ... **offers** graduate programs in accounting and taxation.
- ... **boasts** an internationally-acclaimed faculty that includes a Fulbright Scholar, Guggenheim Fellow, and researchers who have recently earned awards and research grants from such prestigious organizations as the National Institute of General Medical Sciences, the U.S. Department of Education, and the National Science Foundation.
- ... **attracts** among the most diverse student populations in the Northeast. Sixty percent of students are female, 25% African American, 8% Asian American; 33% Caucasian; 15% Hispanic American; 0.2% Native American; and 1% international students. Through this diversity, the College is preparing its graduates to serve the world through their character and leadership.
- ... **commits** itself to providing access to college for those who might not otherwise attend. Even with its higher selectivity, Old Westbury has among the largest enrollment of students via the Educational Opportunity Program—11% of its total student body. Along with EOP, the College has also undertaken an interview process for those candidates who, while not meeting the general admissions criteria, are recommended by teachers and community leaders on the basis of their leadership skills and other achievements.
- ... **ranks** second in research and development funding in science and engineering among all Long Island public and private colleges and universities, as reported in a recent National Science Foundation survey. In 2004-05, funding was in excess of \$2.3 million.
- ... **enjoys** a campus of 604 acres which currently features an Academic Village comprised of four academic buildings and nine dormitories; the Campus Center, which houses the College Library, Maguire Theater, and the Amelie A. Wallace Art Gallery; the Natural Sciences Building; the F. Ambrose Clark Athletic Center; and a state-of-the-art Student Union which houses the campus bookstore, a computer lab for student use, the Office of Student Activities, the Office of Counseling & Career Services, and the Office of First Year Experience.
- ... **prepares** alumni for to succeed in professional careers and advanced study. Among the most notable of the 18,000 graduates of Old Westbury are **John McTiernan**, acclaimed producer and director of such hits films as *The Thomas Crown Affair* (1999), *Die Hard* (1988) and *Die Hard With a Vengeance* (1995), *Last Action Hero* (1993), and *The Hunt for Red October* (1990); **David Liederman**, entrepreneur/chef who in 1979 founded David’s Cookies, a gourmet cookie retail chain that has become a fixture in the New York metropolitan area.; **Dr. Dolores M. Fernandez**, noted educator and president of Hostos Community College in New York City, and **Maryann De Leo**, Academy Award-winning producer of the short subject documentary *Chernobyl Heart*.

# THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Welcome to SUNY College at Old Westbury. As the fifth president in the 35-year history of this College, I am proud of this fine institution and its place within the State University of New York.

In this catalog, you will learn a great deal about Old Westbury, a College that has compiled an impressive record of accomplishments and is poised for even greater achievements. In particular, I am excited that teaching remains the central function of Old Westbury and that excellence in teaching continues to be its primary goal. I am also proud that the College is a place where faculty members are scholars who recognize and appreciate how scholarship and teaching can inform the learning process. Further, as a public institution, the College shares SUNY's commitment to excellence and access, providing a high-quality education to many.

Nearly all institutions of higher education can claim they produce graduates who have mastered fundamental skills and knowledge. At Old Westbury, we strive for more: To produce graduates who can lead at work, in the community and in life while sharing our passion for learning and bettering our world for all humankind.

Throughout the years, Old Westbury has produced those graduates — providing them with the opportunity and tools to meet educational, career and life objectives. Many of our 18,000 alumni are the first in their families to earn a college degree. They hold positions that range from accountant to teacher to performing artist to journalist. These alumni share common bonds, such as the friendships they developed on campus, and the experiences gained from faculty, staff members and coaches who motivated them to achieve more than they perhaps thought was possible.

As you review this catalog, take note of the qualities we emphasize in our programs, including: a solid knowledge base; writing, reading, and speaking skills; problem solving and critical thinking; effective interpersonal communication; and the intelligent use of technology. We also seek to develop these qualities within the context of the many challenges and opportunities facing our world.

Once more, welcome to SUNY College at Old Westbury, and to what I hope will be a productive and lasting relationship between you and our institution.

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Calvin O. Butts, III  
President

## MISSION STATEMENT

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SUNY College at Old Westbury is a small, public college that teaches students to lead at work, in the community, and in life. In an environment that demands academic excellence and offers close interaction among students, faculty and staff, Old Westbury weaves diversity and intercultural understanding into the very fabric of its liberal arts and professional programs. Our endeavor is to stimulate in students a passion for learning and a commitment to building a more just world for humankind.