



UNIVERSITY OF
GEORGIA
College of Public Health

Fall 2020 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 17th**.

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 20th.

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,

Dean Marsha Davis, Ph.D.

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2020 CPH Graduate Student Orientation Tentative Program

Please be sure to register by completing [this survey](#). The final agenda will be mailed electronically two weeks before orientation.

Time	Event	Format
Monday, August 17		
12:50 PM	Zoom Waiting Room Opens	
1:00 PM-1:30 PM	Student Services Welcome Dean, Marsha Davis, Ph.D. Associate Dean Academic Affairs Public Health Association Grad. Scholars of EPI/BIOS CPH Communications	Zoom (Recorded)
1:30 PM	Departmental Panel Discussion (Key Research Only) Epidemiology & Biostatistics Health Policy & Management Health Promotion & Behavior Environmental Health Sciences Q&A	Zoom (Recorded)
2:00 PM	Institute Panel Discussion (Research & Certificates) Institute for Disaster Management Institute for Gerontology Global Health Institute Infectious Disease Certificate Q&A	Zoom (Recorded)
2:30 PM	Ten Minute Break	
2:40 PM	Session III: Degree Program Breakouts MPH Program EHS, MS & PhD HPRB, PhD EPI/BIOS, MS & PhD MHA	Zoom Links TBD
3:45 PM	MPH Program Breakouts EPI/BIOS DMAN GRNT EHSC HPAM HPRB	Zoom Links TBD
Upcoming Fall Webinars Series		
TBD/August	Students Present on Contact Tracing	Zoom Links TBD
TBD/September	Research Building Workshop IRB, Kimberly Fowler Research, Casey Roberson (Virtual Learning)	Zoom Links TBD
TBD/October	Professional Skills Building Workshop Professionalism, Jacquelyn Hughes UGA Mentor Program, Jeremy Daniel	Zoom Links TBD

Campus-Wide Student Orientations

International Student Orientation

August 9 - 14

Memorial Hall (UGA Main Campus)

Information and Registration: https://isl.uga.edu/site/content_page/fall-international-student-orientation

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 1

See schedule on page 3

Zoom

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 tuned for the duration of the events even if you've been advised or have registered for courses. Please plan to log into the zoom session by 12pm on August 17th. 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 10-20

Online

Information will be posted here when updated: <https://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 Interim Dean Walcott, 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.

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 or helpdesk@uga.edu .

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.

Post-Arrival Checklist

Check-in with Your Department: Make sure that you attend the CPH New Student Orientation that will be held on August 17th. 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 TBD. Visit [HERE](#) for updated 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 Global Engagement](#) 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 Global Engagement](#) 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](#).

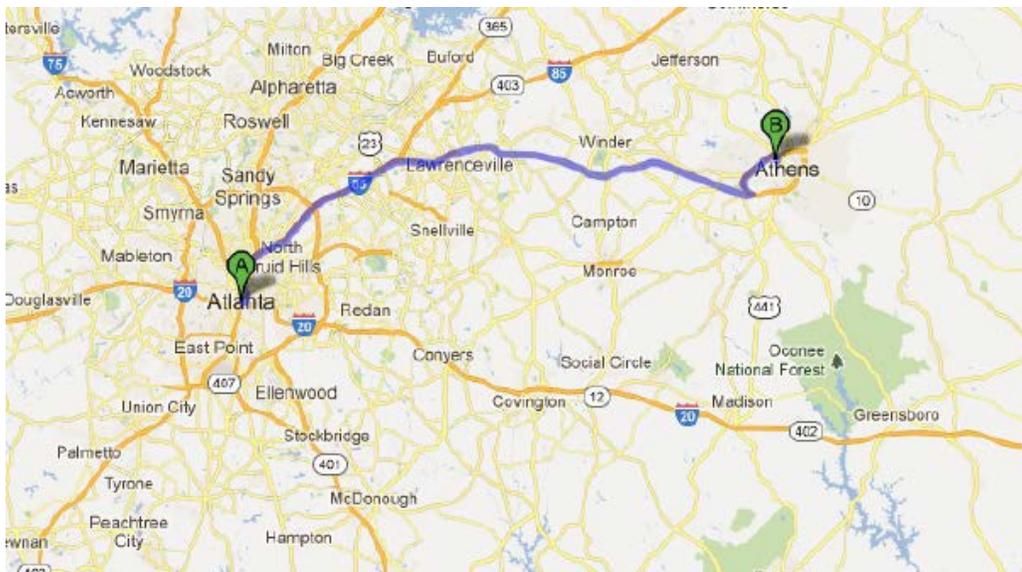
CPH Visitor's Guide: If you would like to visit campus prior to orientation and would like directions, parking and transportation instructions, and additional information on our facilities' [locations](#) and contacts, please review our [Visitor's Guide](#) prior to your visit.

