

# Spring 2021 Academic Calendar

**November 2** (Monday).....International Applicants: Deadline for Receipt of Complete Graduate Applications for Spring 2021. *Please review all requirements via [sgaes.desu.edu/admissions](https://sgaes.desu.edu/admissions). The applicant is encouraged to contact his or her program(s) of interest via [sgaes.desu.edu/about/graduate-program-directory](https://sgaes.desu.edu/about/graduate-program-directory) as some have earlier deadlines.*

**November 16** (Monday).....Domestic Applicants: Deadline for Receipt of Complete Graduate Applications for Spring 2021. *Please review all requirements via [sgaes.desu.edu/admissions](https://sgaes.desu.edu/admissions). The applicant is encouraged to contact his or her program(s) of interest via [sgaes.desu.edu/about/graduate-program-directory](https://sgaes.desu.edu/about/graduate-program-directory) as some have earlier deadlines.*

**December 11** (Friday) ..... Winter/Spring Billing Due Date

**January 14** (Thursday) ..... Residence Halls Open for New Students Only

**January 14-15** (Thursday-Friday) ..... New Student Registration

**January 16** (Saturday at noon) .....Residence Halls Open for Returning Students

**January 18** (Monday).....Martin Luther King Jr. Observance (University Closed)

**January 19** (Tuesday) ..... Classes Begin at 8 a.m.

**January 19** (Tuesday)..... Accelerated Session I Classes Begin at 8 a.m.

**January 19-22** (Tuesday-Friday) ..... Late Registration Begins

**January 19-22** (Tuesday-Friday) ..... I Love DSU Week

**January 21** (Thursday).....General Faculty Meeting at 11 a.m.

**January 22** (Friday).....Plans of Study Due for Fall 2020 Enrollees

**January 22** (Friday) .....Deadline for Submission of Committee Forms to Graduate Studies and Research for Approval

*Thesis students should establish committees no later than the end of the 2nd semester of full-time enrollment; Ed.D. students should meet this milestone by the end of the 3rd semester of full-time enrollment; Ph.D. students, by the 5th semester of full-time enrollment.*

**January 27** (Wednesday) .....Late Registration Ends

**January 27** (Wednesday) .....Last Day to Add Classes

**January 27** (Wednesday) .....Last Day to Change Course(s) to Audit Status

**January 28-February 1** (Wednesday-Monday)..... Documentation for Non-Attendance Period

**January 28** (Thursday) .....Effective Date for \$10 Per Drop Processing Fee

**January 28** (Thursday) .....Effective Date for Receiving a Grade of "W" for Dropped Courses

**January 29** (Friday) .....Last Day to Drop Accelerated Session I Course

**January 29** (Friday).....Applications & Audits for May Commencement due to Graduate Studies for review and approval for submission to the Registrar's Office by February 5

**February 1-February 19** (Monday-Friday).....Academic Early Alert

**February 18** (Thursday) .....Founders Day

**February 22** (Monday).....Residency Status Audit

**February 22-26** (Monday-Friday) ..... Midterm Evaluations Administered

**February 25** (Thursday).....Last Day to Remove Incompletes

**March 1** (Monday).....Mid-Term Grades Due in Chairs' Offices

**March 1-April 2** (Monday-Friday).....Academic Advisement Period

**March 12** (Friday).....Accelerated Session I Last Day of Classes

**March 15** (Monday)..... Accelerated Session II Classes Begin

**March 16** (Tuesday).....Deadline for Submission of Candidacy Forms along with supporting documentation to Graduate Studies and Research for approval. *Students must be in academic good standing in order to meet this milestone. Students*

*must complete the requisite number of course requirements (as noted in the Plan of Study) with minimum GPA of 3.0 (some programs may have more stringent requirements) along with identified activities designated to meet the culminating activity. Graduate students must meet candidacy requirements (as determined in your Program of Study) no later than one semester prior to graduation. Doctoral students must meet candidacy requirements no later than two semesters prior to graduation (or sooner if noted in your program of study).*

**March 19** (Friday).....Financial Aid 60% Completion Date

**March 19** (Friday).....Last Day to Schedule a Thesis or Dissertation Defense with Graduate Studies and Research for May 2021 Graduation

**March 25** (Thursday) ..... Census Date

**March 26** (Friday).....Last Day to Drop Accelerated II Course

**March 29-April 29** (Monday-Thursday).....Spring Course Evaluations

**March 29-30** (Monday and Tuesday)..... Priority Pre-Registration

**March 31-April 29** (Wednesday-Thursday).....Preregistration for Fall 2021

**April** (Saturday TBD) ..... Spring Open House

**April 1** (Thursday).....Last Day to Complete the Thesis or Dissertation Defense for May 2021 Graduation

**April 2-5** (Friday-Monday).....Easter Recess (University Closed)

**April 8** (Thursday).....Exit Interview for May Graduates Due

**April 8** (Thursday).....Last Day for May 2021 Graduates to File Thesis or Dissertation Outcome Reports to Graduate Studies and Research

**April 15** (Thursday).....Last Day to Submit Final Copies of the Thesis or the Dissertation via ProQuest with Graduate Studies and Research for Review/Approval *Please review the Thesis/Dissertation Handbook: [sgaes.desu.edu/admissions/current-students](https://sgaes.desu.edu/admissions/current-students). Questions regarding general formatting of theses/dissertations may be forwarded to [gradstudies@desu.edu](mailto:gradstudies@desu.edu) for review. Outcomes reports must have been submitted by the noted deadline for review and approval of all submissions.*

**April 15** (Thursday).....Last Day to Submit the Thesis/ Dissertation Approval Page to Graduate Studies and Research

**April 16** (Friday).....Annual Delaware State University Research Day

**April 21** (Wednesday) .....Last Day to Drop/Withdraw from the University

**April 23-25**(Friday-Sunday).....Homecoming Weekend

**April 29** (Thursday) .....Last Day of Classes

**April 29** (Thursday) .....Last Day of Work Study

**April 30** (Friday).....Reading Day

**April 30** (Friday).....Residency Status Final Audit

**May 3-May 7** (Monday-Friday) ..... Final Examinations

**May 4** (Tuesday).....Assessment Summit

**May 6** (Thursday) .....General Faculty Meeting

**May 7** (Friday) ..... Accelerated Session II Last Day of Classes

**May 7** (Friday).....Residence Halls Close at 5 p.m.

**May 7** (Friday).....Summer Payment Due Date

**May 8** (Saturday).....Commencement

**May 10** (Monday)..... Non-thesis Outcomes Reports Due to Graduate Studies for May 2021 Graduation

**May 10** (Monday) .....Final Grades Due

**May 28** (Friday)..... SAP Appeals Due for Fall 2021

**July 5** (Monday)..... Fall Payment Due Date