

First Day of Class

January 25, 2021

Last Day of Class

May 11, 2021

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
JAN 5 Tuesday	Final Date to submit Approved Program Form and u.Achieve audit. Please submit these to Graduate Studies no later than Jan 4 th for the Fall 2020 semester.	GRADUATING MASTER'S & AGS STUDENTS
JAN 18 Monday	CAMPUS CLOSED —Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Holiday	ALL STUDENTS FACULTY/STAFF
JAN 22 Friday	Last day to cancel Spring 2021 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
JAN 25 Monday	First day of classes Start of the Schedule Adjustment Period. Late registration begins (\$20.00 fee). Regular check-in begins for waitlist and hold file; check-in daily to remain on list.	ALL STUDENTS
FEB 5 Friday	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 Registration/Adjustment Petition " (approved only under extenuating circumstances).	ALL GRADUATE STUDENTS
	Last day to submit the Application for Graduation for May 2021. Certificate candidates must complete a hard-copy of the " Application for Graduation- Graduate Certificate " & return it to their department coordinator for processing.	GRADUATING STUDENTS
MID-FEB	Check with your department for comprehensive examination applications, deadlines, and examination dates (if required). Coordinators should run a preliminary audit for all graduate candidates in the Spring 2021 semester, and check-in with students about any missing coursework, documents, etc.	GRADUATING MASTER'S & AGS STUDENTS
FEB 16 Tuesday	The Nomination of Thesis or Dissertation Committee Form is due in Graduate Studies in order to meet the Graduate School deadline of Friday, February 19th . A committee form must be submitted at least 6 weeks before the scheduled defense. A copy of the Human Subjects IRB approval letter must be attached.	GRADUATING DOCTORAL STUDENTS
FEB 22 Monday	The Nomination of a Master's Thesis Committee form is due to Graduate Studies in order to meet the Graduate School deadline of Monday, March 1 . A committee form must be submitted at least 6 weeks before the scheduled defense. A copy of the Human Subjects IRB approval letter must be attached (if used).	GRADUATING MASTER'S THESIS STUDENTS
MARCH 14-21 Sunday-Sunday	CAMPUS CLOSED-Spring Break <i>Campus offices closed from March 15th-17th</i>	ALL STUDENTS/FACULTY/ STAFF
APRIL 12 Monday	Deadline to receive the results of master's and A.G.S. comprehensive examinations (if required) in Graduate Studies for students graduating in May.	M.A. and M.ED. GRADUATING STUDENTS
APRIL 20 Tuesday	Master's students: Final date to electronically submit the Master's Thesis Electronic Publication Form . <i>Refer to the University of Maryland Electronic Thesis and Dissertation (ETD) website and the University of Maryland Thesis and Dissertation Style Guide for details about this process. A processing fee will be charged to your student account. Additional optional fees may be charged to a credit card as part of the submission process through ProQuest.</i> Doctoral students must submit the Dissertation Electronic Publication Form , and the dissertation chairs must submit the signed Electronic Report of Oral Examining Committee Form which must be returned to the department coordinators for processing. Doctoral students must also complete the online " Doctoral Student Surveys " as required by the Graduate School.	GRADUATING DOCTORAL & MASTERS THESIS STUDENTS
APRIL 23 Friday	Final date to submit the Seminar Paper Title Page to Graduate Studies by students pursuing M.Ed. or M.A. non-thesis option degrees. This title page must be signed by the students' academic advisor and professor directing the paper. No extensions for the final approved seminar paper title pages will be granted beyond April 23rd.	M.A. and M.ED. GRADUATING STUDENTS
MAY 11 Tuesday	Last day of classes <i>Final date to complete non-thesis requirements for master's programs</i>	ALL STUDENTS <i>Graduating non-thesis master's students</i>

MAY 21, Friday	Campus commencement ceremony and official graduation date	GRADUATING GRADUATE STUDENTS
MAY 20 or 22-TBD	College commencement ceremony	
MAY 24 Monday	Final grades are due (UMEG Opens on Tuesday, May 4 th)	ALL STUDENTS
MAY 25 Tuesday	GPA's appear on student records	ALL STUDENTS
MAY 26 Wednesday	The Approved Program Form and uAchieve Audits are due to Graduate Studies in order to meet the Registrar deadline of May 27th .	GRADUATING MASTER'S & CERTIFICATE STUDENTS
MAY 31 Monday	CAMPUS CLOSED-Memorial Day	ALL STUDENTS/FACULTY/STAFF
JUN 1 Tuesday	First day of Summer 2021 Session I classes	ALL STUDENTS
JUN 11 Friday	Spring 2021 degrees expected to post to student transcripts.	GRADUATING STUDENTS
End of June-Mid July	MSDE Transcript notations <u>expected</u> to post to student transcripts	GRADUATING CERTIFICATION STUDENTS

ADMISSION TO CANDIDACY FOR DOCTORAL STUDENTS, SPRING 2021

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 credit 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

Summer 2021 Semester

June 1st (Tuesday)

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