IMPORTANT GRADUATE STUDENT DATES
Spring 2016

PLEASE NOTE: Thesis students and doctoral candidates are required to register for a minimum two (2) semester hours of thesis or dissertation in the semester of graduation. All exams (comps, prelims, etc.) and all defenses require registration – see your department for details. Doctoral candidates are required to register for a minimum two (2) semester hours of dissertation every term, including summer.

All forms referenced below may be found online at: http://education.fsu.edu/student-resources/student-academic-services-oasis/for-graduate-students

Students are tuition/fee liable for any coursework remaining on schedule after drop/add deadline. Late registration fees will not be waived.

January 6, 2016 – Classes begin for spring 2016.

January 11, 2016 - Fourth Day of Classes
Last day to add courses without academic dean’s permission.
Last day to cancel enrollment and have fees removed.
Last day to drop/add classes and have fees adjusted. Students are liable for all fees for courses remaining on their schedules at 11:59 p.m. (Eastern U.S.)
Drop/Add ends at 11:59 p.m. (Eastern U.S.)

January 22, 2016 – Last day to apply for spring 2016 graduation. Apply online through “Course Quicklinks” at https://my.fsu.edu. (NOTE: You must apply for graduation even if you do not intend to attend the ceremony). Visit http://registrar.fsu.edu/services/graduation/ for more details.

February 19, 2016 - End of 7th week of the semester
Last day to submit form requesting S/U grading or to change S/U option back to regular grade.
Last day to reduce course load without permission of academic dean. Dean’s permission required to drop below twelve semester hours.
Last day to drop a course without receiving a grade.
Last day to withdraw from school without receiving a grade.
Financial Aid deferments expire.
Final payment for installment contracts due.
Last day to petition to reinstate class schedule cancelled for nonpayment of tuition. Last day for doctoral students to take and pass their preliminary examination in order to add or convert dissertation hours for the current semester.

**March 18, 2016** - Last day to defend Prospectus during the spring 2016 semester in order to graduate in summer 2016. Prospectus must be defended at least four (4) months prior to Dissertation Defense. Note: This date is approximately four (4) months from The Graduate School's summer 2016 manuscript clearance deadline of July 18.

**March 21, 2016** - Last day for doctoral students to submit their manuscript to The Graduate School for initial format check. ALL initial manuscripts MUST be submitted by this date in order to be eligible to graduate this semester. *

**April 4, 2016** - Last day for master's thesis students to submit their manuscript to The Graduate School for initial format check. ALL initial manuscripts MUST be submitted by this date in order to be eligible to graduate this semester. *

**April 18, 2016** – Final manuscript submission deadline. Last day for all doctoral and master's students to submit revised, defended version of manuscript and all required forms to The Graduate School Manuscript Clearance Advisor (by 5:00p.m. Eastern U.S.). All signatures must be obtained before the forms are submitted to the Manuscript Clearance Advisor. *

**April 22, 2016** – Last Day of Classes. Deadline for submission of all Comprehensive Exam/Portfolio results (Masters/Specialist students), Doctoral Preliminary Exam results, and (for spring 2016 admits) Educator Preparation Application and passing FTCE exam scores forms to OASIS.

**April 30, 2016** – Summer 2016 Commencement Ceremony.

*All Electronic Thesis, Treatise and Dissertation content and information is found on The Graduate School's Blackboard website "GradSpace". All ETD content and information can be located in the "Manuscript Clearance" submenu, found on the left-hand side of the screen.

For additional dates and information, please visit the Registrar's website: [http://registrar.fsu.edu/dir_class/spring/acad_cal.htm](http://registrar.fsu.edu/dir_class/spring/acad_cal.htm)

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