Fall 2020 Academic Calendar

May 1 (Friday)..................International Applicants: Deadline for Receipt of Complete Graduate Applications for Fall 2020. 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 (Tuesday)...............Domestic Applicants: Deadline for Receipt of Complete Graduate Applications for Fall 2020. 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 17 (Friday)..................Fall 2020 Billing Due Date
July 31 (Friday)..................Graduate Orientation — Dover
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 6 (Thursday)..............Graduate Orientation — Wilmington
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 17-22 (Monday-Saturday).............Residence Halls Open for All Students

August 20-23 (Thursday-Sunday)....................Welcome Days
August 21 (Friday)........................Faculty & Staff Institute (Virtual)
August 23-29 (Sunday-Saturday)...................I Love DSU Week
August 25 (Tuesday)..................Classes Begin at 8 a.m.
August 25 (Tuesday)..................Accelerated Session I Classes Begin at 8 a.m.
August 25 (Tuesday).................Late Registration Begins
September 2 (Wednesday)..............Last Day for Adding Classes
September 2 (Wednesday)................Last Day to Change Course(s) to Audit Status
September 2 (Wednesday)..............Late Registration Ends
September 3 (Thursday)....................Effective Date for $10 Per Drop Processing Fee
September 3 (Thursday)....................Effective Date for Receiving a Grade of “W” for Dropped Courses

September 3 (Thursday)..............General Faculty Meeting (Virtual)
September 3-7 (Thursday-Monday)..........Documentation for Non-Attendance Period
September 4 (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 4-18 (Friday-Friday)..................Academic Early Alert
September 7 (Monday)..................Labor Day (University Closed)
September 10 (Thursday)....................Last Day to Drop Accelerated I Course
September 17 (Thursday)....................Constitution Day
September 17 (Thursday)....................Convocation
September 18 (Friday)...............Applications & Audits for December Commencement due to Graduate Studies for review and approval prior to submission to the Registrar’s Office by September 25

September 28-October 2 (Monday-Friday)..............Midterm Evaluations Administered
September 30 (Wednesday) ..................Residency Status Audit
October 1 (Thursday)....................Last Day to Remove Incompletes
October 5 (Monday)........................Mid-Term Grades Due in Chairs' Offices
October 5-30 (Monday-Friday)..................Academic Advisement Period

October 9 (Friday)..................Last Day to Schedule a Thesis or Dissertation Defense with Graduate Studies and Research for December 2020 Graduation
October 9 (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 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 16 (Friday)....................Accelerated Session I Last Day of Classes
October 19 (Monday)....................Accelerated Session II Classes Begin
October 25-November 20 (Sunday-Friday)........Fall Course Evaluations
October 26 (Monday)....................SAP Appeal Due Date for Spring 2020
October 28-29 (Wednesday and Thursday)..............Priority Pre-Registration

October 29 (Thursday)....................Census Date
October 30 (Friday)....................Financial Aid 60% Completion Date
October 30 (Friday)....................Last Day to Complete the Thesis or Dissertation Defense for December 2020 Graduation

October 30-November 25 (Friday-Wednesday)..............Preregistration for Spring and Summer

November 3 (Tuesday)....................Election Day (University Closed)
November 6 (Friday)....................Last Day to Drop Accelerated II Course
November 6 (Friday)....................Last Day for December 2020 Graduates to File thesis or dissertation outcome reports to Graduate Studies and Research

November 13 (Friday)....................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. Questions regarding general formatting of theses/dissertations may be forwarded to gradstudies@desu.edu for review. Outcomes reports must have been submitted by the noted deadline for review and approval of all submissions.

November 13 (Friday)....................Last Day to Submit the Thesis/Dissertation Approval Page to Graduate Studies and Research

November 15 (Sunday)....................Exit Interview for December Graduates
November 25 (Wednesday)..............Last Day to Drop/Withdraw from the University
November 25 (Wednesday)..............Residence Halls Close at 5 p.m. for Fall 2020
November 26-29 (Thursday-Sunday) .............Thanksgiving Recess

*****Virtual Interaction for all courses for the remainder of the semester*****

December 3 (Thursday)....................Last Day of Classes
December 4 (Friday)....................Reading Day
December 4 (Friday)....................Residency Status Final Audit
December 7-11 (Monday-Friday)..............Final Examinations
December 11 (Friday)....................Accelerated Session II Last Day of Classes
December 11 (Friday)....................Winter Recess Begins (Students)
December 11 (Friday)....................Spring/Winter Billing Due Date
December 14 (Monday)....................Non-thesis Outcomes Reports Due to Graduate Studies for December 2020 graduation

December 14 (Monday)....................Final Grades Due
December 24-January 3 (Thursday-Sunday).............Winter Recess (University Closed)
Spring 2021 Academic Calendar

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

March 31-April 2 (Wednesday-Thursday)........Preregistration for Fall 2021

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. Questions regarding general formatting of theses/dissertations may be forwarded to 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