

FIRST DAY OF CLASSES
August 31, 2020

LAST DAY OF CLASSES
December 14, 2020

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY
IMPORTANT DATES FOR SOCIOLOGY GRADUATE STUDENTS
FALL 2020

NOTE ON SIGNATURES: All forms must be processed through the Graduate Studies office in Room 4103, Art-Sociology (efloyd@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>.

DUE DATE	DESCRIPTION	WHO
AUGUST 28 Friday	Last day to cancel Fall 2020 registration. Last day to register without \$20.00 late registration fee. ADD COURSES BY THIS DATE TO AVOID CHARGES.	ALL STUDENTS
August 31 Monday	First day of Fall 2020 classes. Late registration begins (\$20.00 fee).	ALL STUDENTS
SEPTEMBER 14 Monday	END OF <u>SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENT PERIOD</u> Last Day to REGISTER LATE (\$20.00 fee charged). ALL GRADUATE STUDENTS MUST BE REGISTERED BY THIS DATE. Last day to: add/drop, change credit level/grading option, drop without "W".	ALL GRADUATE STUDENTS
SEPTEMBER 14 Monday	Last day to submit Application for Graduation for Fall 2020. Apply online at http://www.testudo.umd.edu .	ALL GRADUATING GRADUATE STUDENTS (MA and PhD)
SEPTEMBER 14 Monday	Week 1 Comprehensive Exams- Social Movements & the State; Gender, Work, and Family; and Social Inequality & Mobility	PRE-CANDIDACY DOCTORAL STUDENTS
SEPTEMBER 14 Monday	The Nomination of Doctoral Dissertation Committee Form is due in the Graduate Office (efloyd@umd.edu or 4103 ASY) in order to meet the Graduate School established deadline of September 28th. 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
SEPTEMBER 28 Monday	Week 2 Comprehensive Exams- Social Psychology and Demography	PRE-CANDIDACY DOCTORAL STUDENTS
October 19 Monday	Submit an Approved Prospectus Form with signatures of the Advisor and Reader to the Graduate Office (efloyd@umd.edu or 4103 ASY).	SECOND YEAR GRADUATE STUDENTS
NOVEMBER 6 Friday	Original signed report of the Doctoral Oral Examining Committee Form and Thesis and Dissertation Electronic Publication form due in the Graduate Office (efloyd@umd.edu or 4103 ASY) in order to meet the Graduate School established deadline of November 13th.	DISSERTATION COMMITTEE CHAIRS & GRADUATING DOCTORAL STUDENTS
NOVEMBER 9 Monday	Last day to drop a course with "W" (withdrawal).	ALL GRADUATE STUDENTS
NOVEMBER 13 Friday	Final Date to electronically submit dissertation to the Office of the Registrar. Digital submission instructions are at http://www.gradschool.umd.edu/etd . Fees of \$45 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

NOVEMBER 25-29 Wednesday- Sunday	Campus Closed - Thanksgiving Break	ALL STUDENTS/ FACULTY/STAFF
December 14 Monday	MA Approved Program form and Uachieve audit is due in the Graduate Office (efloyd@umd.edu) or 4103 ASY) in order to meet the Graduate School established deadline of January 5th	GRADUATING MASTERS STUDENTS
December 14 Monday	Last day of classes	ALL STUDENTS
DECEMBER 16- 22 Wednesday- Tuesday	Final examinations	ALL STUDENTS
DECEMBER 20 Sunday	Campus commencement ceremony and official graduation date	ALL GRADUATING STUDENTS
DECEMBER 21 or 22 Monday or Tuesday	BSOS commencement ceremony	ALL STUDENTS/ FACULTY/STAFF

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. 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>.
- 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.
- Schedule Adjustment and registration information:
<http://registrar.umd.edu/current/registration/ScheduleAdjustment.html#penaltiesrefunds>
- For additional information, call the Sociology Graduate Studies Office, 301-405-6390 or e-mail efloyd@umd.edu.