

Graduate School Calendar

Fall Semester 2015

September 8, Tuesday. New Graduate Student Orientation.

September 9, Wednesday. Classes begin, Kingston campus.

October 1, Thursday. Final date for Leave of Absence requests for Fall 2015.

October 1, Thursday. Final date for nominations for December 2015 graduation.

November 13, Friday. Final date for potential December 2015 graduates to submit completed defense copies of theses/dissertations in a form acceptable for examination purposes, along with the request for oral defense of thesis/dissertation. **NO EXTENSIONS OF TIME CAN BE GRANTED.** Theses/dissertations must be submitted at least 20 calendar days prior to the date requested for oral defense. Selection of date should allow sufficient time for necessary revisions and retyping before final submission. See December 4 deadline and important note at end of calendar below.

November 13, Friday. Final date for all applications to be submitted via IRBNet in the Office of Research Integrity for [IRB](#) or [IACUC](#) approval for potential May 2016 graduates. (IRB= Institutional Review Board – research involving human subjects; IACUC = Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee – research involving vertebrate animals)

November 15, Sunday. Deadline for the submission of applications for graduate programs for Spring 2016, except for programs with earlier deadlines.

December 4, Friday. Final date for potential December 2015 graduates to submit, in final, correctly formatted form, theses/dissertations that have been successfully defended, and fully approved. **NO EXTENSIONS OF TIME CAN BE GRANTED.**

December 11, Friday. Classes end. Programs of Study due for

students admitted for Fall 2014.

December 28, Monday. Final date for changes of grades, changes to Programs of Study, results of master's examination(s), results of comprehensive examination(s), etc. for potential December 2015 graduates to be received in the Graduate School for certification for December graduation. NO EXTENSIONS OF TIME CAN BE GRANTED.

December 28, Monday. Final date for submission of approved thesis/dissertation proposals for potential May 2016 graduates. Thesis/dissertation proposals should be submitted before substantial research has been completed, typically during the first or second semester in which the student registers for research credits. For master's students, the proposal must be submitted at least 1 semester before the semester in which the thesis is to be submitted and defended. (NOTE: For doctoral students, the proposal must be submitted during or before the seventh semester in which a doctoral student is enrolled in their program, **and** at least 6 months before the dissertation is defended.)

Spring Semester 2016

January 26, Tuesday. Classes begin, Kingston campus.

February 1, Monday. Final date for the submission of admission applications to graduate programs from individuals seeking financial aid for 2016. Applications for financial aid received after this date cannot be assured of full consideration.

February 1, Monday. Deadline for submission of international applications to graduate programs for Fall 2016.

February 5, Friday. Final date for nominations for May 2016 graduation.

February 5, Friday. Final date for submission of approved thesis/dissertation proposals for potential Summer 2016 graduates. Thesis/dissertation proposals should be submitted before substantial research has been completed, typically during the first or second semester in which the student registers for research credits. For masters students, the proposal must be submitted at least 1 semester before the semester in which the

thesis is to be submitted and defended. (NOTE: For doctoral students, the proposal must be submitted during or before the seventh semester in which a doctoral student is enrolled in their program, **and** at least 6 months before the dissertation is defended.)

February 29, Monday. Final date for receipt of all applications to be submitted via IRBNet in the Office of Research Integrity for **IRB** or **IACUC** approval for potential December 2016 graduates. (IRB = Institutional Review Board – research involving human subjects; IACUC = Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee – research involving vertebrate animals)

March 1, Tuesday. Final date for Leave of Absence requests for Spring 2016.

April 1, Friday. Final date for potential May 2016 graduates to submit completed defense copies of theses/dissertations in a form acceptable for examination purposes, along with the request for oral defense of thesis/dissertation. **NO EXTENSIONS OF TIME CAN BE GRANTED.** Theses/dissertations must be submitted at least 20 calendar days prior to the date requested for oral defense. Selection of date should allow sufficient time for necessary revisions and retyping before final submission. See April 21 deadline, and important note at the end of calendar below.

April 1, Friday. Application deadline for Summer 2016 admission, except for programs with earlier deadlines.

April 21, Thursday. Students who have completed their coursework, successfully passed their master's examination(s) (if required), successfully passed their comprehensive examination(s) (if required), and successfully defended their theses/dissertations (if required) by this date are eligible to march in the 2016 Graduate Commencement ceremonies to be held May 21st. Results of examinations and defenses must be received in the Graduate School by this date to participate in the 2016 Graduate Commencement. (For complete listing of eligibility regulations, visit [here](#) or see the Graduate School Manual Appendix B.).

