

Research Doctoral Program Calendar for 2020-2021

Fall Semester (August-December 2020)

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| Research Doctoral Last Day to Drop-Add for Fall 2020 | July 15, 2020 |
| PhD Preresidency Application Deadline for Fall 2020 | July 24, 2020 |
| Qualifying Exams (1:00-4:00 PM) | August 5-7, 2020 |
| PhD Language Proficiency Testing Deadline for Fall 2020 Entrance | August 7, 2020 |
| Institutional Review Board Request Deadline for September ReDOC | August 10, 2020 |
| Qualifying Exam Results Due (by noon) | August 20, 2020 |
| Final Day for Tuition Payment for Fall 2020 | August 21, 2020 |
| Fall Semester Classes Begin | August 24, 2020 |
| Research Doctoral Committee Meeting (2:00 PM) | August 26, 2020 |

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| Research Doctoral Application Deadline for Spring 2021 Entrance | September 1, 2020 |
| Labor Day: No Classes; Offices Closed | September 7, 2020 |
| Research Doctoral Committee Meeting (2:00 PM) | September 9, 2020 |
| Institutional Review Board Request Deadline for October ReDOC | September 14, 2020 |
| ThM Last Day to Apply for December Graduation | September 15, 2020 |
| Research Doctoral Entrance Examinations for Local Applicants | September 28, 2020 |

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| Dissertation Submission Deadline for December Graduation | October 1, 2020 |
| PhD Last Day to Apply for December Graduation | October 1, 2020 |
| Research Doctoral Entrance Examinations for Nonlocal Applicants | October 1, 2020 |
| Research Doctoral Applicant Division Interviews (11:00 AM) | October 2, 2020 |
| Directed Study Proposal Deadline for Spring 2021 | October 7, 2020 |
| Institutional Review Board Request Deadline for November ReDOC | October 12, 2020 |
| Research Doctoral Committee Meeting (2:00 PM) | October 14, 2020 |
| Fall Break (Offices Open) | October 19-23, 2020 |
| Research Doctoral Admissions Committee (9:00-11:00 AM) | October 26, 2020 |
| Research Doctoral Notification of Admission for Spring 2021 | October 28, 2020 |

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| ThM Application Deadline for Spring 2021 Entrance | November 2, 2020 |
| Last Day to Apply for Qualifying Exams in January 2021 | November 2, 2020 |
| ThM Thesis Submission Deadline for December 2020 Graduation | November 2, 2020 |
| Research Proposal Submission Deadline (to Guidance Committee) | November 2, 2020 |
| Prospectus Approval Deadline for May 2021 Graduation | November 2, 2020 |
| ThM, Research Doctoral Registration (January, Spring 2021) | November 2-16, 2020 |
| Institutional Review Board Request Deadline for December ReDOC | November 9, 2020 |
| Research Doctoral Committee Meeting (2:00 PM) | November 11, 2020 |
| Thanksgiving Break: No Classes; Offices Close at Noon Wednesday | November 23-27, 2020 |

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| Dissertation Final pdf Due | December 4, 2020 |
| Research Doctoral Committee Meeting (2:00 PM) | December 9, 2020 |
| Language Proficiency Testing Application Deadline | December 15, 2020 |
| Research Proposal Approval Deadline | December 18, 2020 |
| PhD Preresidency Application Deadline for Spring 2021 | December 21, 2020 |
| Offices Closed for Christmas, New Year's (close at 12:00 noon on December 23, reopen January 4) | December 23, 2020- January 3, 2021 |

Fall Graduation Activities

Fall Semester Graduation (5:00 PM)

Friday, December 18, 2020

January 2021 Doctoral Miniterm

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| Last Day to Apply for Qualifying Exam in January 2021 | November 2, 2020 |
| ThM, Research Doctoral Registration for January 2021 Miniterms | November 2-16, 2020 |
| Research Doctoral January Miniterm 1 | January 4-8, 2021 |
| Qualifying Examinations | January 6-8, 2021 |
| PhD Language Proficiency Testing Deadline for Spring 2021 Entrance | January 8, 2021 |
| Research Doctoral January Miniterm 2 | January 11-15, 2021 |

Spring Semester (January-May 2021)

