**Fall 2021 Academic Calendar**

**Delaware State University**
Graduate Studies and Research

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**May 1** (Saturday) ..................................................International Applicants: Deadline for Receipt of Complete Graduate Applications for Fall 2021. Please review all requirements via 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 as some have earlier deadlines.

**June 30** (Wednesday) ..........................Domestic Applicants: Deadline for Receipt of Complete Graduate Applications for Fall 2021. Please review all requirements via 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 as some have earlier deadlines.

**July 16** (Friday) ..................................................Fall 2021 Payment Due Date

**July 27** (Tuesday) ..................................................New Graduate Student Orientation

All first-time graduate enrollees are expected to participate in this activity. Details will be posted at the Graduate Studies website: sgaes.desu.edu.

**August 23-28** (Monday-Saturday) ..................Residence Halls Open for All Students

**August 26-29** (Thursday-Sunday) ..........................Welcome Days

**August 27** (Friday) ..................................................Opening Institute (Virtual)

**August 29-September 4** (Sunday-Saturday) ..................I Love DSU Week

**August 30** (Monday) ..................................................Classes Begin at 8 a.m.

**August 30** (Monday) ..................................................Accelerated Session I Classes Begin at 8 a.m.

**August 30** (Monday) ..................................................Late Registration Begins

**September 3** (Friday) ..................................................Last Day 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.

**September 6** (Monday) ..................................................Labor Day (University Closed)

**September 8** (Wednesday) ..................................................Last Day for Adding Classes

**September 8** (Wednesday) ..................................................Last Day to Change Course(s) to Audit Status

**September 8** (Wednesday) ..................................................Late Registration Ends

**September 8** (Wednesday) ..................................................SAP Appeal Due Date for Spring 2022

**September 9** (Thursday) ..................................................Effective Date for $10 Per Drop Processing Fee

**September 9** (Thursday) ..................................................Effective Date for Receiving a Grade of "W" for Dropped Courses

**September 9** (Thursday) ..................................................General Faculty Meeting (Virtual)

**September 9-13** (Thursday-Monday) ..................................Documentation for Non-Attendance Period

**September 16** (Thursday) ..................................................Last Day to Drop Accelerated I Course

**September 17** (Friday) ..................................................Academic Early Alert Begins

**September 23** (Thursday) ..................................................Constitution Day

**September 23** (Thursday) ..................................................Convocation

**September 24** (Friday) ..................................................Applications & Audits for December Commencement due to Graduate Studies for review and approval prior to submission to the Registrar’s Office by October 1

**October 4-8** (Monday-Friday) ..................................Midterm Evaluations Administered

**October 6** (Wednesday) ..................................................Residency Status Audit

**October 7** (Thursday) ..................................................Last Day to Remove Incompletes

**October 8** (Friday) ..................................................Last Day to Schedule a Thesis or Dissertation Defense with Graduate Studies and Research for December 2021 Graduation

**October 8** (Friday) ..................................................Last Day 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 a 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).

**October 18-22** (Monday-Friday) ..........................Academic Advisement Period

**October 22** (Friday) ..................................................Accelerated Session I Last Day of Classes

**October 23** (Saturday) ..................................................Homecoming

**October 25** (Monday) ..................................................Accelerated Session II Classes Begin

**October 25** (Monday) ..................................................Mid-Term Grades Due

**October 25-26** (Monday and Tuesday) ..................................Priority Pre-Registration

**October 27-November 4** (Wednesday-Wednesday) ..................................Preregistration for Spring and Summer

**October 29** (Friday) ..................................................Last Day to Complete the Thesis or Dissertation Defense for December 2021 Graduation

**November 3** (Wednesday) ..................................................Financial Aid 60% Completion Date

**November 4** (Thursday) ..................................................Census Date

**November 5** (Friday) ..................................................Last Day for December 2021 Graduates to File thesis or dissertation outcome reports to Graduate Studies and Research

**November 8-December 9** (Monday-Thursday) ..................................Fall Course Evaluations

**November 12** (Friday) ..................................................Last Day to Submit the Thesis/Dissertation Approval Page to Graduate Studies and Research

**November 19** (Friday) ..................................................Last Day to Drop Accelerated II Course

**November 21** (Sunday) ..................................Exit Interview for December Graduates

**November 24** (Wednesday) ..................................Residence Halls Close at 5 p.m. for Fall 2021

**November 25-28** (Thursday-Sunday) ..................................Thanksgiving Recess

**December 1** (Wednesday) ..................................Last Day to Drop/Withdraw from the University

**December 9** (Thursday) ..................................................Last Day of Classes

**December 10** (Friday) ..................................................Reading Day

**December 10** (Friday) ..................................................Residency Status Final Audit

**December 13-17** (Monday-Friday) ..................................Final Examinations

**December 17** (Friday) ..................................................Winter Recess Begins (Students)

**December 17** (Friday) ..................................................Accelerated Session II Last Day of Classes

**December 17** (Friday) ..................................................Spring/Winter Payment Due Date

**December 20** (Monday) ..................................................Non-thesis Outcomes Reports Due to Graduate Studies for December 2021 graduation

**December 20** (Monday) ..................................................Final Grades Due

**December 23-January 2** (Thursday-Sunday) ..................................Winter Recess (University Closed)

**January 24** (Monday) ..................................................Commencement

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**If you are enrolled in an accelerated program, please refer to the Accelerated Academic Calendar for other important dates.**
Spring 2022 Academic Calendar

Students must be in academic good standing in order to meet this milestone. Students along with supporting documentation to Graduate Studies and Research for approval. The applicant is encouraged to contact his or her program(s) of interest via sgaes.desu.edu/about/graduate-program-directory as some have earlier deadlines.

