SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH

SUMMER 2016 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

April 1 (Friday) .................................................. International Applicants: Deadline for receipt of complete graduate applications for summer 2016. Please review all requirements via the prospective students’ link: http://www.desu.edu/graduate-studies/prospective-students. The applicant is encouraged to contact their program(s) of interest (via the provided link below) as some have earlier deadlines


April 15 (Friday) .................................................. Domestic Applicants: Deadline for receipt of complete graduate applications for summer 2016. Please review all requirements via the prospective students’ link: http://www.desu.edu/graduate-studies/prospective-students. The applicant is encouraged to contact their program(s) of interest (via the provided link below) as some have earlier deadlines


March 1 (Tuesday) – March 31 (Thursday) ................. Priority Financial Aid Award Period

March 14 – April 21 (Monday – Thursday) .................. Academic Advisement/Web Registration

May 16 (Monday) .......................................................... Tuition and Fees Due Session I

May 20 (Friday) .............................................................. Deadline for submission of Applications and Audits for Summer Graduation to the School of Graduate Studies for approval and submission to the Office of the Registration and Records. Graduates must have previously filed all required documents: plans of study, advisory committee, and candidacy applications prior to submission of graduation applications for review prior to submission of application and audit information. Please review requirements at the current students’ link: http://www.desu.edu/graduate-studies/current-students

May 22 (Sunday) .................................................... Residence Halls Open for Validated Students Session I

May 16 (Monday) – May 18 (Wednesday) .................. Late Registration Session I

May 23 (Monday) ......................................................... Classes Begin Session I

May 25 (Wednesday) ............................................ Last Day to Change Course(s) to Audit Status Session I

May 25 (Wednesday) ............................................. Last day for graduate students to meet financial obligations Session I

May 26 (Thursday) ...................................................... Documentation for Non-Attendance Session I

May 26 (Thursday) ................................................. Effective date for $10 per drop processing fee Session I

May 26 (Thursday) ...................................................... Effective date for receiving a grade of “W” for dropped courses Session I

May 30 (Monday) ...................................................... Memorial Day (no classes) Session I

June 2 (Thursday) ................................................... Last Day to Drop Classes/Withdraw from the University Session I

June 18 - June 24 (Saturday-Friday) ..................... Final Examinations Session I (Last Class Meeting)

June 24 (Friday) ...................................................... Classes End/Residence Halls Close Session I

June 28 (Tuesday) ..................................................... Grades Due Session I

June 20 (Monday) ..................................................... Tuition and Fees Due Session II

June 26 (Sunday) ..................................................... Residence Halls Open for Validated Students Session

June 27 (Monday) ..................................................... Classes Begin Session II

June 27 (Monday) .....................................................Last day for graduate students to meet financial obligation for Session II

June 27 (Monday) ..................................................... Last Day to Change Course(s) to Audit Status Session II

June 30 (Thursday) .................................................... Documentation for Non-Attendance Session II

June 30 (Thursday) .................................................... Effective date for $10 per drop processing fee Session II

June 30 (Thursday) .................................................... Effective date for receiving a grade of “W” for dropped courses Session II

July 4 (Monday) ...................................................... Independence Day (no classes)

July 6 (Wednesday) ................................................... Summer 2016 graduates: Last day to complete thesis or dissertation defenses for summer 2016 graduation.
July 7 (Thursday)..............................................................Last Day to Drop Classes Session II  
July 13 (Wednesday)..........................................................Summer 2016 graduates: Last day to submit defense outcome reports to the School of Graduate Studies and Research for August 2016 graduation. The Graduate School will not accept documents for review if this documentation has not been received by the deadline date.  
July 20 (Wednesday)..........................................................Summer 2016 graduates: Last day to submit final copies of the thesis or the dissertation with the School of Graduate Studies and Research for review/approval. Please review the Thesis/Dissertation Handbook: http://www.desu.edu/graduate-studies/current-students. Questions regarding general formatting of theses/dissertations may be forwarded to gradstudies@desu.edu for review. Outcomes reports must have been submitted by the noted deadline for review and approval of all submissions.  
July 23 (Saturday) – July 29 (Friday) ............2 Hour Final Examinations (Last Class Meeting) Session II  
July 29 (Friday) .................................................................Graduate Orientation – All first time graduate enrollees are required to participate in this activity. Details will be posted at the School of Graduate Studies website: www.desu.edu/grad.  
July 29 (Friday)..............................................................Last Day of Class/Residence Halls Close Session II  
August 2 (Tuesday)..........................................................Summer 2015 graduates: Last day to submit thesis or dissertation to the library for binding for summer graduation. No thesis/dissertation will be accepted for binding without full approval of the Advisory Committee, College, and School of Graduate Studies and Research. Non-thesis outcomes reports due to the School of Graduate Studies.
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FALL 2016 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

