

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL CALENDAR*

FALL SEMESTER 2023

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*ALL DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

MASTER'S NON-THESIS OPTION		
June 29	Thursday	Last day for Graduate and Professional School to receive degree plan in DPSS if graduating in December 2023.
August 16	Wednesday	First day to apply for degrees to be awarded in December 2023.
August 18	Friday	Last day to register for Fall semester classes. Refer to the Student Business Services website for more information on billing due dates.
August 21	Monday	First day of Fall semester classes.
August 25	Friday	Last day to CLEAR for August 2023 graduation. (Applies ONLY to those students not clearing final degree evaluation on day of final degree audit.)
August 25	Friday	Last day for adding/dropping courses for the Fall semester by 5:00 p.m.
September 1	Friday	Last day for Graduate and Professional School to receive a completed MDD petition in DPSS from master's students to change degree level (e.g. master's to doctoral).
September 6	Wednesday	Last day for the Registrar's office to approve a certificate added by the student's department for the Fall semester. Certificates are not added by the Graduate and Professional School.
September 22	Friday	LAST DAY TO APPLY FOR DEGREES TO BE AWARDED IN DECEMBER BY 5:00PM without a late fee. A diploma fee of \$47.50 must be paid either at registration or at the Fiscal Office (GSC). Complete the application for degree form via the Howdy Portal. A LATE CHARGE OF \$50.00 WILL BE ASSESSED TO STUDENTS WHO APPLY FOR GRADUATION AFTER 09-22-23.
September 25	Monday	Last day for Graduate and Professional School to receive a completed petition in DPSS from master's students to change a degree within the same level (e.g. master's to master's) and graduate in December 2023.
October 23	Monday	Last day for Graduate and Professional School to receive completed petitions to change degree plan coursework from master's students in programs without a final examination requirement.
October 23	Monday	Last day or 10 working days prior to the examination, whichever comes first for the Graduate and Professional School to receive completed "Request and Announcement of the Final Examination".
October 23	Monday	Last day for the Graduate and Professional School to receive completed "Request for Exemption from Final Examination".
November 6	Monday	Last day to take final examination.
November 15	Wednesday	Last day for all students to drop courses for the Fall semester with no penalty (Q-drop). Last day to officially withdraw from the University for the Fall semester.
December 4	Monday	Last day to apply for graduation.

MASTER'S THESIS OPTION		
June 7	Wednesday	Last day for Graduate and Professional School to receive degree plan in DPSS if graduating in December 2023.
July 7	Friday	Electronic Thesis/Dissertation System re-opens for December 2023 degree candidates.
August 16	Wednesday	First day to apply for degrees to be awarded in December 2023.
August 16	Wednesday	First day students are able to clear Thesis and Dissertation Services for December 2023 graduation.
August 18	Friday	Last day to register for Fall semester classes. Refer to the Student Business Services website for more information on billing due dates.
August 21	Monday	First day of Fall semester classes.
August 25	Friday	Last day to CLEAR for August 2023 graduation. (Applies ONLY to those students not clearing final degree evaluation on day of final degree audit.)
August 25	Friday	Last day for adding/dropping courses for the Fall semester by 5:00 p.m.
August 25	Friday	Last day to clear Thesis and Dissertation Services to avoid registration in Fall 2023 semester.
September 1	Friday	Last day for Graduate and Professional School to receive a completed MDD petition in DPSS from master's students to change degree level (e.g. master's to doctoral).

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September 6	Wednesday	Last day for the Registrar's office to approve a certificate added by the student's department for the Fall semester. Certificates are not added by the Graduate and Professional School.
September 11	Monday	Last day for the Graduate and Professional School to receive Thesis Research Proposal Form for December degree candidates.
September 22	Friday	LAST DAY TO APPLY FOR DEGREES TO BE AWARDED IN DECEMBER BY 5:00PM without a late fee. A diploma fee of \$47.50 must be paid either at registration or at the Fiscal Office (GSC). Complete the application for degree form via the Howdy Portal. A LATE CHARGE OF \$50.00 WILL BE ASSESSED TO STUDENTS WHO APPLY FOR GRADUATION AFTER 09-22-23.
September 25	Monday	Last day for Graduate and Professional School to receive a completed petition in DPSS from master's students to change a degree within the same level (e.g. master's to master's) and graduate in December 2023.
October 2	Monday	Last day or 10 working days prior to the examination, whichever comes first for the Graduate and Professional School to receive completed "Request and Announcement of the Final Examination".
October 2	Monday	Last day for the Graduate and Professional School to receive completed "Request for Exemption from Final Examination".
October 16	Monday	Last day to take final examination.
October 30	Monday	Last day for Graduate and Professional School to receive the completed/signed Thesis Approval form. The PDF file of thesis must be uploaded via the web to the Electronic Thesis/Dissertation System [†] .
November 15	Wednesday	Last day for all students to drop courses for the Fall semester with no penalty (Q-drop). Last day to officially withdraw from the University for the Fall semester.
December 4	Monday	Last day to apply for graduation.