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.

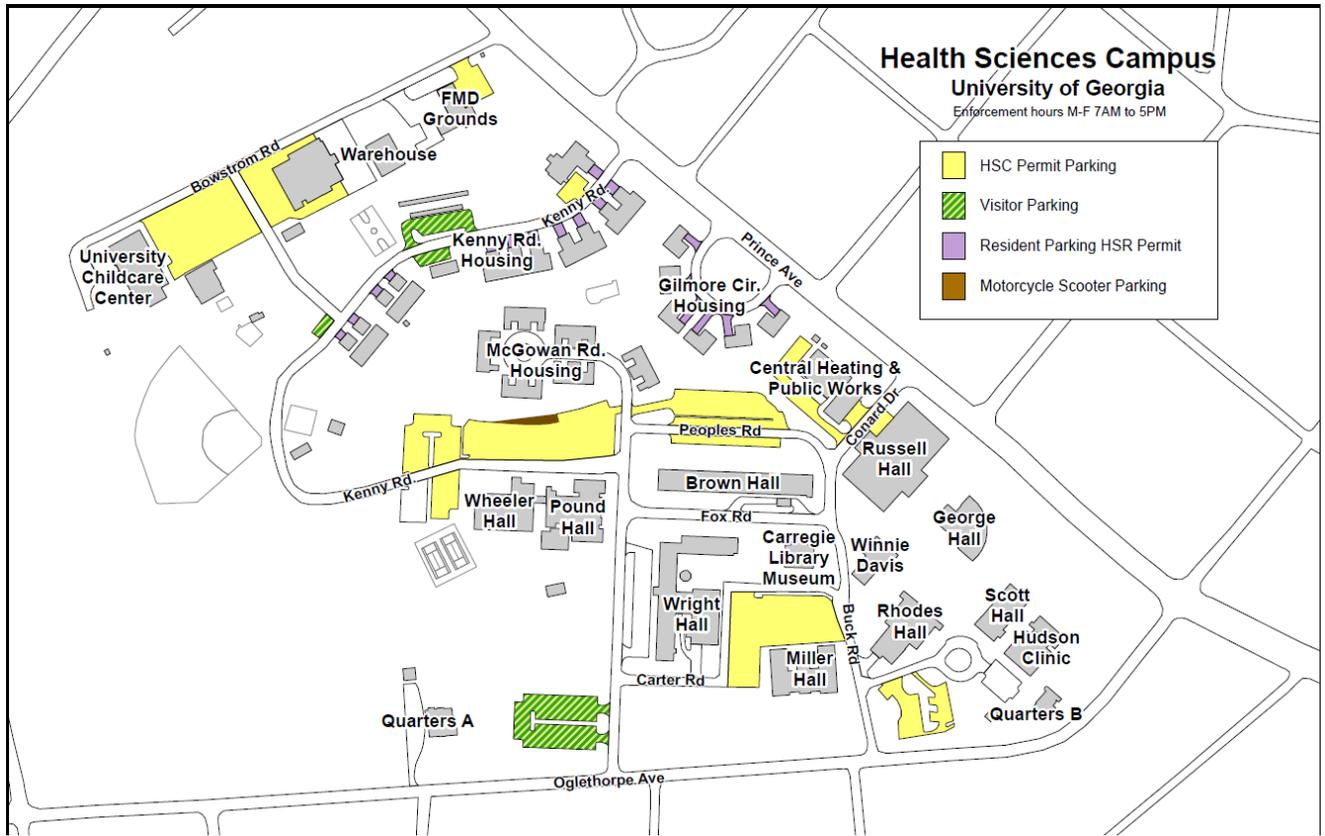
From East Athens Area:

- 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: Visitors can park on either the green visitor lots on. All other locations will be subject to ticketing without a parking permit for the HSC. To request a permit, visit <https://tps.uga.edu/parking>.



