

**Graduate School of Education
2018 FALL TERM Academic Calendar**

August 22 - 23	Wednesday - Thursday	International Student Orientation
August 27	Monday	New Student Orientation
August 28	Tuesday	Fall term classes begin
September 3	Monday	Labor Day (NO CLASSES)
September 7	Friday	Orientation for Students of Color
September 17	Monday	Add/drop period ends at 11:59 PM EST Courses dropped after the add/drop period are subject to the following partial refund schedule: 75% refund September 18 - September 24 50% refund September 25 - October 1 NO REFUND October 2 - October 8

DOCTORAL (PH.D. AND ED.D.) STUDENTS GRADUATING IN DECEMBER 2018 are strongly advised to defend by **October 22** to ensure that they can submit their dissertation for format review by **November 5**. The link to schedule your final defense is: <https://www.gse.upenn.edu/student-forms/final-defense-sched>. SRO requests that this form is submitted two weeks prior to defense date

October 8	Monday	LAST DAY to drop a course (NO REFUND) Courses dropped after October 8 require instructor approval and 'W' will appear on transcript in place of grade
October 8	Monday	LAST DAY to request course grade type change to audit. Requires instructor approval
October 29 - November 11	Monday - Sunday	Advance Registration for Spring 2019 available via Penn InTouch: www.upenn.edu/pennintouch
November 5	Monday	LAST DAY doctoral students may submit dissertation for review by the Associate Dean for December 2018 degree EdD students: upload to Proquest PhD students: email dissertation to Faculty Affairs Office (Betty Deane- bettyd@upenn.edu or Megan McManus- mcmmeg@upenn.edu)
November 9	Friday	LAST DAY to withdraw from a course. 'W' will appear on transcript in place of grade.
November 12	Monday	LAST DAY to apply for December 2018 degree: All students apply here: https://www.gse.upenn.edu/student-forms/apply-to-graduate (\$75 fee for applications submitted after this deadline) PHD students must also apply here: https://fission.sas.upenn.edu/sso/gas/degree/app-start.php (\$100 fee for applications submitted after this date)
November 20	Tuesday	Course selection for Spring 2019 re-opens. Log into Penn InTouch after 10am to register for courses: www.upenn.edu/pennintouch
November 20 - 21	Tuesday - Wednesday	Alternative class meeting schedule: Thursday classes will meet on Tuesday, Friday classes will meet on Wednesday

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November 22 - 25	Thursday - Sunday	Thanksgiving Break (NO CLASSES)
November 26	Monday	Classes resume
December 3	Monday	LAST DAY for submission of approved & signed dissertations for December 2018 degree: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ed.D. to Faculty Affairs Office (Betty Deane or Megan McManus)• Ph.D. to Graduate Arts & Sciences
December 3	Monday	LAST DAY Divisions may submit Master's Comprehensive Examination/Thesis/Portfolio results to the GSE Student Records Office for December 2018 graduates
December 10	Monday	Undergraduate Classes end
December 17	Monday	LAST DAY of classes at GSE
December 17	Monday	LAST DAY doctoral final defense ballots for December 2018 graduates will be accepted by Student Records Office
December 20	Thursday	Fall term ends for University
January 2, 2019	Wednesday	Fall term grades due

Spring Classes begin on January 16, 2019 (Monday class schedule)

**Graduation Applications do not roll over. Names are purged from the system after the December term.*