# ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2015-2016
## Louisiana State University

### FALL SEMESTER 2015

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<td>Mon-Tue</td>
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<td>Labor Day Holiday begins, 7:30 a.m.</td>
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<td>Mid-semester examination period</td>
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<td>Mid-semester grades due, 9:00 a.m, deadline</td>
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<td>Sun</td>
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<td>Course scheduling for spring semester, Spring Intersession and summer term begins, 5:00 p.m.</td>
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<td>Classes resume, 7:30a.m.</td>
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<td>Fri-Sat</td>
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<td>Final date for resigning from the University, 4:30 p.m, deadline</td>
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<td>Final date for submitting to The Graduate School committee examination reports and approved theses and dissertations, 4:30 p.m, deadline</td>
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<td>Thanksgiving holiday begins, 12:30 p.m.</td>
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<td>Concentrated Study Period begins–no meetings, social activities, athletic events, or other extracurricular activities requiring student participation will be scheduled; no major examinations will be given in academic courses other than labs</td>
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<td>Classes end, 10:00 p.m.</td>
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<td>Mon-Sat</td>
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<td>18</td>
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<td>Commencement Day</td>
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42 MWF Classes; 28 TTh Classes
| DECEMBER | 14 | Mon | Classes begin, 7:30 a.m. |
| DECEMBER | 14 | Mon | Final date for dropping courses without receiving a grade of “W,” 4:30 p.m., deadline |
| DECEMBER | 15 | Tue | Final date for adding courses for credit and making section changes, 4:30 p.m., deadline |
| DECEMBER | 15 | Tue | Final date to petition deans’ offices to invoke the Grade Exclusion Policy, 4:30 p.m., deadline |
| DECEMBER | 22 | Tue | Final date for resigning from the University, 4:30 p.m., deadline |
| DECEMBER | 22 | Tue | Final date for dropping courses, 4:30 p.m., deadline |
| DECEMBER | 24 | Thu | Winter holiday begins, 7:30 a.m. |
| JANUARY | 4 | Mon | Classes resume, 7:30 a.m. |
| JANUARY | 5 | Tue | Classes end, 10:00 p.m. |
| JANUARY | 6 | Wed | Final examinations |
| JANUARY | 8 | Fri | Final grades due, 9:00 a.m., deadline |