April 21, Thursday. Final date for potential May 2016 graduates to submit, in final, correctly formatted form, theses/dissertations that have been successfully defended, and fully approved. **NO**

EXTENSIONS OF TIME CAN BE GRANTED.

April 21, Thursday. Final date for changes of grades for courses taken in previous semesters, changes to Programs of Study, results of master's examination(s), results of comprehensive examination(s), etc. for potential May 2016 graduates to be received in the Graduate School for certification for May 2016 graduation. NO EXTENSIONS OF TIME CAN BE GRANTED.

May 2, Monday. Classes end. Programs of Study due for students admitted for Spring 2015.

May 2, Monday. Final date for approved thesis/dissertation proposals for potential Fall 2016 graduates. Thesis/dissertation proposals should be submitted before substantial research has been completed, typically during the first or second semester in which the student registers for research credits. For master's students, the proposal must be submitted at least 1 semester before the semester in which the thesis is to be submitted and defended. (NOTE: For doctoral students, the proposal must be submitted during or before the seventh semester in which a doctoral student is enrolled in their program, **and** at least 6 months before the dissertation is defended.)

May 17, Tuesday. Final date for changes of grades for courses taken in Spring 2016 to be received in the Graduate School for certification for May 2016 graduation. NO EXTENSIONS OF TIME CAN BE GRANTED.

May 21, Saturday. Graduate Commencement.

2016 Summer Sessions

Note: All courses taken by graduate students during summer sessions are subject to the same regulations regarding inclusion in Programs of Study and calculation of overall academic average, etc., as courses taken during the regular academic year. Students wishing to take directed studies or special problems courses during summer sessions must obtain individual approval for these courses from the Continuing Education office unless the specific offering is listed in the summer Course Schedule for that year. Students wishing to enroll for thesis or dissertation research during summer sessions must first determine that their major professors

and/or members of their thesis or dissertation committees will be available and are willing to provide the necessary supervision. See also the important note at the end of this calendar regarding scheduling of examinations, including defense of theses/dissertations, during summer sessions. See the schedule of summer courses available online at uri.edu/summer, or visit the Continuing Education (Summer Session) office in Kingston.

Session I: May 16–June 17

May 16, Monday. Classes begin.

June 1, Wednesday. Final date for nominations for August 2016 graduation.

Week of June 13. Classes end. Exams.

Session II: June 20–July 22

June 20, Monday. Classes begin.

July 7, Thursday. Final date for all potential August 2016 graduates to submit completed defense copies of theses/dissertations in a form acceptable for examination purposes, along with the request for oral defense of the thesis. **NO EXTENSIONS OF TIME CAN BE GRANTED.** Theses must be submitted at least 20 calendar days prior to the date requested for the oral defense. Selection of date should allow sufficient time for necessary revisions and retyping before submission in final form. See July 28 deadline.

July 15, Friday. Deadline for submission of Fall 2016 graduate program applications, except for programs with earlier deadlines.

Week of July 18. Classes end. Exams.

July 28, Thursday. Final date for potential August 2016 graduates to submit, in final, correctly formatted form, theses/dissertations that have been successfully defended, and fully approved. **NO EXTENSIONS OF TIME CAN BE GRANTED.**

July 29, Friday. Final date for changes of grades, changes to Programs of Study, results of master's examination(s), results of

comprehensive examination(s), etc. to be received in the Graduate School for certification for August 2016 graduation. NO EXTENSIONS OF TIME CAN BE GRANTED.

IMPORTANT: Requests for scheduling exams must be submitted to the Graduate School at least 20 calendar days prior to the date(s) requested. Theses and dissertations must be distributed to members of the examining committee at least 15 days prior to the date of the defense. Oral and written (including qualifying and comprehensive) exams and defenses of theses will be scheduled only at the convenience of the faculty members involved and depending on the availability of the student's program committee and additional qualified examiners. Such exams will not be scheduled during periods when the University is in recess. Students wishing to take any exams should first check the availability of the faculty members. Each faculty member must initial the request to indicate his or her willingness to serve. Faculty should be consulted well in advance for exams being scheduled during the summer sessions. If they are not registered for course work or research during the summer sessions, students must register for one credit of research to defend theses/dissertations.