



First Day of Class

August 28, 2023

Last Day of Class

December 11, 2023

All forms should be submitted to oss-graduateservices@umd.edu and require two Department signatures (advisor and Department Graduate Director). Please refer to the "[Step-by-Step Graduation Overview](#)"; "[Important Dates](#)"; and "[Forms Used by Graduate Students](#)" to determine administrative requirements.

DUE DATE	DESCRIPTION	FOR WHOM
AUGUST 25 Friday	Last day to cancel Fall 2023 registration or drop courses without fees. Last day to register online without a \$20.00 late fee. See the Schedule of Classes for instructions.	ALL STUDENTS
AUGUST 28 Monday	First day of classes Start of the Schedule Adjustment Period August 28 – September 11 Late registration begins (\$20.00 fee). Regular check-in begins for waitlist and holdfile; check-in daily to remain on list.	ALL STUDENTS
SEPTEMBER 4 Monday	CAMPUS CLOSED – Labor Day Holiday	ALL STUDENTS FACULTY/STAFF
SEPTEMBER 5-8 Tuesday-Friday	Master's Candidates meet with their advisor for preliminary audit check for fall graduation Master's Degree Completion Checklist Doctoral Degree Completion Checklist	ALL DOCTORAL & MASTER'S CANDIDATES
SEPTEMBER 11 Monday	Last day to REGISTER LATE (\$20.00 late fee charged). ALL GRADUATE STUDENTS MUST BE REGISTERED BY THIS DATE. End of the Schedule Adjustment Period: -Last day to DROP/ADD courses of equal credit (See drop penalties for more information) -To register or adjust your schedule after this date, submit the College " Graduate Studies Reistration/Adjustment Petition " (approved only under extenuating circumstances).	ALL GRADUATE STUDENTS
SEPTEMBER 12 Tuesday	Last day to submit the Application for Graduation for December 2023.	GRADUATING STUDENTS
MID-SEP	Check with your department for comprehensive examination applications, deadlines, and examination dates (if required).	GRADUATING MASTER'S & AGS STUDENTS
SEPTEMBER 18 Monday	Doctoral student deadline for the Nomination of Doctoral Dissertation Committee Form . (Due to Registrar September 25 th) <i>The committee form must be submitted at least 6 weeks before the scheduled defense; the Human Subjects IRB Approval letter must be on file or a copy attached to the committee form (if human subjects were used).</i>	GRADUATING DOCTORAL STUDENTS
SEPTEMBER 22 Friday	Master's Thesis Students: Nomination of Thesis Committee Form. Committee form must be submitted at least 6 weeks before the scheduled defense. (Registrar's deadline Monday, October 2 nd)	GRADUATING MASTER'S STUDENTS
SEPTEMBER 29 Friday	The " Graduate Certificate Completion " form is due to Office of Graduate Studies to meet the Graduate School deadline of Tuesday, October 4th	CERTIFICATE STUDENTS
SEPTEMBER 29 Friday	Preliminary uAchieve Audit Check and APF cover sheet due to Department Coordinators	GRADUATING MASTER'S & CERTIFICATE
NOVEMBER 10 Friday	Doctoral Students: Final date to submit dissertation via ETD System DOCTORALSURVEY is required and should be submitted online. Final Date for dissertation directors to submit a signed Report of Examining Committee form to the Office of the Registrar (registrar-graduate@umd.edu).	FACULTY
NOVEMBER 20 Monday	Deadline to receive the results of master's and A.G.S. comprehensive examinations (if required) in Graduate Studies, Room 1204 Benjamin Building, for students graduating in December.	M.A. and M.ED. GRADUATING STUDENTS

