

ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2015-2016

Louisiana State University

FALL SEMESTER 2015			
AUGUST	13-14	Thu-Fri	International Student Orientation
	14	Fri	Final date for submitting to the Graduate School General Examination Results for the doctorate to be awarded at fall commencement, 4:30 p.m., deadline (minimum period of three months is required between completion of the General Exam and completion of the Final Defense)
	17-20	Mon-Thu	Freshman and Transfer Orientation
	19	Wed	New Graduate Student Orientation
	21	Fri	Final date to apply to The Graduate School for the fall semester, 12:00 midnight, deadline
	24	Mon	Classes begin, 7:30 a.m.
SEPTEMBER	1	Tue	Final date for dropping courses without receiving a grade of "W," 4:30 p.m., deadline
	2	Wed	Final date for adding courses for credit and making section changes, 4:30 p.m., deadline
	2	Wed	Final date to petition deans' offices to invoke the Grade Exclusion Policy, 4:30 p.m., deadline
	2	Wed	Final date for "Degree Only" registration (all degree requirements, including document submission and approval by The Graduate School must be met), 4:30 p.m., deadline
	4	Fri	Final date for submitting to The Graduate School (or updating) "Applications for Degree" to be awarded at fall commencement, 4:30 p.m., deadline
	4	Fri	Final date for submitting to The Graduate School "Requests for Final Exams" (comprehensive exam, thesis/dissertation defense) for degrees to be awarded at fall commencement, 4:30 p.m., deadline
	7	Mon	Labor Day Holiday begins, 7:30 a.m.
	8	Tue	Classes resume, 7:30 a.m.
OCTOBER	12-17	Mon-Sat	Mid-semester examination period
	13	Tue	Final date for receipt of Graduate School application for admission for spring semester without paying \$25 late fee, 12:00 midnight, deadline
	13	Tue	Final date for international applicants residing outside the U.S. to apply to The Graduate School for the spring semester, 12:00 midnight, deadline
	20	Tue	Mid-semester grades due, 9:00 a.m., deadline
	25	Sun	Course scheduling for spring semester, Spring Intersession and summer term begins, 5:00 p.m.
	29	Thu	Fall holiday begins, 7:30a.m.
NOVEMBER	2	Mon	Classes resume, 7:30a.m.
	6	Fri	Final date for resigning from the University, 4:30 p.m., deadline
	6	Fri	Final date for dropping courses, 4:30 p.m., deadline
	6	Fri	Final date to request rescheduling a final examination when three examinations are scheduled in 24 hours
	16	Mon	Final date for submitting to The Graduate School committee examination reports and approved theses and dissertations, 4:30 p.m., deadline
	20	Fri	Final date for submitting required Graduate School edits to theses and dissertations, 12:00 noon, deadline
	25	Wed	Thanksgiving holiday begins, 12:30 p.m.
	30	Mon	Classes resume, 7:30 a.m.
DECEMBER	2	Wed	Concentrated Study Period begins--no meetings, social activities, athletic events, or other extracurricular activities requiring student participation will be scheduled; no major examinations will be given in academic courses other than labs
	5	Sat	Classes end, 10:00 p.m.
	7	Sun	Concentrated Study Period ends
	7-12	Mon-Sat	Final examinations
	15	Tue	Final grades due (degree candidate), 9:00 a.m., deadline
	16	Wed	Final grades due (non-degree candidate), 9:00 a.m., deadline
	18	Fri	Commencement Day
42 MWF Classes; 28 TTh Classes			

