

**University of Rochester
School of Medicine and Dentistry
Graduate Program**

**2011-12 ACADEMIC CALENDAR
Publication Date: July 1, 2011**

SUMMER 2011 SEMESTER	
June	
30	Deadline to register a PhD dissertation during the Summer 2011 semester. NOTE: If this deadline is not met, the defense cannot be held until the Fall.
July	
1	Registration opens for current graduate students for the Fall 2011 semester.
4	The University is closed in observance of Independence Day.
August	
1	Registration opens for non-matriculated students for the Fall 2011 semester.
5	Registration deadline for matriculated students for the Fall 2011 semester. Registration received after this date will be accepted with a \$150 late fee (will be assessed to the student's account).
6	Summer 2011 semester ends.
12	Deadline to submit final results for terminal MA/MPH/MS degrees to the Dean to receive the October 2011 degree. NOTE: If this deadline is not met, student must register for the Fall 2011 semester.
13	Grading deadline for the Summer 2011 semester.
19	Last day to hold a PhD defense during Summer 2011 semester.
19	International Student Orientation Program.
23-24	Orientation Program for new graduate students.
25	Deadline to submit the final copy of the PhD dissertation to ProQuest for the October 2011 degree. NOTE: If this deadline is not met, student must register for the Fall 2011 semester.
26	Registration deadline for new graduate students admitted for the Fall 2011 semester. Registration received after this date will be accepted with a \$150 late fee (will be assessed to the student's account).
26	Registration deadline for non-matriculated students for the Fall 2011 semester. Registration received after this date will be accepted with a \$150 late fee (will be assessed to the student's account).
FALL 2011 SEMESTER	
31	Fall 2011 semester begins.
31-Sept 9	Blackout period - no defenses or qualifying exams may be held during this time period.
September	
5	The University is closed in observance of Labor Day.
12	First day to hold a PhD defense in the Fall 2011 semester.
24	Deadline to submit results for qualifying exams to the Dean to receive October 2011 Master's degree.
27	Add/Drop/Audit deadline. NOTE: Classes added after this deadline will result in a \$150 late registration fee (will be assessed to the student's account). Classes dropped after this deadline will be reflected on the official transcript with a W grade.
October	
21	University Board of Trustees meets to approve October 2011 degrees.
November	
1	Registration opens for current graduate students for the Spring 2012 semester.
15	Deadline to register a PhD dissertation during the Fall 2011 semester. NOTE: If this

	deadline is not met, the defense cannot be held until the Spring semester.
24-25	The University is closed in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.
December	
1	Registration opens for non-matriculated students for the Spring 2012 semester.
2	Registration deadline for matriculated students for the Spring 2012 semester. Registration received after this date will be accepted with a \$150 late fee (will be assessed to the student's account).
2	Course withdrawal deadline. NOTE: Withdrawal requests received after this date will receive a failing grade.
13	Last day of classes for the Fall 2011 semester.
14-16	Reading period.
17-21	Final examinations.
30	Grading deadline for the Fall 2011 semester.
21-Jan 3	Blackout period - no defenses or qualifying exams may be held during this time period.
26	The University is closed in observance of Christmas.
SPRING 2012 SEMESTER	
January	
2	The University is closed in observance of New Year's Day.
4-6	Blackout period - PhD defenses may be held during this period only if the dissertation was registered by the November 15, 2011 deadline.
6	Registration deadline for new graduate students admitted for the Spring 2012 semester. Registration received after this date will be accepted with a \$150 late fee (will be assessed to the student's account).
6	Registration deadline for non-matriculated students for the Spring 2012 semester. Registration received after this date will be accepted with a \$150 late fee (will be assessed to the student's account).
9-27	Blackout period - no defenses may be held during this time period.
13	Deadline to submit the final copy of the PhD dissertation to ProQuest for the March 2012 degree. NOTE: If this deadline is not met, student must register for the Spring 2012 semester.
13	Deadline to submit final results for terminal MA/MPH/MS degrees to the Dean to receive the March 2012 degree. NOTE: If this deadline is not met, student must register for the Spring 2012 semester.
18	Spring semester begins.
30	First day to hold a PhD defenses in the Spring 2012 semester.
February	
10	Add/Drop/Audit deadline. NOTE: Courses added after this deadline will result in a \$150 late charge to the student's account. Courses dropped after this date will be reflected on the official transcript with a W grade.
24	Deadline to submit results of qualifying exams to the Dean to receive March 2012 Master's degree.
March	
12-16	No classes. This is NOT considered a semester break for PhD students. PhD students are expected to be in residence (either lab or office) during this time period.
14	Deadline to register a PhD dissertation during the Spring 2012 semester. NOTE: If this deadline is not met, the defense cannot be held until the Summer.
16	University Board of Trustees meets to approve March 2012 degrees.
April	
2	Registration opens for matriculated and non-matriculated students for the Summer 2012 semester.
18	Last day to hold a PhD defense during Spring 2012 semester.