May 1 (Sunday)...................................................International Applicants: Deadline for receipt of complete graduate applications for fall 2016. Please review all requirements via the prospective students link: http://www.desu.edu/graduate-studies/prospective-students. The applicant is encouraged to contact their program(s) of interest (via the provided link below) as some have earlier deadlines http://www.desu.edu/sites/default/files/u132/Graduate%20Studies%20Programs%20and%20Directors_12_14_revised.pdf.

June 30 (Thursday)...........................................Domestic Applicants: Deadline for receipt of complete graduate applications for fall 2015. Please review all requirements via the prospective students link: http://www.desu.edu/graduate-studies/prospective-students. The applicant is encouraged to contact their program(s) of interest (via the provided link below) as some have earlier deadlines http://www.desu.edu/sites/default/files/u132/Graduate%20Studies%20Programs%20and%20Directors_12_14_revised.pdf.

July 29 (Friday)..................................................Graduate Orientation: All first time graduate enrollees are expected to participate in this activity. Details will be posted at the School of Graduate Studies website: www.desu.edu/grad by June 1, 2015.

August 24 (Wednesday) Residence Halls Open for New Students Only August 27 (Saturday) Residence Halls Open for Returning Students August 25 (Thursday) Faculty & Staff Institute August 29 (Monday) Classes Begin @ 8:00 am August 29 (Monday) Late Registration Begins

September 5 (Monday) Labor Day (University Closed) September 7 (Wednesday) Last Day for Adding Classes September 7 (Wednesday) Last Day to Change Course(s) to Audit Status September 7 (Wednesday) Late Registration Ends September 7 (Wednesday) Last day for graduate student to meet financial obligations September 8 (Thursday) Documentation for Non-Attendance Submission September 8 (Thursday) Effective date for $10 per drop processing fee September 8 (Thursday) Effective date for receiving a grade of “W” for dropped courses September 8 (Thursday) General Faculty Meeting

September 9 (Monday) Last day for submission of Committee forms to School of Graduate Studies and Research for approval. Thesis students should establish committees no later than the end of the 2nd semester of full-time enrollment, Ed. D. students should meet this milestone by the end of the 3rd semester of full-time enrollment; Ph.D. students, by the 5th semester of full-time enrollment.

September 9–30 (Friday-Friday) Academic Early Alert September 12 (Monday) Applications & Audits for December Commencement Due to Graduate Studies for review and approval prior to submission to the Registrar’s Office by September 15

September 14 (Wednesday) Convocation October 3-7 (Monday-Friday) Midterm Evaluations Administered October 6 (Thursday) Last Day to Remove Incompletes October 9–16 (Sunday-Sunday) Homecoming Week October 10 (Monday) Mid-Term Grades Due in Chairs’ Offices October 14 (Friday) Last day for submission of Candidacy forms along with supporting documentation to the School of Graduate Studies and Research for approval. Students must be in academic good standing in order to meet this milestone. Students must complete the requisite number of course requirements (as noted in the Plan of Study) with minimum GPA of 3.0 (some programs may have more stringent requirements) along with identified activities designated to meet the culminating activity. Graduate students must meet candidacy requirements (as determined in your Program of Study) no later than one semester prior to graduation. Doctoral students must meet candidacy requirements no later than two semesters prior to graduation (or sooner if noted in your program of study).

