



UNIVERSITY OF
GEORGIA
College of Public Health

Fall 2019 Graduate Student Cohort

Greetings,

Congratulations on your acceptance to University of Georgia College of Public Health! Welcoming new students to campus is one of the most exciting parts of the year and we look forward to seeing you at the **CPH Graduate Student Orientation on August 12th and 13th**.

Our admissions team has enjoyed getting to know you through the application process, and are excited to introduce you to the rest of the college community when you arrive. In anticipation of your arrival, we are planning New Student Orientation. This program includes presentations designed to acquaint you with graduate student life here at UGA, with your fellow cohort, faculty and current students, and with the people and services that will help your time here be smooth and easy. It is split into two half days to give you the opportunity to also handle business around campus, enabling you to prepare sufficiently for class start date of August 14th.

Enclosed is the **Tentative** Agenda for the Graduate Student Orientation, along with information on logistical matters such as parking, identification, email, campus-wide orientations, and housing. Please be sure to review all of the information, to visit the website for your official RSVP to orientation, and to contact us if you have questions. The document contains many hyperlinks; therefore, it is recommended that you be online in order to access pertinent websites.

You are beginning a great academic adventure, and we look forward to seeing things unfold for you. We'll see you around campus and at college events, and we look forward to assisting you in any way we can as you work towards your graduate degree. Once again, congratulations and welcome to the UGA Public Health community!

Best wishes,

Marsha Davis

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Interim Dean

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2019 CPH Graduate Student Orientation Tentative Program

August 12 and August 13

Most sessions will take place on the University of Georgia's Health Sciences Campus (HSC). Each days' events will begin in Russell Hall. Driving, parking, and building information is enclosed. Please be sure to register by completing [this survey](#), by April 15th. The final agenda will be mailed electronically two weeks before orientation.

Monday August 12

12:00-12:30 PM	Registration and Snacks
12:30 PM	Student Services Welcome Associate Dean: Mark Wilson, HSD Academic Affairs: Mumbi Anderson, EdD
1:30 AM	Session I: Skills Building Workshops IRB, Katherine Fowler Research, Casey Roberson Scientific Writing, Mumbi Anderson
3:30 PM	Session II: Skills Building Professionalism, Jacquelyn Hughes Career Development, UGA Career Center
4:40 PM	Photos
5:00 PM	Student led activity (BBQ or mentoring dinner)

Tuesday August 13

1:30 PM	Welcome & Refreshments (team building activity)
2:30 PM	Department Panel Discussion
3:00 PM	Institute Panel Discussion
3:30 PM	Session III: Degree Program Orientation
4:30 PM	Session IV: Departmental Breakouts & Advising
5:00 PM	Dinner

Campus-Wide Student Orientations

International Student Orientation

August 4-9

Memorial Hall (UGA Main Campus)

Information and Registration: https://isl.uga.edu/content_page/international-student-orientation-content-page

International Student Life organizes an international student orientation each semester for new and transfer international students matriculating to the University of Georgia. The information included in the ISL orientation is not covered by any other orientation program on campus. Highlights from ISL's orientation schedules include information concerning immigration issues, taxes for non-residents, cross-cultural adjustment, housing assistance, course registration procedures, Social Security Cards, UGA payroll, and campus tours. Current UGA students serve as orientation leaders (called World Leaders) to assist with international orientation sessions. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact 706-542-5867 or email isl@uga.edu.

College of Public Health Student Orientation

August 12-13

See schedule on page 3

UGA Health Sciences Campus, Russell Hall

Click [HERE](#) to register

This mandatory orientation is held the week before classes begin and is meant to acquaint you with everything related to your graduate experience at the University of Georgia, and most specifically here at the College of Public Health. All incoming first-year students are expected to stay for the duration of the events even if you've been advised or have registered for courses. Please plan to arrive on campus no later than 12pm on August 12th, so that you have time to park and complete the check-in process before the opening comments. A dinner will proceed each orientation day, and while you are not required to attend, it is highly encouraged and you are welcome to invite your family members to attend (please be sure to indicate all additional attendees on the registration form). In addition to the general information, departmental breakouts and advising sessions, you will have the opportunity to get to know the other students in your class, and learn about everything from academics to athletics, from amenities to extracurricular activities. For questions, email cphadm@uga.edu or 706-583-0059.

