

**Graduate School of Education  
2019 SPRING TERM Academic Calendar**

January 16	Wednesday	<b>SPRING TERM CLASSES BEGIN;</b> Alternative class meeting schedule: Monday classes meet Wednesday. Classes for remainder of this week meet on normal schedule
January 21	Monday	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Observed ( <b>NO CLASSES</b> )
February 4	Monday	<b>Add/drop period ends at 11:59 PM EST</b> Courses dropped after the add/drop period are subject to the following partial refund schedule: 75% refund February 5 – February 11 50% refund February 12 - February 18 NO REFUND February 19 - February 22

**DOCTORAL STUDENTS (PH.D. AND ED.D.) STUDENTS GRADUATING IN MAY 2019** are strongly advised to defend by **March 29** in order to ensure that they can submit their dissertation for format review by **April 12**. 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 final defense date

February 22	Friday	<b>LAST DAY</b> to drop a course (NO REFUND) Courses dropped after February 22 require instructor approval and 'W' will appear on transcript in place of grade
February 22	Friday	<b>LAST DAY</b> to request course grade type change to audit. Requires instructor approval
March 2 - 10	Saturday - Sunday	Spring Break ( <b>NO CLASSES</b> )
March 11	Monday	Classes resume
March 18 - March 31	Monday - Sunday	Registration period for Summer & Advance registration for Fall 2019 available via Penn InTouch: <a href="http://www.upenn.edu/pennintouch">www.upenn.edu/pennintouch</a>
March 29	Friday	<b>LAST DAY</b> for <u>all</u> May and August 2019 graduates to apply to graduate <b>and</b> RSVP for the May 2019 GSE commencement ceremony: <b>All</b> students apply here: <a href="https://www.gse.upenn.edu/student-forms/apply-to-graduate">https://www.gse.upenn.edu/student-forms/apply-to-graduate</a> (\$75 fee for applications submitted after this deadline)  PHD students must <b>also</b> apply here: <a href="https://fission.sas.upenn.edu/sso/gas/degree/app-start.php/">https://fission.sas.upenn.edu/sso/gas/degree/app-start.php/</a> (\$100 fee for applications submitted after stated deadline)
April 5	Friday	<b>LAST DAY</b> to withdraw from a course. <b>'W' will appear on transcript in place of grade.</b>
April 10	Wednesday	Course selection for Fall 2019 re-opens. Log into Penn InTouch after 10am to register for
April 12	Friday	<b>LAST DAY</b> doctoral students may submit dissertation for review by the Associate Dean for May 2019 degree <b>EdD students:</b> upload to Proquest <b>PhD students:</b> email dissertation to Faculty Affairs Office (Betty Deane- <a href="mailto:bettyd@upenn.edu">bettyd@upenn.edu</a> or Megan McManus- <a href="mailto:mcmmeg@upenn.edu">mcmmeg@upenn.edu</a> )
May 1	Wednesday	Undergraduate classes end
May 3	Friday	<b>LAST DAY</b> for submission of approved & signed dissertations for May 2019 degree: • <b>Ed.D.</b> to Faculty Affairs Office (Betty Deane or Megan McManus) • <b>Ph.D.</b> to Graduate Arts & Sciences
May 3	Friday	<b>LAST DAY</b> that divisions may submit Master's Comprehensive Examination/Thesis/Portfolio results to the GSE Student Records Office for May 2019 graduates
May 8	Wednesday	<b>LAST DAY OF CLASSES AT GSE</b>

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May 8	Wednesday	<b>LAST DAY</b> doctoral final defense ballots for May 2019 graduates will be accepted by Student Records Office
May 13	Monday	Spring term grades due
May 14	Tuesday	<b>Spring term ends for University</b>
May 18	Saturday	GSE Commencement ceremony
May 20	Monday	University Commencement ceremony

**Summer I and 11-week session begin on Tuesday, May 28, 2019**

\* ALL students who wish to march in the GSE Graduation Ceremony must RSVP to march online regardless of graduation date. For eligibility to march please consult the Graduation FAQ site: <http://www.gse.upenn.edu/students/graduationfaqs>