

Experiential Learning Hours Academic Calendar for 2026-2027

IMS students are required to complete a minimum of 64 Experiential Learning (EL) hours each academic year (Fall, Spring, Summer). If you exceed the minimum EL hours during one academic year, you still must complete a minimum of 64 EL hours each academic year, even your last year. The minimum number of EL hour required for graduation is 256. But the average number of EL hours completed by students in the IMS program is closer to 600 EL hours.

Documenting EL hours: EL Requests are to be submitted to the IMS database in advance or at the very beginning of each experience. After the experience, documentation and supervisor verification are required.

Students are strongly advised to complete EL hours every semester. If you are completing an average of 32 hours each fall and spring semester, that is only 2 hours per week. The summer is a good time to complete additional EL hours and engage in experiences that couldn't be done during the fall and spring. Complete EL hours all throughout the year, to be most competitive for professional schools, employment, and other post-graduation plans.

Important dates, milestones, and deadlines:

By Map Term	IMS Seminar Completed	Minimum EL hrs. Completed*	Completion Deadline***
2	Freshman Seminar, IHS1100	64	Last day of Summer semester
4	Sophomore Seminar, IHS2121	128	Last day of Summer semester
6	Junior, IHS 3931 or Augmented Seminar, IHS 3122	192	Last day of Summer semester
7	Senior Seminar, IHS 4501	224	Last day of Summer semester
8	Senior Capstone, IHS 4901	256	By final grad-check

EL Activity Dates for the 2026-2027 Academic Calendar**

Fall 2026	Spring 2027	Summer 2026
August 1, 2026 – December 11, 2026	December 12, 2026 – April 30, 2027	May 1, 2026 – July 30, 2027***

*Completion means that activities are finished and verified by a supervisor. EL hours are not considered complete in the IMS Database until they have been verified by a supervisor. Not meeting completion deadlines will result in an EL mapping hold. If students receive two consecutive EL mapping holds, they may be required to change their major out of IMS.

**Activity dates are the range of dates for EL hours each semester. Activity dates align EL hours with the academic semesters (fall, spring, summer). When submitting EL requests, you can only select one semester, and the range of dates need to fall within that semester. EL activities might span multiple semesters; in which case you will need to submit more than one EL request. One EL request cannot span multiple semesters. The last date for each semester is the Friday of finals week (see above chart). The following date starts the next semester.

***The deadline to have the minimum EL hours completed (verified by supervisor) for each academic year is the last day of the summer semester. **For the 2026-2027 academic year, the deadline date is Friday, July 30, 2027.** Hours must be completed by this date to avoid an off-track EL Mapping Hold.

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