

2018-2019 SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES SCHEDULE

FALL SEMESTER, 2018

JULY

31	Tuesday	Orientation for new students
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AUGUST

1	Wednesday	Orientation for new students Registration for all students - completed
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6	Monday	Classes begin for fall semester Student fees due or within 2 weeks prior to this date
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11	Saturday	Summer commencement
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SEPTEMBER

3	Monday	Labor Day holiday
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NOVEMBER

9	Friday	Final date to submit request for Dissertation/Thesis Defense and Final Examination to graduate at Fall graduation.*
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	Friday	Final date to circulate announcement of M.S. or Ph.D. Final Examination for Fall graduation to Graduate Faculty.*
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19	Monday	Registration packets due for Spring Semester
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22-23	Th/Fri	Thanksgiving Holiday
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26	Monday	Final date to convene M.S. or Ph.D. defense to graduate at Fall graduation.*
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26	Monday	Classes resume
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DECEMBER

14	Friday	Final date for submission of approved Dissertation/Thesis Defense Final Examination Report for Fall awarding of degrees.*
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21	Friday	Fall Semester ends *Commencement, May 2019
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24-26	Mon-Wed	Christmas Holiday
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31	Monday	New Year's Holiday
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SPRING SEMESTER, 2019

JANUARY

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

MARCH

4	Monday	Mardi Gras Holiday
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APRIL

11	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
19-22	Friday/Monday	Easter Holiday
22	Monday	Registration packets due to Graduate School Office for Summer term
25	Thursday	Final date to convene M.S. or Ph.D. defense to graduate at Spring Commencement
26	Friday	Graduate Research Day

MAY

10	Friday	Final date for submission of approved theses, dissertations and committee-examination reports for Spring Commencement.
24	Friday	Spring Semester ends
25	Saturday	Commencement (December and May graduates)
27	Monday	Memorial Day holiday

SUMMER TERM, 2019

JUNE

3	Monday	Summer term begins Fees due or within 2 weeks prior to this date
21	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.

JULY

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

AUGUST

5	Monday	Fall semester begins
10	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.