WINTERSESSION 2015			
DECEMBER	14	Mon	Classes begin, 7:30 a.m.
	14	Mon	Final date for dropping courses without receiving a grade of "W," 4:30 p.m., deadline
	15	Tue	Final date for adding courses for credit and making section changes, 4:30 p.m., deadline
	15	Tue	Final date to petition deans' offices to invoke the Grade Exclusion Policy, 4:30 p.m., deadline
	22	Tue	Final date for resigning from the University, 4:30 p.m., deadline
	22	Tue	Final date for dropping courses, 4:30 p.m., deadline
	24	Thu	Winter holiday begins, 7:30 a.m.
JANUARY			
JANUARY	4	Mon	Classes resume, 7:30 a.m.
	5	Tue	Classes end, 10:00 p.m.
	6	Wed	Final examinations
	8	Fri	Final grades due, 9:00 a.m., deadline
<i>11 Classes</i>			
SPRING SEMESTER 2016			
JANUARY	6	Wed	International Student Orientation
	7, 8, 11	Thu, Fri, Mon	Freshman and Transfer Orientation
	8	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Final date to apply to The Graduate School for the spring semester, 12:00 midnight, deadline</i>
	12	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Final date for submitting to the Graduate School General Examination Results for the doctorate to be awarded at spring commencement, 4:30 p.m., deadline (minimum period of three months is required between completion of the General Exam and completion of the Final Defense)</i>
	13	Wed	Classes begin, 7:30 a.m.
	18	Mon	Martin Luther King Day holiday begins, 7:30 a.m.
	19	Tue	Classes resume, 7:30 a.m.
	22	Fri	Final date for dropping courses without receiving a grade of "W," 4:30 p.m., deadline
	25	Mon	Final date for adding courses for credit and making section changes, 4:30 p.m., deadline
	25	Mon	Final date to petition deans' offices to invoke the Grade Exclusion Policy, 4:30 p.m., deadline
	25	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Final date for "Degree Only" registration (all degree requirements, including document submission and approval by The Graduate School must be met), 4:30 p.m., deadline</i>
	27	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Final date for submitting (or updating) to The Graduate School "Applications for Degree" to be awarded at spring commencement, 4:30 p.m., deadline</i>
	27	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Final date for submitting to The Graduate School "Requests for Final Exams" (comprehensive exam, thesis/dissertation defense) for degrees to be awarded at spring commencement, 4:30 p.m., deadline</i>
FEBRUARY			
FEBRUARY	8	Mon	Mardi Gras holiday begins, 7:30 a.m.
	10	Wed	Classes resume, 12:30 p.m.
MARCH			
MARCH	7-12	Mon-Sat	Mid-semester examination period
	15	Tue	Mid-semester grades due, 9:00 a.m.
	20	Sun	Spring Break begins, 7:30 a.m.
	27	Sun	Course scheduling for fall semester, Summer Intersession and Wintersession begins, 5:00 p.m.
	28	Mon	Classes resume, 7:30 a.m.
APRIL			
APRIL	4	Mon	Final date to request rescheduling a final examination when three examinations are scheduled in 24 hours
	4	Fri	Final date for dropping courses, 4:30 p.m., deadline
	4	Fri	Final date for resigning from the University, 4:30 p.m., deadline
	11	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Final date for submitting to the Graduate School General Examination Results for the doctorate to be awarded at summer commencement, 4:30 p.m., deadline (minimum period of three months is required between completion of the General Exam and completion of the Final Defense)</i>
	11	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Final date for submitting to The Graduate School committee examination reports and approved theses and dissertations, 4:30 p.m., deadline</i>
	12	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Final date for international applicants residing outside the U.S. to apply to The Graduate School for the summer term, 12:00 midnight, deadline</i>