October 14 (Friday) Last day to schedule a thesis or dissertation defense with School
of Graduate Studies and Research for December 2016 graduation
October 15(Saturday) ................................................................. FAFSA Priority Filing Date
October 17 - November 4 (Monday - Friday)................................. Academic Advisement/Registration for Spring 2017
October 28 (Wednesday).............................................................. Last Day to Drop Classes
October 30-November 25 (Friday-Saturday).................................. Fall Course Evaluations
November 4 (Friday)..................................................................... Financial Aid 60% Completion Date
November 8 (Tuesday)................................................................. Election Day (University Closed)
November 15 (Friday).................................................................. Exit Interview for December Graduates
November 15 (Friday).................................................................. Last Day to complete the thesis or dissertation defense for December 2015 graduation.
November 20 (Friday)................................................................. Last day for December 2015 graduates to file thesis or dissertation outcome reports to the School of Graduate Studies and Research
November 16 (Wednesday)......................................................... Last Day to Drop/Withdraw from the University
November 23 (Wednesday).............................................................. Residence Halls Close @ 8 pm
November 24-27 (Thursday-Sunday)............................................ Thanksgiving Recess
December 5 (Monday)................................................................. Last day to submit final copies of the thesis or the dissertation with the School of Graduate Studies and Research for review/approval. Please review the Thesis/Dissertation Handbook: http://www.desu.edu/graduate-studies/current-students. Questions regarding general formatting of theses/dissertations may be forwarded to gradstudies@desu.edu for review. Outcomes reports must have been submitted by the noted deadline for review and approval of all submissions.
December 8 (Thursday)................................................................. Last Day of Classes
December 9 (Friday)..................................................................... Reading Day
December 12 (Monday)................................................................. Last day to submit thesis or dissertation to the library for binding for December graduation. No thesis/dissertation will be accepted for binding without full approval of the Advisory Committee, College, and School of Graduate Studies and Research
December 12-16 (Monday-Friday)................................................... Final Examinations
December 16 (Friday)................................................................. Winter Recess Begins (Students)
December 17 (Saturday)............................................................... December Commencement
December 19 (Monday)............................................................... Non-thesis outcomes reports due to the School of Graduate Studies for December 2015 graduation.
December 19 (Monday)............................................................... Final Grades Due
December 24-January 1 (Thursday-Friday)................................. Winter Recess (University Closed)
November 1 (Tuesday)...................................................International Applicants: Deadline for receipt of complete graduate applications for spring 2017. Please review all requirements via the prospective students' link: http://www.desu.edu/graduate-studies/prospective-students. The applicant is encouraged to contact their program(s) of interest (via the provided link below) as some have earlier deadlines http://www.desu.edu/sites/default/files/u132/Graduate%20Studies%20Programs%20and%20Directors_1214_revised.pdf.

November 15 (Tuesday)...........................................Domestic Applicants: Deadline for receipt of complete graduate applications for spring 2017. Please review all requirements via the prospective students' link: http://www.desu.edu/graduate-studies/prospective-students. The applicant is encouraged to contact their program(s) of interest (via the provided link below) as some have earlier deadlines http://www.desu.edu/sites/default/files/u132/Graduate%20Studies%20Programs%20and%20Directors_1214_revised.pdf.

January 5 (Thursday)  ..................................................... Residence Halls Open for New Students Only
January 5-6 (Thursday-Friday)......................................................................New Student Registration
January 6 (Friday)......................................................................Last Day to satisfy Summer and Fall 2015 Provisional Admission Requirements

January 7 (Saturday at noon) ....................................................... Residence Halls Open for Returning Students
January 9 (Monday)..............................................................Classes Begin @ 8 am
January 9 (Monday)......................................................................Late Registration Begins
January 12 (Thursday).......................................................... General Faculty Meeting @ 11:00 am
January 13 (Friday).....................................................................Plans of Study due for fall 2015 enrollees
January 13 (Friday).....................................................................Deadline for submission of Committee forms to School of Graduate Studies and Research for approval. Thesis students should establish committees no later than the end of the 2nd semester of full-time enrollment, Ed.D. students should meet this milestone by the end of the 3rd semester of full-time enrollment; Ph.D. students, by the 5th semester of full-time enrollment.