Graduate School Orientation and Information Fair

August 12

9:00-11:30 am

The Classic Center, Grand Hall (Downtown Athens)

Information and Registration: <http://grad.uga.edu/index.php/incoming-students/orientation-info-fair/>

The Graduate School holds an optional Orientation and Information Fair for all incoming graduate students of the University, in the Fall semester. Orientation is an opportunity for students to learn about key components of their graduate education experience from Dean Barbour, members of the Graduate School staff, and representatives of key campus units. Attendance is highly encouraged.

Incoming Student “To Do” List

The following information should be helpful to you as you plan your move to Athens and the University of Georgia. The “to-do list” is divided into two categories: Pre-Arrival Checklist and Post-Arrival Checklist. All steps may or may not apply to your individual situation. If you have questions, contact the appropriate office or the CPH Academic Affairs office (cphadm@uga.edu or 706-583-0059).

Pre-Arrival Checklist

Provide Verification of Lawful Presence: The University of Georgia must verify that you are lawfully present in the United States before allowing you to enroll. Please see the [instructions for providing proof of lawful presence](#) for information on how to provide this information.

Make Contact with the Department: If you have not done so already, contact the department to which you have been accepted to confirm matriculation. If you no longer have your acceptance letter and are unsure who to contact, email mumbi@uga.edu and be sure to include your degree, concentration, UGA email address and 810 number.

Complete Final Admissions Details: If you recently completed a degree and your acceptance letter indicated that you must provide a final transcript or proof of degree, request the official final documents be sent from your previous institution before you arrive in Athens. For questions email gradadm@uga.edu and include your 810 number.

Establish A UGA MyID: Your UGA MyID is a unique username assigned for you to access many University services, including applying for housing and registering for classes and orientation. When you applied to UGA, you should have received an important email titled “UGA Account Information – Please Keep,” which contains information about your UGA MyID. If you haven’t already done so, click on the link in that email to set up your MyID password and create your MyID profile. If the link in the email you received has expired, or you haven’t received this email, please check your spam folder or contact the EITS Help Desk at 706-542-3106.

Get Your UGAMail Account: Soon after your UGA acceptance, you should receive an email titled “UGAMail Account Information – Please Keep,” which contains information about your UGAMail account. This email will be sent to the email address you provided to submit your admissions application. UGAMail is the University’s email system and all official UGA correspondence will be sent to your UGAMail address going forward. You must complete your MyID profile before you can access your UGAMail. If you haven’t received this email within 24 hours of receiving your UGA admission notification, please check your spam folder or contact the EITS Help Desk at 706-542-3106.

Housing: Family and Graduate Housing in 1-3 bedrooms is available for graduate students, their spouses, domestic partners, and children in one of 20 apartment buildings on campus, including The Health Sciences Campus. Rent includes power, water, cable, laundry, and high-speed internet. Register at housing.uga.edu. If you would prefer to live off campus or unable to secure an apartment through them, consider using online classifieds, such as the [Athens Banner-Herald](#) or [Flagpole](#), to identify potential properties or property management companies.

University Health Center Forms: You must provide [proof/certification of your immunization](#). Questions and completed immunization forms should be directed to the [University Health Center](#) at 706-542-8617.

Apply for A Parking Permit: If you plan to drive a car, motorcycle, or scooter to campus, you will need a UGA parking permit. Information and instructions are on the [Parking Services website](#). Parking spaces for cars are assigned based on a priority system. If the majority of your classes will be on the Health Sciences Campus, it is advised you register for the HSC lots. Students may also wait until they arrive to apply for a parking permit.

Disability Resource Center: If you have a disability and need accommodations, contact the Disability Resource Center (DRC) at 706-542-8719, upon acceptance to UGA. The DRC coordinates and provides a variety of academic and support services to students with disabilities. To learn more or to begin the process of registering a disability, visit the [DRC website](#).

International Students: Make plans to attend the week-long orientation activities provided by the International Student Life Office. Learn about the campus and community, and make new friends. Visit the [ISL website](#) for information about the schedule and temporary housing for the orientation.

UGA Summer Intensive English Program for graduate students: <http://iep.uga.edu/graduate-students/new-graduate-students/>. This 4-week program in July is designed to give students a head start on their English proficiency. It is intended for those who meet the overall TOEFL requirement of 80 but score just below 20 on one part of the TOEFL, usually speaking.

Post-Arrival Checklist

Check-in with Your Department: Make sure that you attend the CPH New Student Orientation that will be held on August 9th. Doctoral students should also be sure to check with your department for additional departmental or Teaching Assistant (TA) meetings. The University's TA orientation is scheduled for August 9th which overlaps with CPH orientation, but accommodations will be made for all students who need to attend both sessions. Visit [HERE](#) for additional information.