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| Research Doctoral Last Day to Drop-Add for Spring 2021 | December 15, 2020 |
| Institutional Review Board Request Deadline for February ReDOC | January 11, 2021 |
| Qualifying Exam Results Due (by noon) | January 14, 2021 |
| Final Day for Tuition Payment for Spring 2021 | January 15, 2021 |
| Martin Luther King Day (No Classes; Offices Closed) | January 18, 2021 |
| Spring Semester Classes Begin | January 19, 2021 |
| Research Doctoral Committee Meeting (2:00 PM) | January 20, 2021 |

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| Research Doctoral Application Deadline for Fall 2021 Entrance | February 1, 2021 |
| Institutional Review Board Request Deadline for March ReDOC | February 10, 2021 |
| Research Doctoral Committee Meeting (2:00 PM) | February 10, 2021 |
| ThM Last Day to Apply for May Graduation | February 15, 2021 |
| Mardi Gras: Offices Closed; No Classes on Main Campus | February 16, 2021 |

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| Dissertation Submission Deadline for May Graduation | March 1, 2021 |
| PhD Last Day to Apply for May Graduation | March 1, 2021 |
| Directed Study Proposal Deadline for Summer 2021 | March 3, 2021 |
| Research Doctoral Entrance Examinations for Local Applicants | March 8, 2021 |
| Institutional Review Board Request Deadline for April ReDOC | March 8, 2021 |
| Research Doctoral Committee Meeting (2:00 PM) | March 10, 2021 |
| Research Doctoral Entrance Examinations for Nonlocal Applicants | March 11, 2021 |
| Research Doctoral Applicant Division Interviews (11:00 AM) | March 12, 2021 |
| Spring Break (Offices Open) | March 15-19, 2021 |
| Research Doctoral Admissions Committee (9:00-11:00 AM) | March 29, 2021 |
| Research Doctoral Notification of Admission for Fall 2021 Entrance | March 31, 2021 |

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| Last Day to Apply for Qualifying Exams in August 2021 | April 1, 2021 |
| Research Proposal Submission Deadline (to Guidance Committee) | April 1, 2021 |
| ThM Application Deadline for Fall 2021 | April 1, 2021 |
| ThM Thesis Submission Deadline for May 2021 Graduation | April 1, 2021 |
| Good Friday (No Classes; Offices Closed) | April 2, 2021 |
| Research Doctoral Committee Meeting (2:00 PM) | April 7, 2021 |
| Institutional Review Board Request Deadline for May ReDOC | April 12, 2021 |
| ThM, Research Doctoral Registration (Summer, Fall 2021) | April 19-May 3, 2021 |
| Dissertation Final pdf Due | April 30, 2021 |

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| Institutional Review Board Request Deadline for June ReDOC | May 3, 2021 |
| Directed Study Proposal Deadline for Fall 2021 | May 5, 2021 |
| Research Doctoral Committee Meeting (2:00 PM) | May 12, 2021 |
| Research Proposal Approval Deadline | May 14, 2021 |

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| Prospectus Approval Deadline for December 2021 Graduation | June 1, 2021 |
| Research Doctoral Committee Meeting (11:30 AM) | June 2, 2021 |

Spring Graduation Activities

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| President's Reception (4:30-6:00 PM) | Friday, May 14, 2021 |
| Graduation Rehearsal (2:30 PM) | Friday, May 14, 2021 |
| Spring Graduation (10:00 AM) | Saturday, May 15, 2021 |

Summer (June-August 2021)

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| Directed Study Proposal Deadline for Summer 2021 | March 3, 2021 |
| Last Day to Apply for Qualifying Exam in August 2021 | April 1, 2021 |
| ThM, Research Doctoral Registration (Summer, Fall 2021) | April 19-May 3, 2021 |
| Research Proposal Approval Deadline | May 14, 2021 |

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| Research Doctoral Summer 1 Miniterm | June 7-11, 2021 |
| Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, TN | June 15-16, 2021 |

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| Research Doctoral Last Day to Drop-Add for Fall 2021 | July 15, 2021 |
| Language Proficiency Testing Application Deadline | July 15, 2021 |
| PhD Preresidency Application Deadline for Fall 2021 | July 23, 2021 |
| Research Doctoral Summer 2 Miniterm | July 26-30, 2021 |
| Qualifying Exams (1:00-4:00 PM) | July 28-30, 2021 |
| Language Proficiency Testing Deadline for Fall 2021 Entrance | July 30, 2021 |

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| Qualifying Exam Results Due (by noon) | August 12, 2021 |
| Classes Begin | August 16, 2021 |
| Research Doctoral Committee Meeting (2:00 PM) | August 18, 2021 |