January 16 (Monday)......................................................... Martin Luther King, Jr. Observance (University Closed)
January 18 (Wednesday)..........................................................Late Registration Ends
January 18 (Wednesday)..........................................................Last Day to Change Course(s) to Audit Status
January 18 (Wednesday)..........................................................Last day for graduate students to meet financial obligations
January 19 (Thursday).......................................................... Documentation for Non-Attendance
January 19 (Thursday)..........................................................Effective date for receiving a grade of “W” for dropped courses

January 20-February 10 (Friday-Friday).................................. Academic Early Alert

January 20 (Friday).........................................................Deadline for submission of Applications & Audits for May Commencement to Graduate Studies for review and approval for submission to the Registrar’s Office by February 1

February 9 (Thursday).................................................................Founders Day
February 13 - 17 (Monday-Friday)..........................................................Midterm Evaluations Administered
February 16 (Thursday).............................................................Last Day to Remove Incompletes
February 20 (Monday).............................................................Mid-Term Grades Due in Chairs’ Offices
February 27 – March 31 (Monday – Friday)..............................Spring Faculty Evaluations
March 6 – April 3 (Monday – Monday)............................................Academic Advisement/Registration for Summer 2017 and Fall 2017

March 15 (Wednesday)..........................................................Financial 60% Completion Date
March 17 (Friday).................................................................Deadline for submission of Candidacy forms along with supporting documentation to the School of Graduate Studies and Research for approval. Students must be in academic good standing in order to meet this milestone. Students must complete the requisite number of course requirements (as noted in the Plan of Study) with minimum GPA of 3.0 (some programs may have more stringent requirements) along with identified activities designated to meet the culminating
activity requirement. Graduate students must meet candidacy requirements (as determined in your Program of Study) no later than one semester prior to graduation. Doctoral students must meet candidacy requirements no later than two semesters prior to graduation (or sooner if noted in your program of study).

**March 21 (Tuesday)** .................................................... Last day to schedule thesis or dissertation defense with School of Graduate Studies and Research for May 2016 graduation.

**April 6 (Thursday)** ..................................................... Last day to Drop Classes/Withdraw from University

**April 7 (Friday)** ................................................................... 7th Annual Graduate Research Symposium

**April 14 - April 17 (Friday – Monday)** ................................................... Easter Recess (University Closed)

**April 13 (Thursday)** .......................................................... Exit Interview for May Graduates

**April 15 (Friday)** .................................................. Last day to complete the thesis or dissertation defense for May graduation.

**April 21 (Friday)** .................................................. Last day for May graduates to file thesis or dissertation outcome reports with the School of Graduate Studies and Research

**April 28 (Friday)** .................................................. Last day to submit final copies of the thesis or the dissertation with the School of Graduate Studies and Research for review/approval. Please review the Thesis/Dissertation Handbook: [http://www.desu.edu/graduate-studies/current-students](http://www.desu.edu/graduate-studies/current-students). Questions regarding general formatting of theses/dissertations may be forwarded to gradstudies@desu.edu for review. Outcomes reports must have been submitted by the noted deadline for review and approval of all submissions.

**April 27 (Thursday)** .......................................................... Last Day of Classes

**April 28 (Friday)** .......................................................... Reading Day

**May 1-5 (Monday-Friday)** ...................................................... Final Examinations

**May 5 (Friday)** .......................................................... Residence Halls Close @ 8 pm

**May 5 (Friday)** .................................................. Last day to submit thesis or dissertation to the library for binding for May graduation. No thesis/dissertation will be accepted for binding without full approval of the Advisory Committee, College, and School of Graduate Studies and Research

**May 8 (Monday)** .................................................. Non-thesis outcomes reports due to the School of Graduate Studies for December 2015 graduation.

**May 8 (Monday)** .......................................................... Final Grades Due

**May 11 (Thursday)** .......................................................... General Faculty Meeting

**May 14 (Sunday)** .......................................................... May Commencement