Registration: CPH requires that you be advised for courses prior to registering for class. MPH students can be pre-advised by contacting mph@uga.edu and requesting an informal advising session. All other students should contact their department. Once cleared you may register online via the [ATHENA](#) online registration system.

NOTE: International students must visit the [Office of International Education](#) before registering for classes to set up their files and obtain registration clearance.

Pay Fees: Depending upon when you register for classes, Phase I or Phase II of registration, there will be a deadline for payment of fees. Missing one of these deadlines may result in late fees and/or cancellation of classes. Billing information is sent to your UGA email account. Your student account is accessible via [MyUGA](#). If you have a graduate assistantship, you may deduct your fees from your paycheck. Contact the [Bursar's Office](#) for questions regarding your account.

Get a UGACard: Please check with your Department before going to get your UGACard. Some departments require a special type of card (a proximity card) for access control to buildings and labs. Your department will provide you with the necessary forms for you to get the correct type of card. Proximity cards are issued only with a signed authorization form from your department. Refunds/adjustments will not be given if you purchase the wrong type of card. The UGACard is the official University of Georgia identification card for students, faculty, staff, official campus visitors, and their dependents. The UGACard is your key to accessing many facilities and services throughout campus. *You must be registered for the current semester in order to purchase and use the UGACard.* The UGACard is non-transferrable and can only be used by the student to whom it is issued. Misuse

of the UGACard may result in disciplinary action by University Judiciary. Visit the [UGACard Office website](#) for more information about the UGACard and how to get one. After the UGACard Office produces your card the staff will scan your hand image to create access security for your card. This feature will prohibit another person from using your card to access University services.

Health Insurance: UGA has a nationally ranked [University Health Center](#) that caters to many student health emergencies and psychological needs. It is highly recommended that students obtain health insurance because the University Health Center cannot provide major medical services. UGA has negotiated a [group health insurance policy](#) that meets most of the needs of students. NOTE: International students are required in most cases to purchase the international student health insurance through the Office of International Education (OIE); before purchasing insurance, international students should contact OIE at (706) 425-3274 or visahelp@uga.edu.

International Students: Take your immigration documents and passport to the [Office of International Education](#) located at 1324 S. Lumpkin St.

Download the UGA App: Easily locate buildings on campus or find out when the next bus will arrive at your stop with the [UGA App](#) in the Apple App Store. Other features include the Food Services meal planner, Athletic Association scores and news, daily schedules for Recreational Sports, access to the GIL (Galileo Interconnected Libraries) catalog, Customizable maps, People search, and more!

Get Involved: To [get involved](#) and feel a part of the UGA community, consider joining a student organization, academic student organization, or other group of students/peers. CPH has an active registered student organization, Public Health Association, and all students are encouraged to become members or just attend meetings and events.

Graduate Student Handbooks & Curricula

MPH Program

In addition to detailing the principles of community living and the standards by which each member of the CPH community agrees to conduct him/herself, the handbook outlines all rules and regulations, college policies and procedures, and further resources. If you would like to review the student handbook before you arrive on campus, the most recent version is available on our [website](#). This year's student handbook will be posted online shortly before Orientation Day.

Ph.D. Health Promotion and Behavior Program

New students will receive this year's handbook as a part of the departmental orientation. For information on the Ph.D. curriculum, you can visit our [website](#).

M.S. & Ph.D. Programs in Epidemiology & Biostatistics

New students will receive this year's handbook as a part of the departmental orientation. If you would like to review the most recent version, please visit our [website](#), and select the program you wish to view. For additional curricular information on the M.S. & Ph.D. programs, please contact the department at doctoral@uga.edu.

M.S. & Ph.D. Programs in Environmental Health Science

New students will receive this year's handbook as a part of the departmental orientation. If you would like to review curricula, please visit our [website](#), and select the program you wish to view.

Directories & Campus Resources

CPH Social Media pages: You can like us on [facebook](#) or connect with us on [linkedin](#).

CPH Directory: The College of Public Health directory includes administrative as well as departmental contact information and can be accessed via our [website](#). To view the faculty or staff biosketches, just click on the person's name in bold.

Campus Resources: Additional frequently used campus resource links for students can be found on UGA's [website](#).

