

## GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL CALENDAR\*

## FALL SEMESTER 2024

*NOTE: Failure to meet deadlines may impact when degree is completed and awarded.*

*\*ALL DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE*

MASTER'S NON-THESIS OPTION		
June 28	Friday	Last day for Graduate and Professional School to receive degree plan in <a href="#">DPSS</a> if graduating in December 2024.
August 12	Monday	First day to apply for degrees to be awarded in December 2024.
August 16	Friday	Last day to register for Fall semester classes. Refer to the <a href="#">Student Business Services</a> website for more information on billing due dates.
August 19	Monday	First day of Fall semester classes.
August 23	Friday	Last day to CLEAR for August 2024 graduation. (Applies ONLY to those students not clearing final degree evaluation on day of final degree audit.)
August 23	Friday	Last day for adding/dropping courses for the Fall semester by 5:00 p.m.
August 30	Friday	Last day for Graduate and Professional School to receive a completed MDD petition in <a href="#">DPSS</a> from master's students to change degree level (e.g. master's to doctoral).
September 4	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 20	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 09-20-2024.
September 23	Monday	Last day for Graduate and Professional School to receive a completed MDD petition in <a href="#">DPSS</a> from master's students to change a degree within the same level (e.g. master's to master's) and graduate in December 2024.
October 21	Monday	Last day for Graduate and Professional School to receive completed coursework petitions in <a href="#">DPSS</a> to change degree plan coursework from master's students in programs without a final examination requirement.
October 21	Monday	Last day or 10 working days prior to the examination, whichever comes first for the Graduate and Professional School to receive completed "Final Exam Request" in <a href="#">ARCS</a> .
October 21	Monday	Last day for the Graduate and Professional School to receive completed "Request for Exemption from Final Examination" in <a href="#">ARCS</a> .
November 4	Monday	Last day to take final examination.
November 13	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 2	Monday	Last day to apply for graduation.

MASTER'S THESIS OPTION		
June 5	Wednesday	Last day for Graduate and Professional School to receive degree plan in <a href="#">DPSS</a> if graduating in December 2024.
July 8	Monday	<a href="#">Electronic Thesis/Dissertation System</a> re-opens for December 2024 degree candidates.
August 12	Monday	First day to apply for degrees to be awarded in December 2024.
August 12	Monday	First day students are able to clear Thesis and Dissertation Services for December 2024 graduation.
August 16	Friday	Last day to register for Fall semester classes. Refer to the <a href="#">Student Business Services</a> website for more information on billing due dates.
August 19	Monday	First day of Fall semester classes.
August 23	Friday	Last day to CLEAR for August 2024 graduation. (Applies ONLY to those students not clearing final degree evaluation on day of final degree audit.)
August 23	Friday	Last day for adding/dropping courses for the Fall semester by 5:00 p.m.
August 23	Friday	Last day to clear Thesis and Dissertation Services to avoid registration in Fall 2024 semester.

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September 4	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 9	Monday	Last day for the Graduate and Professional School to receive Thesis Research Proposal Form in <a href="#">ARCS</a> for December degree candidates.
September 20	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 09-20-2024.
September 23	Monday	Last day for Graduate and Professional School to receive a completed MDD petition in <a href="#">DPSS</a> from master's students to change a degree within the same level (e.g. master's to master's) and graduate in December 2024.
September 30	Monday	Last day or 10 working days prior to the examination, whichever comes first for the Graduate and Professional School to receive completed "Final Exam Request" in <a href="#">ARCS</a> .
September 30	Monday	Last day for the Graduate and Professional School to receive completed "Request for Exemption from Final Examination" in <a href="#">ARCS</a> .
October 14	Monday	Last day to take final examination.
October 25	Friday	Last day for Graduate and Professional School to receive the completed/approved Written Thesis Approval form in <a href="#">ARCS</a> . The PDF file of thesis must be uploaded via the web to <a href="#">Electronic Thesis/Dissertation System</a> †by 5:00 p.m.
November 13	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.
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## DOCTORAL DEGREES

Preliminary examination results must be received and approved by the Graduate and Professional School prior to submitting the "Final Exam" in ARCS.

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August 23	Friday	Last day for adding/dropping courses for the Fall semester by 5:00 p.m.
August 23	Friday	Last day to clear Thesis and Dissertation Services to avoid registration in Fall 2024 semester.
August 30	Friday	Last day for Graduate and Professional School to receive a completed MDD petition in <a href="#">DPSS</a> from master's students to change degree level (e.g. doctoral to masters) and graduate in December 2024.
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October 14	Monday	Last day to take final examination.
October 25	Friday	Last day for Graduate and Professional School to receive the completed/approved Written Dissertation/Record of Study Approval form in <a href="#">ARCS</a> . The PDF file of the dissertation must be uploaded via the web to <a href="#">Electronic Thesis/Dissertation System</a> †by 5:00 p.m.
November 13	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.
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## CLEARANCE FOR DECEMBER 2024 DEGREE CANDIDATES

TBD		Academic Degree Evaluations conducted the Thursday before Graduation Ceremony. Academic Degree Evaluation results available once reports run.
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## COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES

TBD		Master's and Doctoral Commencement (additional information available on the <a href="#">Graduation Website</a> .)
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## ADDITIONAL DEADLINES FOR DEGREES TO BE CONFERRED IN DECEMBER 2024

January 17, 2025	Friday	Last day to CLEAR for December 2024 graduation. (Applies <b>ONLY</b> 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.

NOTE: Deadlines that say "Last day for Graduate and Professional School to receive" require that the document make it to the Graduate and Professional School queue by the deadline. This means that the form must be submitted by the student and have routed through all required approvals in order to be received by the Grad School. Please allow adequate time for approval when submitting this document.