

2017-2018 SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES SCHEDULE

FALL SEMESTER, 2017

AUGUST

1-2	Tues-Wed	Orientation for new students Registration for all students - completed
7	Monday	Classes begin for fall semester Student fees due or within 2 weeks prior to this date
12	Saturday	Summer commencement

SEPTEMBER

4	Monday	Labor Day holiday
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OCTOBER

9	Monday	Columbus Day holiday
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NOVEMBER

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

DECEMBER

15	Friday	Final date for submission of approved Dissertation/Thesis Defense Final Examination Report for Fall awarding of degrees.*
22	Friday	Fall Semester ends *Commencement, May 2017
25-26	Mon/Tues	Christmas Holiday

SPRING SEMESTER, 2018

JANUARY

1-2	Mon/Tues	New Year's Holiday
3	Wednesday	Classes begin for spring semester Fees due or within 2 weeks prior to this date
15	Monday	Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday observed

FEBRUARY

12	Monday	Mardi Gras Holiday
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MARCH

30	Friday	Easter Holiday
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APRIL

2	Monday	Easter Holiday
20	Friday	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
23	Monday	Registration packets due to Graduate School Office for Summer term
26	Thursday	Final date to convene M.S. or Ph.D. defense to graduate at Spring Commencement
27	Friday	Graduate Research Day

MAY

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

SUMMER TERM, 2018

MAY

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

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

AUGUST

6	Monday	Fall semester begins
11	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.