

2011-2012 SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES SCHEDULE

FALL SEMESTER, 2011

AUGUST

1	Monday	Orientation for new students
3	Wednesday	Registration for fall semester
8	Monday	Classes begin for fall semester

SEPTEMBER

5	Monday	Labor Day holiday
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OCTOBER

10	Monday	Columbus Day holiday
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NOVEMBER

4	Friday	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. final Examination for Fall graduation to Graduate Faculty.*
18	Friday	Final date to convene M.S. or Ph.D. defense to graduate at Fall graduation.*
24-25	Th/Fri	Thanksgiving Holiday

DECEMBER

2	Friday	Final date for submission of approved Dissertation/Thesis Defense Final Examination Report for Fall awarding of degrees.*
5	Monday	Registration packets due for Spring Semester
16	Friday	Fall Semester ends *Commencement, May 2012
23-26	Fri/Mon	Christmas Holiday
30	Friday	New Year's Holiday

SPRING SEMESTER, 2012

JANUARY

2	Monday	New Year's Holiday
3	Tuesday	Classes begin for spring semester
16	Monday	Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday observed

FEBRUARY

20 Monday Mardi Gras Holiday

APRIL

6 Friday Easter Holiday
9 Monday Easter Holiday
13 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
27 Friday Final date to convene M.S. or Ph.D. defense to graduate at Spring Commencement

MAY

4 Friday Graduate Research Day
7 Monday Registration packets due for Summer semester
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 SEMESTER, 2012

JUNE

4 Monday Summer semester begins
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.

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.

AUGUST

3 Friday Summer semester ends

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.