

2026 College Football Week 1 Schedule

Season openers, Thursday Sept 3 through Monday Sept 7, 2026 (Labor Day weekend) | sportsbrackets.net

Thursday, Sept 3

Matchup	Time (ET)	TV
UMass at Rutgers	6:00 PM	Big Ten Network
Akron at Wake Forest	7:00 PM	ACC Network
Bethune-Cookman at UCF	7:00 PM	ESPN+
Arkansas-Pine Bluff at Missouri	8:00 PM	SEC Network
Colorado at Georgia Tech	8:00 PM	ESPN
Eastern Illinois at Minnesota	8:00 PM	Peacock
Idaho at Utah	9:00 PM	ESPNU
UAB at Illinois	9:00 PM	Big Ten Network

Friday, Sept 4

Matchup	Time (ET)	TV
Indiana State at Purdue	7:00 PM	Big Ten Network
LIU at Kansas	8:00 PM	ESPNU
Toledo at Michigan State	8:00 PM	ESPNU
Fresno State at USC	9:00 PM	FOX
Miami (FL) at Stanford	9:00 PM	ESPN

Saturday, Sept 5

Matchup	Time (ET)	TV
North Texas at Indiana	12:00 PM	FOX
Liberty at James Madison	12:00 PM	ESPNU
East Carolina at Alabama	12:00 PM	ABC
Ball State at Ohio State	12:30 PM	Big Ten Network
Tennessee State at Georgia	3:00 PM	SEC Network+
Baylor vs Auburn (Atlanta)	3:30 PM	ABC
Boise State at Oregon	3:30 PM	CBS
Texas State at Texas	3:30 PM	ESPN
Tulane at Duke	3:30 PM	ACC Network
Oklahoma State at Tulsa	3:45 PM	ESPNU
FIU at South Florida	7:00 PM	ESPN+
Clemson at LSU	7:30 PM	ABC
Western Michigan at Michigan	7:30 PM	NBC/Peacock
Florida Atlantic at Florida	7:45 PM	SEC Network
UCLA at California	10:30 PM	ESPN

Sunday, Sept 6

Matchup	Time (ET)	TV
Texas Southern at Prairie View A&M; (Labor Day Classic)	12:00 PM	ESPN2
South Carolina State vs Florida A&M; (Orange Blossom Classic)	3:00 PM	ESPN
Washington State at Washington	4:00 PM	NBC/Peacock
Louisville vs Ole Miss (Nashville)	7:30 PM	ABC
Wisconsin vs Notre Dame (Green Bay)	7:30 PM	NBC/Peacock

Monday, Sept 7

Matchup	Time (ET)	TV
SMU at Florida State	7:30 PM	ESPN

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