IMPORTANT GRADUATE STUDENT DATES
Fall 2020

PLEASE NOTE:
• Doctoral candidates must include a minimum of two (2) semester hours of dissertation every term, as part of the full-time enrollment, including summer.*
• After completion of twenty-four credit hours of dissertation, doctoral candidates must be enrolled for a minimum of three credit hours per semester (of which at least two must be dissertation hours) until completion of the degree.*
• Thesis-seeking master’s students, after completion of the required coursework and six credit hours of thesis, master’s students must be enrolled for a minimum of three credit hours per semester (of which at least two must be thesis hours) until completion of the degree.*
• All exams (comps, prelims, etc.) and all defenses require registration – contact your department for details.
  *International students may have greater requirements. Consult your CGE Advisor.

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

Drop/Add
August 22 – August 27, 2020 – Fall 2020 add/drop registration window.
Students are tuition/fee liable for any coursework remaining on their schedule after the drop/add deadline.

First Day of Classes
August 24, 2020
• Fall 2020 classes begin
• Last day to file for change in residency status.

Late Registration ($100.00 late registration fee.)
August 24 – August 27, 2020
Late registration fees will not be waived.

August 27, 2020 - Fourth Day of Classes
• Last day to Drop/Add and have fees adjusted (Students are liable for all tuition/fees for courses still on their schedules after 11:59p.m., Eastern U.S. time.)
• Last day to add a course without Academic Dean’s permission
• Last day to cancel enrollment and have fees removed

**Fall 2020 Graduation Application Period**

**August 31 – September 11, 2020** – Apply online at [https://my.fsu.edu](https://my.fsu.edu). Please visit [http://registrar.fsu.edu/services/graduation/](http://registrar.fsu.edu/services/graduation/) for more details. (NOTE: **You are required to apply for graduation even if you do not intend to attend the Commencement Ceremony**).

**End of 7th Week of the Semester**  
**October 9, 2020**

• Last day to submit form requesting S/U grading or to change S/U option back to a regular grade.
• Last day to reduce course load without the 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.
• Last day for doctoral students to take and pass their preliminary examination in order to add or convert dissertation hours for the current semester.

**October 26, 2020** - Last day for doctoral candidates to submit doctoral dissertation to The Graduate School for pre-defense format review. ALL initial manuscripts MUST be submitted by this date in order to be eligible to graduate this semester. *

**November 9, 2020** - Last day for master’s thesis students to submit their thesis to The Graduate School for pre-defense format review. ALL initial manuscripts MUST be submitted by this date in order to be eligible to graduate this semester. *

**November 23, 2020** – Final manuscript submission deadline. Last day for submission of the post-defense, *content-corrected* thesis or dissertation and required forms to The Graduate School (by midnight Eastern U.S.). All approvals must be obtained before the forms are submitted to the Manuscript Clearance Advisor. *

**December 4, 2020 - Last Day of Classes**

• Deadline for submission of all Fall 2020 Comprehensive Exam/Portfolio results (Masters/Specialist students), Diagnostic Exam Results and Doctoral Preliminary Exam results to OASIS, 2301 Stone Building.
• Deadline for submission of fall 2020 Graduate Certificate Admission online forms and fall 2020 Graduate Certificate Completion online forms to OASIS. (Departments must first review submissions. Please allow extra time for this approval.)

• Deadline for fall 2020 admitted Educator Preparation graduate program students to submit the appropriate online Educator Preparation Application and all official passing FTCE GK exam scores to Florida State University.

December 11, 2020 – Semester Ends

• Last day for Prospectus approval during the Fall semester in order to graduate in Spring 2021. Prospectus must be approved by the academic dean at least four (4) months prior to Dissertation Defense. Note: This date is approximately four (4) months from The Graduate School’s tentative Spring 2021 manuscript clearance deadline.

• Last day for thesis and dissertation and students graduating this semester to receive an email from Manuscript Clearance confirming final clearance.


The detailed academic calendar can be viewed at the Registrar’s Office website: http://registrar.fsu.edu/registration_guide/fall/academic_calendar/.

For additional dates and information, please visit the Registrar’s website: https://registrar.fsu.edu/registration_guide/fall/

Please bookmark these pages and refer to those links for the most up-to-date information.