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 2020-2021

Fall 2020

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

Orientation	Aug. 17	Monday
Advisement	Aug. 18	Tuesday
Registration	Aug. 19	Wednesday
Classes Begin	Aug. 20	Thursday
Drop / Add	Aug. 20 – 26	Thursday - Wednesday
Holiday: Labor Day - No Classes	Sept. 7	Monday
Midterm	Oct. 13	Tuesday
Withdrawal Deadline	Oct. 27	Tuesday
Fall Break - No Classes	Oct. 30	Friday
Last Day of Classes prior to Thanksgiving Break	Nov. 24	Tuesday
Holiday: Thanksgiving - No Classes	Nov. 25– 27	Wednesday - Friday
Classes Resume	Nov. 30	Monday
Friday Class Schedule in Effect	Dec. 8	Tuesday
Classes End	Dec. 9	Wednesday
Reading Day	Dec. 10	Thursday
Final Exams	Dec. 11 - 17	Friday - Thursday
Commencement	Dec. 18	Friday
Grades Due	Dec. 21	Monday, 12 PM

Spring 2021

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

Orientation / Advisement	Jan. 7	Thursday
Registration	Jan. 8	Friday
Classes Begin	Jan. 11	Monday
Drop / Add	Jan. 11 - 15	Monday - Friday
Holiday: Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Jan. 18	Monday
Midterm	Mar. 4	Thursday
Last Day of Classes prior to Spring Break	Mar. 5	Friday
Spring Break - No Classes	Mar. 8 - 12	Monday – Friday
Classes Resume	Mar. 15	Monday
Withdrawal Deadline	Mar. 25	Thursday
Classes End	May 3	Monday
Reading Day	May 4	Tuesday
Final Exams	May 5 - 11	Wednesday - Tuesday
Commencement	May 14	Friday
Grades Due	May 17	Monday, 12 PM

Summer 2021

May Session

Based on 150 minutes daily, 15 days of classes

Registration	May 18	Tuesday
Classes Begin	May 19	Wednesday
Drop / Add	May 19 – 20	Wednesday - Thursday
Midterm	May 28	Friday
Withdrawal Deadline	May 28	Friday
Holiday: Memorial Day	May 31	Monday
Classes End	June 9	Wednesday
Final Exams	June 10	Thursday
Grades Due	June 14	Monday, 12 PM

Extended Summer Session

Based on 205 minutes per week for 11 weeks (2250 minutes for a 3 hour course).

Registration	May 18	Tuesday
Classes Begin	May 19	Wednesday
Drop / Add	May 19 - 25	Wednesday – Tuesday
Holiday: Memorial Day	May 31	Monday
Midterm	June 25	Friday
Withdrawal Deadline	June 25	Friday

Holiday: 4th of July (observance)	July 5	Monday
Classes End	Aug. 4	Wednesday
Final Exams	Aug. 5 - 6	Thursday - Friday
Grades Due	Aug. 9	Monday, 12 PM

Thru Term

Based on 60 minutes daily, 38 days of class

Orientation	June 9	Wednesday
Advisement / Registration	June 10	Thursday
Classes Begin	June 11	Friday
Drop / Add	June 11 - 17	Friday - Thursday
Holiday: 4th of July (observance)	July 5	Monday
Midterm	July 8	Thursday
Withdrawal Deadline	July 8	Thursday
Classes End	Aug. 4	Wednesday
Final Exams	Aug. 5 - 6	Thursday - Friday
Grades Due	Aug. 9	Monday, 12 PM

Short Session I

Based on 120 minutes daily, 19 days of classes

Orientation	June 9	Wednesday
Advisement / Registration	June 10	Thursday

Classes Begin	June 11	Friday
Drop / Add	June 11 – 14	Friday - Monday
Midterm	June 24	Thursday
Withdrawal Deadline	June 24	Thursday
Holiday: Independence Day	July 5	Monday
Classes End	July 8	Thursday
Final Exams	July 9	Friday
Grades Due	July 12	Monday, 12 PM

Short Session II

Based on 120 minutes daily, 19 days of classes

Orientation / Advisement / Registration	July 9	Friday
Classes Begin	July 12	Monday
Drop / Add	July 12 - 13	Monday - Tuesday
Midterm	July 23	Friday
Withdrawal Deadline	July 23	Friday
Classes End	Aug. 5	Thursday
Final Exams	Aug. 6	Friday
Grades Due	Aug. 9	Monday, 12 PM