December 10 (Friday) .........................Winter/Spring Payment Due Date
January 6 (Thursday) .........................Residence Halls Open for New Students Only
January 6-7 (Thursday-Friday) .............. New Student Registration
January 8 (Saturday at noon) ............. Residence Halls Open for Returning Students
January 10 (Monday) ......................... Classes Begin at 8 a.m.
January 10 (Monday) ......................... Accelerated Session I Classes Begin at 8 a.m.
January 10 (Monday) ......................... Late Registration Begins
January 11-14 (Tuesday-Friday) .......... I Love DSU Week
January 12 (Wednesday) .................... Late Registration Ends
January 12 (Wednesday) .................... Last Day to Change Course(s) to Audit Status
January 13 (Thursday) ...................... General Faculty Meeting (Virtual)
January 17 (Monday) ......................... Martin Luther King Jr. Observatory (University Closed)
January 19 (Wednesday) .................... Last Day to Add Classes
January 20-24 (Thursday-Monday) ...... Documentation for Non-Attendance Period
January 20 (Thursday) ....................... Effective Date for $10 Per Drop Processing Fee
January 20 (Thursday) ....................... Effective Date for Receiving a Grade of "W" for Dropped Courses
January 21 (Friday) ......................... Last Day to Drop Accelerated Session I Course
January 21 (Friday) ......................... Deadline for Submission of Committee Forms to Graduate Studies and Research for Approval

Academic Calendar for other important dates.

**If you are enrolled in an accelerated program, please refer to the Accelerated Dissertation Approval Page to Graduate Studies and Research forwarded to gradstudies@desu.edu for review. Outcomes reports must have been submitted to Graduate Studies and Research for May 2022 Graduation sooner if noted in your program of study).**

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January 28 (Friday) ......................... Applications & Audits for May Commencement due to Graduate Studies for review and approval for submission to the Registrar’s Office by February 4

February 1 (Tuesday) ......................... Academic Early Alert Begins
February 10 (Thursday) ...................... Founders Day
February 14 (Monday) ....................... Residency Status Audit
February 18 (Friday) ......................... Last Day to Remove Incompletes
February 28-March 4 (Monday-Friday) .... Midterm Evaluations Administered
February 28-April 1 (Monday-Friday) .... Academic Advisement Period
March 4 (Friday) ......................... Residence Halls Close at 5 p.m. for Spring Break
March 4 (Friday) ......................... Accelerated Session I Last Day of Classes
March 7-11 (Monday-Friday) ............... Spring Break
March 7-11 (Monday-Friday) ............... MEAC
March 7 (Monday) ......................... Mid-Term Grades Due in Chairs’ Offices
March 14 (Monday) ......................... Accelerated Session II Classes Begin
March 15 (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 16 (Wednesday) ...................... Financial Aid 60% Completion Date
March 16 (Wednesday) ...................... Census Date
March 18 (Friday) ......................... Last Day to Schedule a Thesis or Dissertation Defense with Graduate Studies and Research for May 2022 Graduation
March 18 (Friday) ......................... Last Day to Drop Accelerated II Course
March 23-April 28 (Wednesday-Thursday) ... Spring Course Evaluations
April 1 (Friday) ......................... Exit Interview for May Graduates Due
April 4-5 (Monday and Tuesday) ....... Priority Pre-Registration
April 6-22 (Wednesday-Friday) ......... Preregistration for Fall 2022
April 8 (Friday) ......................... Last Day to Complete the Thesis or Dissertation Defense for May 2022 Graduation
April 9 (Saturday) ................. Spring Open House
April 13 (Wednesday) ..................... Last Day to Drop/Withdraw from the University through the Office of Records and Registration
April 13 (Wednesday) ....Annual Delaware State University Research Day
April 15 (Friday) ......................... Last Day for May 2021 Graduates to File Thesis or Dissertation Outcome Reports to Graduate Studies and Research
April 15-18 (Friday-Monday) ....Easter Recess (University Closed)
April 21 (Thursday) ....................... Last Day of Classes
April 21 (Thursday) ....................... Last Day of Work Study
April 22 (Friday) ......................... Last Day to Submit Final Copies of the Thesis or the Dissertation via ProQuest with Graduate Studies and Research for Review/Approval
April 22 (Friday) ......................... Last Day to Submit the Thesis/Dissertation Approval Page to Graduate Studies and Research
April 22 (Friday) ......................... Residency Status Final Audit
April 22 (Friday) ......................... Reading Day
April 25-29 (Monday-Friday) ....Final Examinations
May 2 (Monday) ......................... Final Grades Due
May 2 (Monday) ......................... Non-thesis Outcomes Reports Due to Graduate Studies for May 2022 Graduation
May 4 or 5 (Wednesday or Thursday) .... Assessment Summit
May 5 (Thursday) ......................... General Faculty Meeting
May 6 (Friday) ......................... Residence Halls Close at 5 p.m.
May 6 (Friday) ......................... Accelerated Session II Last Day of Classes
May 6 (Friday) ......................... Summer Payment Due Date
May 14 (Saturday) ................... Commencement
May 27 (Friday) ......................... SAP Appeals Due for Fall 2021
July 5 (Tuesday) ......................... Fall Payment Due Date