

**Very Important:**

- 1) Forms available on the [Departmental Forms](#) webpage.
- 2) Please check this calendar and the [department web calendar](#) on a regular basis for changes/updates.
- 3) [Graduate College Academic Calendar](#)

**FALL SEMESTER 2026**

August 21	New student orientation, location 307GH, 9:00AM-5:00PM
August 24	Instruction begins
September 7	Labor Day (all campus holiday)
Sept 8 – Dec 17	Fall Written Prelims (scheduled on Tuesdays and Thursdays)
September 16	“A Book in Common”, Pine Lounge at the Illini Union, 4:00PM-6:00PM
September 18	Sign up form for Foreign Language Exam due to Graduate Program Coordinator (GPC)*
September 15	PhD Portfolio due for fall consideration to the GPC*
October 2	Foreign Language Exam, 300C GH  Faculty PhD Portfolio Appraisal forms due
October 14	Final Exam Schedule Posted to Course Explorer
October 19	<a href="#">Master’s Project Travel Grant</a> due to GPC*
October 22	<a href="#">GC Dissertation Travel Grants</a> due to GPC*
October ??	Financial Aid Workshop, TBD
November ??	Financial Aid Workshop, TBD
November 1	Last Day for students to add themselves to December degree list via Student Self-Service and for departments to add students who are unable to add themselves
November 2	Priority registration for spring semester begins. Start times vary. See your time ticket for your exact enrollment time at UI Integrate Self-Service  <a href="#">GC Conference Presentation Award</a> Applications due to the GPC*
November 9	History Reference forms due to GPC*  Master’s Project Travel Grants due to Graduate College (must have been Submitted to GPC* by October 19)

November 12	GC Dissertation Travel Grants due to Grad College (must have been submitted to GPC* by October 22)
November 13	Last day to take final exam for December doctoral degree  Self-evaluations (APR) due to advisor, DGS, and GPC*
November 19	Open registration begins for all students
Nov 21 – Nov 29	Thanksgiving Break (all campus holiday)
November 23	GC Conference Presentation Award Applications due to Grad College (must have been submitted to GPC* by November 2)
November 30	Instruction resumes  <a href="#">Financial Appointment Request Forms</a> and Recommendation Letters due to GPC*
December 4	<a href="#">Humanities Research Institute (HRI) – Graduate Student Fellowships</a> due to Graduate College  Last day to complete deposit for December doctoral degree
December 9	Instruction ends
December 10	Reading Day  Spring Preliminary Exam Schedule due to GPC*
December 11-17	Final examination period
December 17	Last day to submit a Request for Degree Certification letter (DCL)
December 21	December degree conferral (no commencement)

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