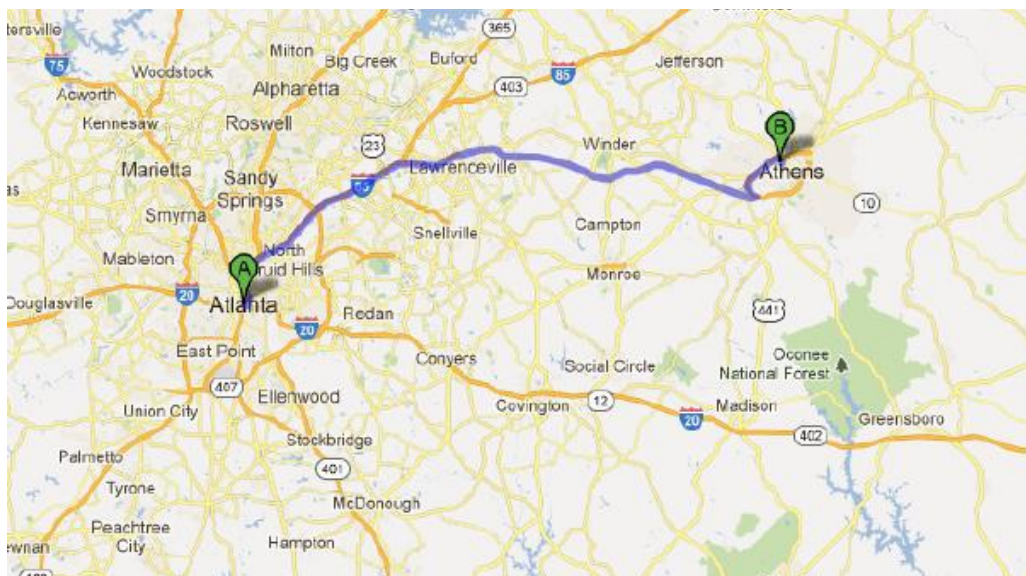
CPH Visitor's Guide: If you would like to visit campus prior to orientation and would like directions, parking and transportation instructions, and additional information on our facilities' [locations](#) and contacts, please review our [Visitor's Guide](#) prior to your visit.

Driving & Parking Instructions

The Health Sciences campus is located approximately one mile from the Downtown area (UGA Arch) on the University of Georgia campus in Athens.

Athens is located approximately 70 miles east-northeast of Atlanta, GA. The driving time from Hartsfield International Airport in Atlanta airport is approximately 90 minutes. Driving time from central Atlanta (e.g., CDC, Emory University and Georgia Tech) is approximately 70 minutes.

From Downtown Atlanta and Hartsfield International Airport:



- Take I-75/85 from the airport or downtown Atlanta and continue on to I-85 North (Greenville).
- From I-85 North (Greenville), take the Lawrenceville/Athens exit (GA 316) and proceed east for approx. 45 miles
- From GA 316, merge onto GA 10 Loop N (identified as 10 Loop and U.S. 78) around Athens to the west side of town.
- If you find the route numbers confusing, then look for signs that direct drivers to the University of Georgia and follow them.
- Exit at 14 US129 N/Prince Avenue toward Jefferson.
- Keep left at the fork and turn left on exit ramp, to S Prince Avenue.
- Turn Right onto Oglethorpe Avenue, you will see a Pizza Hut and the HSC to your right.
- Turn right onto Foster Road, entering the HSC campus. Note this is the only accessible entrance onto the HSC Campus from Oglethorpe Ave. All others entrances are blocked off due to construction.
- Follow the 'CPH Event' signs to parking and building.
- Parking will be free for this event but please try to arrive 10 minutes early as parking may require a 5-minute walk.

From East Athens Area:

- Take College Station towards Campus
- Turn left onto East Campus Road (at the railroad Track intersection)
- Turn right onto S. Milledge Avenue, at the end of East Campus Road.
- Follow Milledge Ave. until it ends and make a left onto Prince Avenue.
- Follow Prince Ave. about a mile until you see the intersection for Oglethorpe Ave.(left) and Satula Rd. (right)
- Turn left onto Oglethorpe Avenue.
- Turn right onto Foster Road, the second entrance onto the Health Sciences Campus. There will be a sign directing you to turn.
- Please note there is only ONE allowable entrance on Oglethorpe Ave. All others are closed due to construction around the campus.