**WINTERSESSION 2015**

**SPRING SEMESTER 2016**

<p>| JANUARY | 6 | Wed | International Student Orientation |
| JANUARY | 7, 8, 11 | Thu, Fri, Mon | Freshman and Transfer Orientation |
| JANUARY | 8 | Fri | Final date to apply to The Graduate School for the spring semester, 12:00 midnight, deadline |
| JANUARY | 12 | Tue | Final date for submitting to the Graduate School General Examination Results for the doctorate to be awarded at spring commencement, 4:30 p.m., deadline (minimum period of three months is required between completion of the General Exam and completion of the Final Defense) |
| JANUARY | 13 | Wed | Classes begin, 7:30 a.m. |
| JANUARY | 18 | Mon | Martin Luther King Day holiday begins, 7:30 a.m. |
| JANUARY | 19 | Tue | Classes resume, 7:30 a.m. |
| JANUARY | 22 | Fri | Final date for dropping courses without receiving a grade of “W,” 4:30 p.m., deadline |
| JANUARY | 25 | Mon | Final date for adding courses for credit and making section changes, 4:30 p.m., deadline |
| JANUARY | 25 | Mon | Final date to petition deans’ offices to invoke the Grade Exclusion Policy, 4:30 p.m., deadline |
| JANUARY | 25 | Mon | Final date for “Degree Only” registration (all degree requirements, including document submission and approval by The Graduate School must be met), 4:30 p.m., deadline |
| JANUARY | 27 | Wed | Final date for submitting (or updating) to The Graduate School “Applications for Degree” to be awarded at spring commencement, 4:30 p.m., deadline |
| JANUARY | 27 | Wed | Final date for submitting to The Graduate School “Requests for Final Exams” (comprehensive exam, thesis/dissertation defense) for degrees to be awarded at spring commencement, 4:30 p.m., deadline |
| FEBRUARY | 8 | Mon | Mardi Gras holiday begins, 7:30 a.m. |
| FEBRUARY | 10 | Wed | Classes resume, 12:30 p.m. |
| MARCH | 7-12 | Mon-Sat | Mid-semester examination period |
| MARCH | 15 | Tue | Mid-semester grades due, 9:00 a.m. |
| MARCH | 20 | Sun | Spring Break begins, 7:30 a.m. |
| MARCH | 27 | Sun | Course scheduling for fall semester, Summer Intersession and Wintersession begins, 5:00 p.m. |
| MARCH | 28 | Mon | Classes resume, 7:30 a.m. |
| APRIL | 4 | Mon | Final date to request rescheduling a final examination when three examinations are scheduled in 24 hours |
| APRIL | 4 | Fri | Final date for dropping courses, 4:30 p.m., deadline |
| APRIL | 4 | Fri | Final date for resigning from the University, 4:30 p.m., deadline |
| APRIL | 11 | Mon | Final date for submitting to the Graduate School General Examination Results for the doctorate to be awarded at summer commencement, 4:30 p.m., deadline (minimum period of three months is required between completion of the General Exam and completion of the Final Defense) |
| APRIL | 11 | Mon | Final date for submitting to The Graduate School committee examination reports and approved theses and dissertations, 4:30 p.m., deadline |
| APRIL | 12 | Tue | Final date for international applicants residing outside the U.S. to apply to The Graduate School for the summer term, 12:00 midnight, deadline |</p>
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**MAY**

- 1 Sun    | Concentrated Study Period ends
- 2-7 Mon-Sat | Final examinations
- 10 Tue   | Final grades due (degree candidate), 9:00 a.m., deadline
- 11 Wed   | Final grades due (non-degree candidate), 9:00 a.m., deadline
- 12, 13 Thu, Fri | Commencement will be held over a two day period, May 12-13.

**SPRING INTERSESSION 2016**

- 16 Mon   | Classes begin, 7:30 a.m.
- 16 Mon   | Final date for dropping courses without receiving a grade of “W,” 4:30 p.m., deadline
- 17 Tue   | Final date for adding courses for credit and making section changes, 4:30 p.m., deadline
- 17 Tue   | Final date to petition deans’ offices to invoke the Grade Exclusion Policy, 4:30 p.m., deadline
- 24 Tue   | Final date for resigning from the University, 4:30 p.m., deadline
- 24 Tue   | Final date for dropping courses, 4:30 p.m., deadline
- 27 Fri   | Classes end, 10:00 p.m.
- 28 Sat   | Classes CANCELLED
- 30 Mon   | Final examinations
- 1 Wed   | Final grades due, 9:00 a.m., deadline

**SUMMER TERM 2016**

**SESSION A**

- 12 Thu   | Final date for receipt of Graduate School application for admission for summer term without paying $25 late fee, 12:00 midnight, deadline
- 27 Fri   | International Student Orientation
- 31 Tue   | Freshman and Transfer Orientation begins

**JUNE**

- 2 Thu    | Freshman and Transfer Orientation ends
- 3 Fri    | Final date to apply to The Graduate School for the summer term, 12:00 midnight, deadline
- 6 Mon    | Classes begin, 7:30 a.m.
- 8 Wed    | Final date for dropping courses without receiving a grade of “W,” 4:30 p.m., deadline
- 9 Thu    | Final date for adding courses for credit and making section changes, 4:30 p.m., deadline
- 9 Thu    | Final date to petition deans’ offices to invoke the Grade Exclusion Policy, 4:30 p.m., deadline
- 9 Thu    | Final date for “Degree Only” registration (all degree requirements, including document submission and approval by The Graduate School must be met), 4:30 p.m., deadline
- 10 Fri   | Final date for submitting (or updating) to The Graduate School “Applications for Degree” to be awarded at summer commencement, 4:30 p.m., deadline
- 10 Fri   | Final date for submitting to The Graduate School “Requests for Final Exams” (comprehensive exam, thesis/dissertation defense) for degrees to be awarded at summer commencement, 4:30 p.m., deadline
- 27-29 Mon - Wed | Mid-term examination period

