

2016-2017 SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES SCHEDULE

FALL SEMESTER, 2016

AUGUST

4-5	Thurs-Fri	Orientation for new students Registration for all students - completed
8	Monday	Classes begin for fall semester Student fees due or within 2 weeks prior to this date
13	Saturday	Summer commencement

SEPTEMBER

5	Monday	Labor Day holiday
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OCTOBER

10	Monday	Columbus Day holiday
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NOVEMBER

9	Thursday	Final date to submit request for Dissertation/Thesis Defense and Final Examination to graduate at Fall graduation.*
		Final date to circulate announcement of M.S. or Ph.D. Examination for Fall graduation to Graduate Faculty.*
14	Monday	Registration packets due for Spring Semester
23	Thursday	Final date to convene M.S. or Ph.D. defense to graduate at Fall graduation.*
24-25	Th/Fri	Thanksgiving Holiday
30	Monday	Classes resume

DECEMBER

9	Friday	Final date for submission of approved Dissertation/Thesis Defense Final Examination Report for Fall awarding of degrees.*
22	Thursday	Fall Semester ends *Commencement, May 2017
23/26	Fri/Mon	Christmas Holiday
30	Friday	New Year's Holiday

SPRING SEMESTER, 2017

JANUARY

2	Monday	New Year's Holiday
3	Tuesday	Classes begin for spring semester Fees due or within 2 weeks prior to this date
16	Monday	Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday observed

FEBRUARY

27	Monday	Mardi Gras Holiday
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APRIL

13	Thursday	Final date to submit request for Dissertation/Thesis Defense and Final Examination to graduate at Spring Commencement. Final date to circulate announcement of M.S. or Ph.D. Final Examination for Spring Commencement to Graduate Faculty
14	Friday	Easter Holiday
17	Monday	Easter Holiday
24	Monday	Registration packets due to Graduate School Office for Summer term
28	Friday	Final date to convene M.S. or Ph.D. defense to graduate at Spring Commencement

MAY

5	Friday	Graduate Research Day
12	Friday	Final date for submission of approved theses, dissertations and committee-examination reports for Spring Commencement.
26	Friday	Spring Semester ends
27	Saturday	Commencement (December and May graduates)
29	Monday	Memorial Day holiday

SUMMER TERM, 2017

MAY

30	Tuesday	Summer term begins Fees due or within 2 weeks prior to this date
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JUNE

23	Friday	Final date to submit request for Dissertation/Thesis Defense and Final Examination to graduate at Summer Commencement. Final date to circulate announcement Of M.S. or Ph.D. Final Examination for Summer Commencement to Graduate Faculty.
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JULY

4	Tuesday	Independence Day Holiday
7	Friday	Final date to convene M.S. or Ph.D. defense to graduate at Summer Commencement
21	Friday	Final date for submission of approved theses and dissertations and committee-examination reports for Summer Commencement.
28	Friday	Summer term ends Registration packets due to Graduate Student Office for Fall semester
31	Monday	IDP forms due in Graduate School Office

AUGUST

7	Monday	Fall semester begins
12	Saturday	Commencement - for August graduates

Forms are available from the Department or Graduate School. Examples of these forms are found at the back of this handbook.

NOTE: Request forms for thesis/dissertation Defense and Final Examination must be submitted to the Graduate School at least 2 weeks prior to the defense. Public notices of the defense must also be posted at least 2 weeks prior to the defense.