20	Deadline to submit final results of MPH/Master's essays, qualifying exams, and master's defenses to the Dean to receive the May 2012 degree.
19-May 29	Blackout Period - no Master's or PhD defenses or qualifying examinations may be held during this time.
20	Course withdrawal deadline. NOTE: Withdrawal requests received after this date will receive a failing grade.
24	Deadline to submit the final copy of the PhD dissertation to ProQuest for the May 2012 degree. NOTE: If this deadline is not met, student must register for the Summer 2012 semester.
May	
2	Last day of classes for Spring 2012 semester.
3-6	Reading period.
7	Registration deadline for matriculated and non-matriculated students for the Summer 2012 semester. Registration received after this date will be accepted with a \$150 late fee (will be assessed to the student's account).
7-11	Final examinations.
14	Grading deadline for the Spring 2012 semester.
18	SMD Doctoral Commencement Dinner and Awards Ceremony.
18	University Board of Trustees meets to approve May 2012 degrees.
19	University Doctoral Degree Commencement.
19	SMD Master's Degree Commencement.
SUMMER 2012 SEMESTER	
May	
21	Summer semester begins. Check with course instructor for session start and end dates.
28	The University is closed in observance of Memorial Day.
30	First day to hold a PhD defense in the Summer 2012 semester.
June	
26	Deadline to register a PhD dissertation during the Summer 2012 semester. NOTE: If this deadline is not met, the defense cannot be held until the Fall.
July	
2	Registration opens for current graduate students for the Fall 2012 semester.
4	The University is closed in observance of Independence Day.
August	
2	Registration opens for non-matriculated students for the Fall 2012 semester.
3	Registration deadline for matriculated graduate students for the Fall 2012 semester. Registration received after this date will be accepted with a \$150 late fee (will be assessed to the student's account).
4	Summer sessions end.
10	Deadline to submit final results for terminal MA/MPH/MS degrees to the Dean to receive the October 2012 degree. NOTE: If this deadline is not met, student must register for the Fall 2012 semester.
10	Grading deadline for the Summer 2012 semester.
17	Last day to hold a PhD defense during Summer 2012 semester.
TBA	International Student Orientation Program.
TBA	Orientation Program for new graduate students.
TBA	Registration deadline for new graduate students admitted for the Fall 2012 semester. Registration received after this date will be accepted with a \$150 late fee (will be assessed to the student's account).
23	Deadline to submit the final copy of the PhD dissertation to ProQuest for the October 2012 degree. NOTE: If this deadline is not met, student must register for the Fall 2012 semester.
24	Registration deadline for non-matriculated students for the Fall 2012 semester.

	Registration received after this date will be accepted with a \$150 late fee (will be assessed to the student's account).
24-Sept 7	Blackout period - no defenses may be held during this time period.
30	Fall 2012 semester begins.
September	
3	The University is closed in Observance of Labor Day.
10	First day to hold a PhD defense in the Fall 2012 semester.

Questions regarding the calendar should be directed to the Registrar, Office for Graduate Education and Postdoctoral Affairs, 585-275-4522.

This calendar is subject to change without notice.

**Submission of Paperwork
PhD Qualifying Examination and
Master's Defense (Final Oral Examination)**

Event	Due Date	Notes
Notice to your Program Office of scheduled qualifying exam or defense date.	Check your graduate program handbook for specific requirements regarding qualifying examination and defense paperwork and deadlines.	See the Academic Calendar for blackout periods before scheduling a qualifying exam or defense.
Submission of paperwork for Master's qualifying exams and final defenses to the Dean.	At least 10 full working days prior to the qualifying exam or defense date.	See the Academic Calendar for specific dates and blackout periods .
Completion of modifications to the thesis proposal <u>after</u> the qualifying exam.	The School allows 14 calendar days after the qualifying examination for modifications to be made. However, if additional time is recommended by the examination committee, the Chair of the exam would seek an extension from the Dean.	This applies only if " passed pending modifications " is the outcome of the qualifying exam.
Submission of final copy of Master's thesis after defense.	The School allows 30 calendar days after the defense date for submission. However, defenses scheduled later in the semester will be subject to a deadline date that may be shorter than 30 days.	See the Academic Calendar for specific deadline dates.

**PhD Defense (Final Oral Examination)
Fall 2011 and Spring 2012 Semesters**

Event	Due Date	
Notice to Program Office of scheduled defense date.	Check your graduate program handbook for specific requirements regarding required paperwork and deadlines.	See the Academic Calendar for blackout periods before scheduling a defense date.
Submission of paperwork for PhD defense.	At least 28 full working days prior to the defense.	
Registration of thesis for PhD defense.	At least 18 full working days must elapse <i>between</i> the registration date and the actual date of defense.	
Submission of final copy of thesis after defense to ProQuest.	The School allows 30 calendar days after the defense date for submission. However, defenses scheduled later in the semester will be subject to a deadline date that may be shorter than 30 days.	See the Academic Calendar for specific deadline dates.

**PhD Defense (Final Oral Examination)
Summer 2012 Term**

Event	Due Date	
Notice to Program Office of scheduled defense date	Check your graduate program handbook for specific requirements regarding required paperwork and deadlines.	See the Academic Calendar for blackout periods before you schedule your qualifying exam or final defense.
Submission of paperwork for PhD defense.	At least 33 full working days prior to the defense.	
Registration of thesis for PhD defense.	At least 23 full working days must elapse <i>between</i> the registration date and the actual date of defense.	
Submission of final copy of thesis after defense to ProQuest.	The School allows 30 calendar days after the defense date for submission. However, defenses scheduled later in the semester will be subject to a deadline date that may be shorter than 30 days.	See the Academic Calendar for specific deadline dates.

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