NOVEMBER 20 Monday	Final title page of seminar papers and/or research papers (for M.Ed. and M.A. non-thesis options) due in Graduate Studies No extensions for the final approved seminar paper will be given beyond 11/21 Students should check with the paper director for their submission requirements and deadlines in order to meet the Nov. 21st deadline.	M.A. and M.ED. GRADUATING STUDENTS
NOVEMBER 22 – NOV 26 Wednesday- Sunday	CAMPUS CLOSED - Thanksgiving Recess	ALL STUDENTS/FACULTY/ STAFF
DECEMBER 6 Wednesday	Master's Thesis Students: Final date to submit thesis via ETD System to the Office of the Registrar.	GRADUATING MASTER'S STUDENTS
DECEMBER 6 Wednesday	Thesis directors to submit signed Report of Examining Committee form to the Office of the Registrar (registrar-graduate@umd.edu).	FACULTY
DECEMBER Wednesday 13 – Tuesday 19th	Last day of classes: Final Exams: Wednesday, December 13 – Tuesday, December 19 <i>Final date to complete non-thesis requirements for master's programs</i>	ALL STUDENTS GRADUATING NON-THESIS MASTER'S STUDENTS
DECEMBER 19 Tuesday	Official graduation date	GRADUATING GRADUATE STUDENTS
DECEMBER 23 Friday	Final grades are due (UMEG Opens on Tuesday, November 29 th)	ALL STUDENTS
JANUARY 4 Wednesday	GPA's appear on student records	ALL STUDENTS
JAN 2 Tuesday	Winter 2023 Semester Begins First Day of Winter Classes	ALL STUDENTS
JAN 5 Friday	Master's Programs/Post-Baccalaureate Certificates Graduate Program Staff: Final date to submit the Approved Program Form and U.achieve audit to the Office of the Registrar (registrar-graduate@umd.edu).	GRADUATING MASTER'S & CERTIFICATE STUDENTS
JAN 15 Monday	CAMPUS CLOSED - Martin Luther King Holiday	ALL STUDENTS/FACULTY/STAFF
JAN 18 Thursday	December 2023 degrees expected to post to student transcripts.	GRADUATING STUDENTS
JAN 24 Wednesday	First day of Spring 2024 classes	ALL STUDENTS

ADMISSION TO CANDIDACY FOR DOCTORAL STUDENTS, FALL 2023:

The [Application for Admission to Candidacy](#) form is approved by the Department prior to submission to Graduate Studies, Room 1204. Graduate Studies will recommend to the Graduate School the consideration of candidacy. The candidacy papers must be submitted prior to the 25th of each month in order for the form to be reviewed. The Graduate School will notify each student regarding the candidacy decision, effective the 1st of the month following documentation submission.

REGULATIONS

- **Continuous registration is required.** All students must be registered each fall and spring semester for a minimum of 1 credit that will accurately reflect the student's involvement in graduate study and use of University resources. Students who meet the criteria **may** request a leave of absence by submission of the [Request for Leave of Absence](#) form. Master's and pre-candidacy doctoral students may request a waiver of the registration requirement by submission of the "[Petition for Waiver of Continuous Registration](#)" form. Leave of absences and waivers must have Department and College approval. Students who have approved waivers may not use any facility or resources of the University.
- Doctoral students are not permitted to be registered for 899 dissertation credit until they are advanced to candidacy.
- Pre-candidacy doctoral students may register for 898 "Pre-Candidacy Research" for 1-8 credits (carries 18 units).
- Doctoral candidates who have advanced to candidacy are automatically registered for 6 credits of 899 dissertation credits by the University each fall and spring semester. The credit level is not variable, and cannot be adjusted.
- Students must be registered for a minimum of one credit in the intended semester of graduation, including one of the summer sessions for August degree conferral.
- **It is necessary to apply for degree conferral early in the semester of graduation.** If degree requirements are not met in the semester of initial application, the Application for Graduation continues to carry over until graduation requirements are met. However, any student whose time expires before graduation requirements are met will **not** have their Application for Graduation rolled over. These students will need to submit a "[Request for a Time Extension](#)" form and will need to reapply to graduate. There is no fee charged for the [Application for Graduation](#).
- Doctoral candidates for Summer degree conferral who have defended and who have accumulated the required number of 899 dissertation credits prior to the Summer sessions, may register for 899 dissertation credit (charged by the credit) or 898 pre-candidacy credit, or any other credit approved by the student's advisor, in order to meet the registration requirement for August degree conferral.
- **Students are responsible for meeting deadlines when fulfilling final degree requirements.**
- **Students should check the graduate program that they are enrolled in for applicable deadlines it may have.**
- Effective Fall 2020, all full-time graduate students (master's and doctoral) will be required to have health insurance. View the [Grad School Health Insurance Policy](#) for more information.
- For additional information, contact the College of Education, Graduate Studies Office at 301-405-2361/ 301-405-2363 or email oss-graduateservices@umd.edu