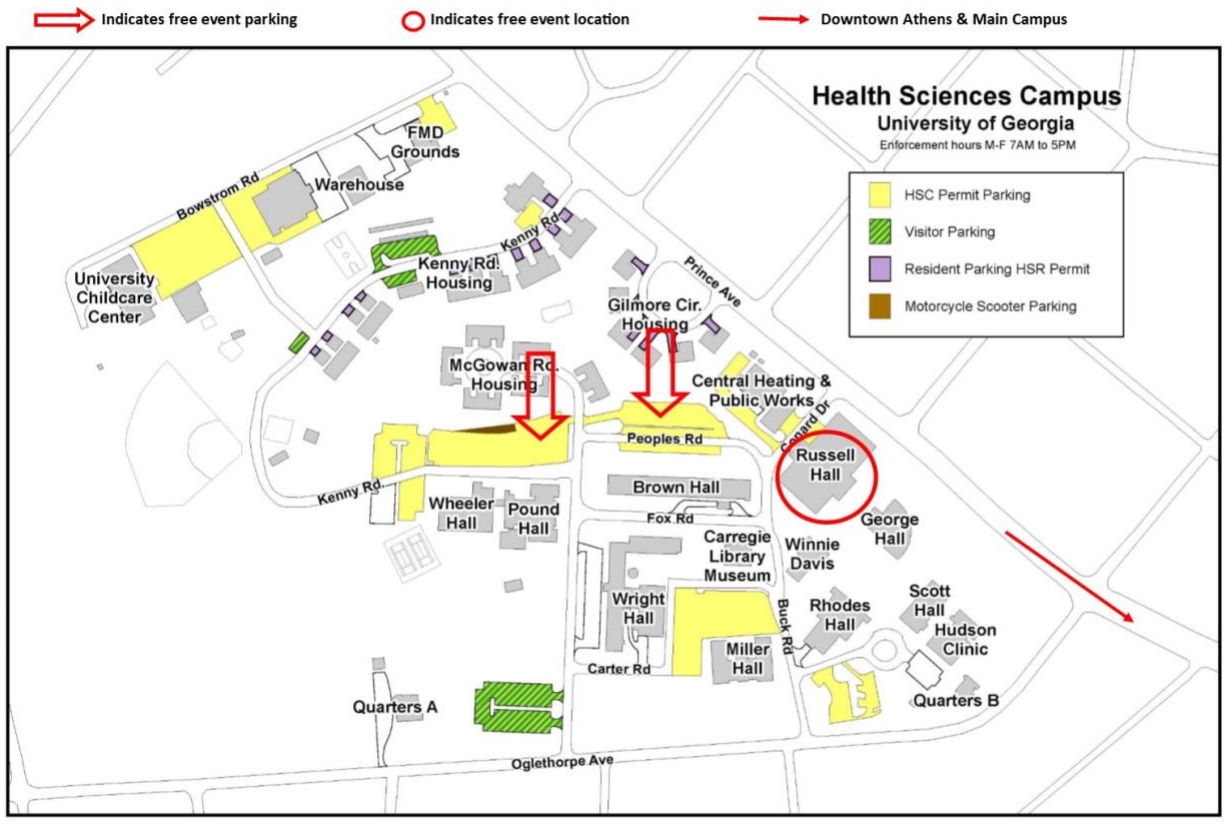
- You can also use the extended campus map, found at the "Campus Maps" link to aid you in finding the HSC (use building number 1910.)
- Parking will be free for this event but please try to arrive 10 minutes early as parking may require a 5 minute walk.

From Downtown Athens Area:

- Follow Broad Street going west towards Atlanta Hwy.
- Take a right onto Pulaski Street.
- Take a left onto Prince Avenue.
- Follow Prince Ave. about a mile until you see the intersection for Oglethorpe avenue (left) and Satula road (right).
- Turn left onto Oglethorpe Avenue.
- Turn right onto Foster Road, the second entrance onto the Health Sciences Campus. There will be a sign directing you to turn.
- Please note there is only ONE allowable entrance on Hawthorn Road. All others are closed due to construction around the campus.
- You can also use the extended campus map, found at the "Campus Maps" link to aid you in finding the HSC (use building number 1910.)
- Parking will be free for this event but please try to arrive 10 minutes early as parking may require a 5 minute walk.

Parking: Attendees can park on either the green visitor lots or those indicated with the red arrows. Any other locations will be subject to ticketing.

Location: The events will begin on the second floor of Russell Hall (circled in red). Attendants will be on campus to direct you to the location and you can follow the event signs.



Contact Information for Additional Information

If additional directions are needed, please call (706) 583-0059 prior to the day of the event. On the day of the New Student Orientation you may call an emergency contact person at (706) 461-2355.

