**UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND**  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY  
**IMPORTANT DATES FOR SOCIOLOGY GRADUATE STUDENTS**  
*Spring 2024*

NOTE ON SIGNATURES: All forms must be processed through the Graduate Studies office in Room 2103, Art-Sociology (jessgray@umd.edu). Please make sure your advisor signs any required forms before turning them in to the Graduate Studies Office. To help expedite processing, submit forms to the Graduate Office to receive the Graduate Director signature. 

Administrative Forms for graduate students can be found at [http://socy.umd.edu/graduate/graduate-school-forms](http://socy.umd.edu/graduate/graduate-school-forms).

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| **JANUARY 23**  
Tuesday | Last day to cancel Spring 2024 registration.  
Last day to register without $20.00 late registration fee.  
**ADD COURSES BY THIS DATE TO AVOID CHARGES.**  
http://www.testudo.umd.edu/ | **ALL STUDENTS** |
| **JANUARY 24**  
Wednesday | First day of Spring 2024 classes.  
Late registration begins ($20.00 fee). | **ALL STUDENTS** |
| **FEBRUARY 6**  
Tuesday | Last day to submit Application for Graduation for Spring 2024.  
Apply online at http://www.testudo.umd.edu. | **ALL GRADUATING GRADUATE STUDENTS** |
| **FEBRUARY 6**  
Tuesday | Last Day to REGISTER LATE ($20.00 fee charged). **ALL GRADUATE STUDENTS MUST BE REGISTERED BY THIS DATE.**  
Last day to ADD a course. | **ALL GRADUATE STUDENTS** |
| **FEBRUARY 6**  
Tuesday | Last Day of schedule adjustment period. Last Day to:  
Add, drop, or change grading method without penalty | **ALL GRADUATE STUDENTS** |
| **FEBRUARY 13**  
Tuesday | The [Nomination of Doctoral Dissertation Committee Form](#) is due in the Graduate Office (jessgray@umd.edu or 2103 ASY) in order to meet the Graduate School established deadline of February 21st. A copy of the Human Subjects IRB approval letter must be attached. Submit the form to the Graduate Office to obtain the Graduate Director signature. | **GRADUATING DOCTORAL STUDENTS** |
| February 27-March 3  
Monday-Friday | Comprehensive Exams  
**TBD** | **PRE-CANDIDACY DOCTORAL STUDENTS** |
| **FEBRUARY 21**  
Tuesday | Final deadline to submit [Nomination of Doctoral Dissertation Committee Form](#) to the Graduate School. A copy of the Human Subjects IRB approval letter must be attached. Submit the form to the Graduate Office to obtain the Graduate Director signature. | **GRADUATING DOCTORAL STUDENTS** |
| **MARCH 17-24**  
Sunday-Sunday | Campus Closed – Spring Break.  
*Note: March 18-20 only holiday days for GAs, faculty, and staff ([https://phr-app6.umd.edu/holidays/](https://phr-app6.umd.edu/holidays/)) | **ALL STUDENTS/FACULTY/STAFF** |
| **APRIL 5**  
Friday | Original signed report of the Doctoral Oral Examining Committee Form and [Thesis and Dissertation Electronic Publication form](#) due in the Graduate Office (jessgray@umd.edu or 2103 ASY) in order to meet the Graduate School established deadline of April 16th. | **DISSERTATION COMMITTEE CHAIRS & GRADUATING DOCTORAL STUDENTS** |
| **APRIL 9**  
Tuesday | Last day to adjust schedule for Spring semester (drop, credit change, grading method). | **ALL GRADUATE STUDENTS** |
**APRIL 16**

**Tuesday**

Final Date to electronically submit dissertation to the Office of the Registrar. Digital submission instructions are at [https://www.gradschool.umd.edu/students/academic-progress/thesis-and-dissertation-filing](https://www.gradschool.umd.edu/students/academic-progress/thesis-and-dissertation-filing). Fees of $40 will be charged to your student account. An optional $55.00 copyright fee, charged to a credit card, as part of the submission process is also due.

**GRADUATING DOCTORAL STUDENTS**

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**MAY 9**

**Thursday**

Last day of classes

**ALL STUDENTS**

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**MAY 11-17**

**Saturday-Friday**

Final examinations

**ALL STUDENTS**

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**MAY 21 or 22**

**Tues or Weds.**

SOCY Departmental/College Graduation. More information on the [BSOS](https://www.bsos.umd.edu/) webpage.

**ALL STUDENTS/FACULTY/STAFF**

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**MAY 20**

**Monday**

Campus commencement ceremony and official graduation date. More Information at [https://commencement.umd.edu/](https://commencement.umd.edu/)

**ALL GRADUATING STUDENTS**

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**ADMISSION TO CANDIDACY FOR DOCTORAL STUDENTS:**

Applications for Admission to Candidacy may be obtained in the Graduate Studies Office or on the web at [http://gradschool.umd.edu/sites/gradschool.umd.edu/files/uploads/application_for_admission_to_candidacy.pdf](http://gradschool.umd.edu/sites/gradschool.umd.edu/files/uploads/application_for_admission_to_candidacy.pdf). The Admission to Candidacy forms must be approved by the Graduate Studies Office prior to submission. The Graduate Studies Office recommends to the Graduate School the consideration of candidacy. The candidacy papers are reviewed on the 25th day of each month. The Graduate School will notify in writing the candidacy decision to each student effective the 1st of the month.

*REGULATIONS*

- Continuous registration is required. All students must be registered each Fall and Spring semester for a minimum of 1 credit that will accurately reflect the student’s involvement in graduate study and use of University resources. Students may request a leave of absence if they meet the criteria (one time only, up to one year). Masters and pre-candidacy doctoral students may request a waiver of the registration requirement by filing the “Petition for Waiver of Continuous Registration” form. Leave of absences and waivers must have department approval. Students who have approved waivers may not use any facility or resource from the University. Forms may be found on the web at [http://www.gradschool.umd.edu/forms](http://www.gradschool.umd.edu/forms).

- Doctoral students are not permitted to register for 899 dissertation credit until they are advanced to candidacy.

- Pre-candidacy doctoral students may register for 898 “Pre-Candidacy Research” for 1-8 credits (carries 18 units).

- Doctoral candidates, advanced to candidacy, are automatically registered for 6 credits of 899 dissertation credit by the University each fall and spring semester. The credit level is not variable, and cannot be adjusted.

- Students must be registered for a minimum of one credit in the intended semester of graduation, including one of the summer sessions for August graduation.

- Doctoral candidates who have accumulated the required number of 899 dissertation credits prior to August graduation may register for a minimum of one credit of 899 dissertation credit (available for variable credit in summer only) or 898 pre-candidacy credit, or any other credit approved by the student’s advisor in order to meet the registration requirement.

- It is necessary to apply for graduation early in the semester of graduation. If graduation requirements are not met in the semester of initial application, the Application for Graduation continues to carry over until graduation requirements are met. However, any student whose time expires before graduation requirements are met will not have their Application for Graduation rolled over. These students will need to request a time extension and reapply to graduate. There will be no fee charged for the Application for Graduation.

- Students are responsible for meeting deadlines when fulfilling final degree requirements.


- For additional information, call the Sociology Graduate Studies Office, 301-405-6430 or e-mail jessgray@umd.edu.