**JULY**

- 4 Mon    | Independence Day holiday begins, 7:30 a.m.
- 5 Tue    | Classes resume, 7:30 a.m.
- 6 Wed    | Mid-term grades due, 9:00 a.m.
- 11 Mon   | Final date for submitting to The Graduate School committee examination reports and approved theses and dissertations, 4:30 p.m., deadline
- 12 Tue   | Final date for resigning from the University, 4:30 p.m., deadline
- 12 Tue   | Final date for dropping courses, 4:30 p.m., deadline
- 15 Fri   | Final date for submitting required Graduate School edits to theses and dissertations, 12:00 noon, deadline
- 25 Mon   | Classes end, 10:00 p.m.
| AUGUST | 2 | Tue | Final grades due (degree candidate), 9:00 a.m., deadline |
|        | 3 | Wed | Final grades due (non-degree candidate), 9:00 a.m., deadline |
|        | 5 | Fri | Commencement, 9:00 a.m. |

**SESSION B (See Session A for Graduate School deadlines)**

| MAY    | 27 | Fri | International Student Orientation |
|        | 31 | Tue | Freshman and Transfer Orientation begins |

| JUNE   | 2 | Thu | Freshman and Transfer Orientation ends |
|        | 6 | Mon | Classes begin, 7:30 a.m. |
|        | 8 | Wed | Final date for dropping courses without receiving a grade of “W,” 4:30 p.m., deadline |
|        | 9 | Thu | Final date for adding courses for credit and making section changes, 4:30 p.m., deadline |
|        | 9 | Thu | Final date to petition deans’ offices to invoke the Grade Exclusion Policy, 4:30 p.m., deadline |
|        | 28 | Tue | Final date for resigning from the University, 4:30 p.m., deadline |
|        | 28 | Tue | Final date for dropping courses, 4:30 p.m., deadline |

| JULY   | 4 | Mon | Independence Day holiday |
|        | 5 | Tue | Classes resume, 7:30 a.m. |
|        | 8 | Fri | Classes end, 10:00 p.m. |
|        | 9 | Sat | Final examinations |
|        | 13 | Wed | Final grades due, 9:00 a.m., deadline |

| AUGUST | 5 | Fri | Commencement, 9:00 a.m. |
|        | 24 | Classes |

**SUMMER INTERSESSION 2016**

| AUGUST | 8 | Mon | Classes begin, 7:30 a.m. |
|        | 8 | Mon | Final date for dropping courses without receiving a grade of “W,” 4:30 p.m., deadline |
|        | 9 | Tue | Final date for adding courses for credit and making section changes, 4:30 p.m., deadline |
|        | 9 | Tue | Final date to petition deans’ offices to invoke the Grade Exclusion Policy, 4:30 p.m., deadline |
|        | 16 | Tue | Final date for resigning from the University, 4:30 p.m., deadline |
|        | 16 | Tue | Final date for dropping courses, 4:30 p.m., deadline |
|        | 19 | Fri | Classes end, 10:00 p.m. |
|        | 20 | Sat | Final examinations |
|        | 24 | Wed | Final grades due, 9:00 a.m., deadline |
|        | 11 | Classes |

h:Acad Calendar Includes Grad Dates

Created: February 17, 2014

Fall holiday updated & added Grade Exclusion Dates

Updated: August 6, 2014

Corrected Mardi Gras Holiday Begin Date and Summer Mid-term Exam Period

Updated August 26, 2014