

**Fall 2014 Critical Dates**  
**Office of Graduate and Professional Studies**

| Date(s)  | Activity/Deadline  |
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| Monday, August 11, 2014                                      | Faculty Reports for Fall Semester & Convocation  |
| Tuesday-Friday,<br>August 12-15, 2014                        | Registration   |
| Monday, August 18, 2014                                      | Classes Begin  |
| Thursday, August 21, 2014                                    | Graduate School Orientation  |
| Friday, August 22, 2014                                      | Deadline for Adding Courses for Credit   |
| Wednesday, August 27, 2014                                   | Last Day to Drop Courses without receiving a Grade of "W"  |
| Monday, September 01, 2014                                   | Labor Day Holiday  |
| Tuesday, September 02, 2014                                  | Classes Resume   |
| Wednesday-Thursday,<br>September 3-4, 2014                   | ProQuest Training: Session 1 offered at 10am & Session 2 offered at 5:30pm. Two sessions will be offered each day. Graduate students are required to attend one of the sessions. |
| <b>Wednesday, September 03, 2014</b>                         | <b>Deadline for submitting Graduation Applications for Fall 2014 Commencement to Graduate School.</b>  |
| Thursday, September 04, 2014                                 | University Convocation for Faculty, Staff and Students, 11:00am - Mandatory for all students.  |
| Friday, September 12, 2014                                   | Registrar's Office Deadline for receiving Fall 2014 Commencement Applications  |
| Monday-Thursday,<br>October 6-9, 2014                        | Mid-Semester Examination Period  |
| Tuesday, October 14, 2014                                    | Mid-Semester Grades Posted   |
| Monday, October 20, 2014                                     | Course Scheduling and Pre-Registration for Spring 2015 Begins  |
| <b>Monday, October 20, 2014</b>                              | <b>Deadline for Receiving Requests for Oral Thesis/Dissertations in the Graduate School (Note: Request for Dissertation Defense Forms must be submitted at this time also.)</b>  |
| Friday, October 31, 2014                                     | Deadline to submit Graduate International Applications for Spring 2015 Admission.  |
| <b>Monday-Friday (2 weeks only),<br/>November 3-14, 2014</b> | <b>All Thesis and Dissertation Defense MUST be conducted during this time period.</b>  |
| Friday, November 14, 2014                                    | Last day to Withdraw from courses or from the University   |
| <b>Friday, November 21, 2014</b>                             | <b>Submission of Final (Hard Copy) Dissertations and Thesis with revisions to the Graduate School and Editor Forms by 3:00 pm.</b>   |
| Monday, November 24, 2014                                    | Submission of Final Thesis/Dissertation uploaded to ProQuest and Survey of Earned Doctorates(SED).   |
| Wednesday, November 26, 2014                                 | Last Day of Classes  |
| Thursday-Sunday,<br>November 27-30, 2014                     | Thanksgiving Holiday   |
| Monday-Thursday,<br>December 1-4, 2014                       | Final Examination Period   |
| Monday, December 08, 2014                                    | Final Grades Posted  |
| Wednesday, December 10, 2014                                 | Graduation Checkout  |
| Thursday, December 11, 2014                                  | Graduation Practice  |
| Friday, December 12, 2014                                    | Fall Commencement  |