	14	Thu	Final date for submitting required Graduate School edits to theses and dissertations, 12:00 noon, deadline
	27	Wed	Concentrated Study Period begins—no meetings, social activities, athletic events, or other extracurricular activities requiring student participation will be scheduled; no major examinations will be given in academic courses other than labs
	30	Sat	Classes end, 10:00 p.m.
MAY	1	Sun	Concentrated Study Period ends
	2-7	Mon-Sat	Final examinations
	10	Tue	Final grades due (degree candidate), 9:00 a.m., deadline
	11	Wed	Final grades due (non-degree candidate), 9:00 a.m., deadline
	12, 13	Thu, Fri	Commencement will be held over a two day period, May 12-13.
<i>42 MWF Classes; 28 TTh Classes</i>			
SPRING INTERSESSION 2016			
MAY	16	Mon	Classes begin, 7:30 a.m.
	16	Mon	Final date for dropping courses without receiving a grade of “W,” 4:30 p.m., deadline
	17	Tue	Final date for adding courses for credit and making section changes, 4:30 p.m., deadline
	17	Tue	Final date to petition deans’ offices to invoke the Grade Exclusion Policy, 4:30 p.m., deadline
	24	Tue	Final date for resigning from the University, 4:30 p.m., deadline
	24	Tue	Final date for dropping courses, 4:30 p.m., deadline
JUNE	27	Fri	Classes end, 10:00 p.m.
	28	Sat	Classes CANCELLED
	30	Mon	Final examinations
	1	Wed	Final grades due, 9:00 a.m., deadline
<i>11 Classes</i>			
SUMMER TERM 2016			
SESSION A			
MAY	12	Thu	Final date for receipt of Graduate School application for admission for summer term without paying \$25 late fee, 12:00 midnight, deadline
	27	Fri	International Student Orientation
	31	Tue	Freshman and Transfer Orientation begins
JUNE	2	Thu	Freshman and Transfer Orientation ends
	3	Fri	Final date to apply to The Graduate School for the summer term, 12:00 midnight, deadline
	6	Mon	Classes begin, 7:30 a.m.
	8	Wed	Final date for dropping courses without receiving a grade of “W,” 4:30 p.m., deadline
	9	Thu	Final date for adding courses for credit and making section changes, 4:30 p.m., deadline
	9	Thu	Final date to petition deans’ offices to invoke the Grade Exclusion Policy, 4:30 p.m., deadline
	9	Thu	Final date for “Degree Only” registration (all degree requirements, including document submission and approval by The Graduate School must be met), 4:30 p.m., deadline
	10	Fri	Final date for submitting (or updating) to The Graduate School “Applications for Degree” to be awarded at summer commencement, 4:30 p.m., deadline
	10	Fri	Final date for submitting to The Graduate School “Requests for Final Exams” (comprehensive exam, thesis/dissertation defense) for degrees to be awarded at summer commencement, 4:30 p.m., deadline
	27-29	Mon - Wed	Mid-term examination period
JULY	4	Mon	Independence Day holiday begins, 7:30 a.m.
	5	Tue	Classes resume, 7:30 a.m.
	6	Wed	Mid-term grades due, 9:00 a.m.
	11	Mon	Final date for submitting to The Graduate School committee examination reports and approved theses and dissertations, 4:30 p.m., deadline
	12	Tue	Final date for resigning from the University, 4:30 p.m., deadline
	12	Tue	Final date for dropping courses, 4:30 p.m., deadline
	15	Fri	Final date for submitting required Graduate School edits to theses and dissertations, 12:00 noon, deadline
	25	Mon	Classes end, 10:00 p.m.

	26	Tue	Concentrated Study Day
	27	Wed	Final examinations begin
	28	Thu	Final examinations end
AUGUST	2	Tue	Final grades due (degree candidate), 9:00 a.m., deadline
	3	Wed	Final grades due (non-degree candidate), 9:00 a.m., deadline
	5	Fri	Commencement, 9:00 a.m.
<i>35 Classes</i>			

SESSION B (See Session A for Graduate School deadlines)			
MAY	27	Fri	International Student Orientation
	31	Tue	Freshman and Transfer Orientation begins
JUNE	2	Thu	Freshman and Transfer Orientation ends
	6	Mon	Classes begin, 7:30 a.m.
	8	Wed	Final date for dropping courses without receiving a grade of "W," 4:30 p.m., deadline
	9	Thu	Final date for adding courses for credit and making section changes, 4:30 p.m., deadline
	9	Thu	Final date to petition deans' offices to invoke the Grade Exclusion Policy, 4:30 p.m., deadline
	28	Tue	Final date for resigning from the University, 4:30 p.m., deadline
	28	Tue	Final date for dropping courses, 4:30 p.m., deadline
JULY	4	Mon	Independence Day holiday
	5	Tue	Classes resume, 7:30 a.m.
	8	Fri	Classes end, 10:00 p.m.
	9	Sat	Final examinations
	13	Wed	Final grades due, 9:00 a.m., deadline
AUGUST	5	Fri	Commencement, 9:00 a.m.
<i>24 Classes</i>			
SUMMER INTERSESSION 2016			
AUGUST	8	Mon	Classes begin, 7:30 a.m.
	8	Mon	Final date for dropping courses without receiving a grade of "W," 4:30 p.m., deadline
	9	Tue	Final date for adding courses for credit and making section changes, 4:30 p.m., deadline
	9	Tue	Final date to petition deans' offices to invoke the Grade Exclusion Policy, 4:30 p.m., deadline
	16	Tue	Final date for resigning from the University, 4:30 p.m., deadline
	16	Tue	Final date for dropping courses, 4:30 p.m., deadline
	19	Fri	Classes end, 10:00 p.m.
	20	Sat	Final examinations
	24	Wed	Final grades due, 9:00 a.m., deadline
<i>11 Classes</i>			

h:Acad Calendar Includes Grad Dates

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Fall holiday updated & added Grade Exclusion Dates

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Corrected Mardi Gras Holiday Begin Date and Summer Mid-term Exam Period

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