Academic Calendar 2019-2020

**Note: Orientation dates listed are tentative until confirmed by Undergraduate Admissions.*

Fall Semester 2019

Based on 50 minute classes (MWF), 75 minute classes (TTH), 15 weeks of classes + Exams

Orientation / Advisement	Aug. 12	Monday
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Classes Begin	Aug. 14	Wednesday
Drop / Add	Aug. 14 – 20	Wednesday - Tuesday
Holiday: Labor Day - No Classes	Sept. 2	Monday
Midterm	Oct. 7	Monday
Withdrawal Deadline	Oct. 21	Monday
Fall Break - No Classes	Nov. 1	Friday
Holiday: Thanksgiving - No Classes	Nov. 27– 29	Wednesday - Friday
Classes Resume	Dec. 2	Monday
Friday Class Schedule in Effect	Dec. 4	Wednesday
Classes End	Dec. 4	Wednesday
Reading Day	Dec. 5	Thursday
Final Exams	Dec. 6 - 12	Friday - Thursday
Commencement	Dec. 13	Friday
Grades Due	Dec. 16	Monday, 12 PM

Spring Semester 2020

Based on 50 minutes classes (MWF), 75 minutes classes (TTH), 15 weeks of classes + Exams

Orientation / Advisement	Jan. 2 - 3	Thursday - Friday
Registration	Jan. 6	Monday
Classes Begin	Jan. 7	Tuesday
Drop / Add	Jan. 7 - 13	Tuesday - Monday
Holiday: Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Jan. 20	Monday
Midterm	Feb. 28	Friday
Spring Break - No Classes	Mar. 9 – 13	Monday – Friday
Classes Resume	Mar. 16	Monday
Withdrawal Deadline	Mar. 20	Friday
Monday Class Schedule in Effect	Apr. 28	Tuesday
Classes End	Apr. 28	Tuesday
Reading Day	Apr. 29	Wednesday
Final Exams	Apr. 30	Thursday - Wednesday
	May 1 - 6	
Commencement	May 8	Friday
Grades Due	May 11	Monday, 12PM

Summer 2020

May Session, Based on 150 minutes daily, 15 days of classes

Registration	May 12	Tuesday
Classes Begin	May 13	Wednesday
Drop / Add	May 13 – 14	Wednesday - Thursday
Midterm	May 22	Friday
Withdrawal Deadline	May 22	Friday
Holiday: Memorial Day	May 25	Monday
Classes End	June 3	Wednesday
Final Exams	June 4	Thursday
Grades Due	June 8	Monday, 12 PM
Conferral of degrees	Aug. 3	Monday

Extended Summer Session: Based on 205 minutes per week for 11 weeks

Registration	May 12	Monday
Classes Begin	May 13	Tuesday
Drop / Add	May 13 - 19	Wednesday – Tuesday
Holiday: Memorial Day	May 25	Monday
Midterm	June 22	Monday
Withdrawal Deadline	June 22	Monday
Holiday: 4th of July	July 3	Friday
Classes End	July 29	Wednesday
Final Exams	July 30 - 31	Thursday - Friday
Grades Due	Aug. 3	Monday, 12 PM

Thru Term: Based on 60 minutes daily, 38 days of class

Orientation	June 3	Wednesday
Advisement / Registration	June 4	Thursday
Classes Begin	June 5	Friday
Drop / Add	June 5 - 11	Friday - Thursday
Midterm	July 1	Wednesday
Withdrawal Deadline	July 1	Wednesday
Holiday: 4th of July	July 3	Friday
Classes End	July 29	Wednesday
Final Exams	July 30 - 31	Thursday - Friday
Grades Due	Aug. 3	Monday, 12 PM

Short Session I: Based on 120 minutes daily, 19 days of classes

Orientation	June 3	Wednesday
Advisement / Registration	June 4	Thursday
Classes Begin	June 5	Friday
Drop / Add	June 5 – 8	Friday - Monday
Midterm	June 18	Thursday
Withdrawal Deadline	June 18	Thursday
Classes End	July 1	Wednesday
Final Exams	July 2	Thursday
Grades Due	July 6	Monday, 12 PM
Conferral of degrees	Aug. 3	Monday

Short Session II: Based on 120 minutes daily, 19 days of classes

Orientation /Registration	July 2	Thursday
Classes Begin	July 6	Monday
Drop / Add	July 6 - 7	Monday - Tuesday
Holiday: 4th of July	July 3	Friday
Midterm	July 17	Friday
Withdrawal Deadline	July 17	Friday
Classes End	July 30	Thursday
Final Exams	July 31	Friday
Conferral of Degrees	Aug. 3	Monday