DOCTORAL DEGREES

Preliminary examination results must be received and approved by the Graduate and Professional School prior to submitting the "Request and Announcement of the Final Examination".

June 7	Wednesday	Last day for Graduate and Professional School to receive degree plan in DPSS if graduating in December 2023.
July 7	Friday	Electronic Thesis/Dissertation System re-opens for December 2023 degree candidates.
August 16	Wednesday	First day to apply for degrees to be awarded in December 2023.
August 16	Wednesday	First day students are able to clear Thesis and Dissertation Services for December 2023 graduation.
August 18	Friday	Last day to register for Fall semester classes. Refer to the Student Business Services website for more information on billing due dates.
August 21	Monday	First day of Fall semester classes.
August 25	Friday	Last day to CLEAR for August 2023 graduation. (Applies ONLY to those students not clearing final degree evaluation on day of final degree audit.)
August 25	Friday	Last day for adding/dropping courses for the Fall semester by 5:00 p.m.
August 25	Friday	Last day to clear Thesis and Dissertation Services to avoid registration in Fall 2023 semester.
September 1	Friday	Last day for Graduate and Professional School to receive a completed MDD petition in DPSS from master's students to change degree level (e.g. doctoral to masters) and graduate in December 2023.
September 6	Wednesday	Last day for the Registrar's office to approve a certificate added by the student's department for the Fall semester. Certificates are not added by the Graduate and Professional School.
September 22	Friday	LAST DAY TO APPLY FOR DEGREES TO BE AWARDED IN DECEMBER BY 5:00PM without a late fee. A diploma fee of \$47.50 must be paid either at registration or at the Fiscal Office (GSC). Complete the application for degree form via the Howdy Portal. A LATE CHARGE OF \$50.00 WILL BE ASSESSED TO STUDENTS WHO APPLY FOR GRADUATION AFTER 09-22-23.
September 25	Monday	Last day for Graduate and Professional School to receive a completed petition in DPSS from master's students to change a degree within the same level (e.g. master's to master's) and graduate in August 2023.

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October 2	Monday	Last day or 10 working days prior to the examination, whichever comes first for the Graduate and Professional School to receive completed "Request and Announcement of the Final Examination".
October 16	Monday	Last day to take final examination.
October 30	Monday	Last day for Graduate and Professional School to receive the completed/signed Written Dissertation/Record of Study Approval form. The PDF file of dissertation must be uploaded via the web to the Electronic Thesis/Dissertation System †.
November 15	Wednesday	Last day for all students to drop courses for the Fall semester with no penalty (Q-drop). Last day to officially withdraw from the University for the Fall semester.
December 4	Monday	Last day to apply for graduation.

CLEARANCE FOR DECEMBER 2023 DEGREE CANDIDATES

TBD	Monday	Academic Degree Evaluations conducted the Monday after Graduation Ceremony. Academic Degree Evaluation results available once reports run.
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COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES

TBD	Saturday	Master's and Doctoral Commencement (additional information available on the Graduation Website .)
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ADDITIONAL DEADLINES FOR DEGREES TO BE CONFERRED IN DECEMBER 2023

January 19, 2024	Friday	Last day to CLEAR for December 2023 graduation. (Applies ONLY to those students not clearing final degree evaluation on day of final degree audit.)
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For relevant forms and processes, see the Graduate and Professional School [Knowledge Center](#).

† NOTE: Meeting Thesis & Dissertation Services deadlines does not guarantee, but merely maintains, eligibility for graduation/clearance in a certain time frame.

NOTE: DPSS – A completed degree plan or petition in DPSS must have all of the required department and committee signatures to arrive in the Graduate and Professional School queue for approval.