

Nelson Mandela College of Government and Social Sciences  
 Graduate Programs Calendar (PADM)  
 Spring 2024 Calendar

**January**

11	Faculty Reports
11	Graduate School Orientation for New Graduate Students
15	Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday (CLOSED)
16	Classes Begin
17	NMC Graduate Programs Department Deadline for Graduation Applications submit PADM and PPOL submit to Dr. Hines.
18	MPA and PPOL New Student Orientation 5:00 pm
24	Final date to drop without receiving a grade of "W"
25	Final date to add courses for credit and make section changes.
26	Graduate School: Final Date for Spring 2024 Graduation Applications
31	Proposal / Final Submissions Due for Review for February Defenses
31	ASPA LA Meeting @ 11 am via Zoom
31	Mandatory Attendance Reporting Date (NS/SH)

**February**

8	ASPA LA Meeting @ 11 am via Zoom
8	Defense Notices: Students Approved to Defend on 2/15 are notified.
9	Defense Schedule Posted for 2/15
12-13	Mardi Gras Holiday (CLOSED)
13	Mardi Gras
14	Classes Resume
14	Valentine's Day
15	Proposal and Final Defenses (2nd Opportunity)
21	Career Fair
25-28	COMPA
29	Proposal / Final Submissions Due for Review for March Defenses

**March**

1	Applications for Admission to Candidacy for Spring 2024 Due to Graduate School
7	Defense Notices: Students Approved to Defend on 3/18 are notified.
7	ASPA LA Meeting @ 11 am via Zoom
8	Defense Schedule Posted for 3/18
11-15	Spring Break
18-19	Proposal and Final Defenses (3rd Opportunity)
19	Midterm Grades are Due (Midterms are scheduled at the discretion of the instructor prior to this date.)
28	Deadline to submit Request for Final Thesis/Dissertation Defense Form for Spring 2024.

29	Good Friday Holiday (Closed)
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### April

1	Final Date to Upload Electronic Copy of Thesis/Dissertation for Format Check
1	Final Date for International Students seeking Fall 2024 Admissions.
5	Final Date to Withdraw from the university.
15	Final Date for Domestic Students seeking Fall 2024 Admissions.
11-16	ASPA
12	ASPA LA Meeting in Person @ ASPA Conference details forthcoming
19	Last date to defend thesis/dissertation for Spring 2024 graduation
26	Graduate School Last Day to Submit Final, Revised, and Edited thesis/dissertation hardcopy for approval before Spring 2024.

### May

1	Last Day to Apply for Fall Admissions
2-3	ASPA LA Public Service Conference
3	Final Day of Classes
6	Graduate School Final date to upload to ProQuest and Complete Survey of Earned Doctorates.
6-10	Final Examination Period
14	Final Grades Due
17	Spring 2024 Commencement @ 10 am