

Nelson Mandela College of Government and Social Sciences  
 Graduate Program Calendar (EPHD)  
 Fall 2023 Calendar

**August**

18	Clearances to defend received
21	Classes Begin
23 thru 24	Proposal / Final Defenses
24	Cohort 4 Orientation
25 thru 27	EPHD Weekend 1
25	Proposal Submissions   Cohort 2 continuing
30	Final ADD/DROP Date

**September**

1 thru 3	EPHD Weekend 2
1	College/Department Deadline for Graduation Applications
4	Labor Day Holiday
5	Classes Resume
5	Defense notices to students
7	Mandatory Reporting
8	Graduate School Deadline for Graduation Applications
12	Financial Aid Disbursements
15	Graduate School Last Date to Accept International Applications Spring 2024
21 and 22	Final Defenses   EPHD Cohort 2 continuing
22	Dissertation and Proposal Submissions Due (Traditional)
25	Comprehensive Questions and Answers Due (Faculty)
29 thru 30	EPHD Weekend 3   VIRTUAL WEEKEND

**October**

1	EPHD Weekend 3   VIRTUAL WEEKEND continued
2	Comprehensive Questions Shared (Faculty)
2	Comprehensive Notices to Students and Defense Notices to Students
2	Graduate School Appointment to Candidacy Form Due
4	Comprehensive Faculty Meeting to Vet Questions
5 and 6	Fall Break
9	Classes Resume
9 thru 13	Defense Week (Traditional)
15	Graduate School Last Day for Domestic Applications for Spring 2024
16-20	Mid-Term Exams
23-27	Comprehensive Exam Week
25	Midterm Grades DUE
28	Last day to Withdraw
31	Oral Comprehensive Exams

## November

1 thru 2	Oral Comprehensive Exams
3 thru 5	EPHD Weekend 4
6	Priority Registration Begins
13	Spring 2024 Spring Registration
13	Last day to submit final edited document to department for signatures
17	Graduate School Last Date to Defend
20	Last day to upload document to Graduate School
22 thru 24	Thanksgiving Break
23-24	University Closed
27	Classes Resume

## December

1	Last Day of Classes
1	EPHD Cohort 3   Chapters 1-4 Due
1 thru 2	EPHD Weekend 5 (Finals)
4	Departmental Upload to ProQuest and SED Deadline
4 thru 8	Final Exams
5	Graduate School Last Day to Upload to ProQuest and SED Deadline
12	Final Grades Due for Degree Candidates
13	Final Grades Due for Non-Degree Candidates
15	Fall Commencement @ 10 a.m.