GDR Academic Calendar 2015-16
Please note that the GDR follows the Divinity schedule instead of the Graduate School schedule for holidays and the beginning & end of the semesters.

**Fall 2015**

August 1  Deadline for all students (except internationals) to waive student health insurance coverage
August 12  Deadline for all students to waive the activity and recreation fees
August 19  Orientation for 2015-2016 teaching assistants
August 21  Orientation for international students (9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.)
August 24  Orientation for GDR students and Teaching Associates (1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.)
August 24  Orientation for new Graduate School students (10 a.m. to 12 p.m.)
August 26  Classes begin in Divinity and GDR
August 26  Classes begin in A&S, Peabody, and Graduate School
August 28  Opening Convocation, Benton Chapel 4:00 p.m.
September 2  Fall registration on YES ends at 11:59 p.m.
September 7  Labor Day/offices closed; classes NOT cancelled
September 7  Deadline for international students health insurance waiver
September 9  Last day to add a class, drop a class with no entry on the record, or register for pass/fail status
October 8-9  Cole Lectures
October 23-24  Homecoming & Reunion
October 12  Spring 2016 registration window opens
October 13  Recommended latest date for distributing the dissertation copies to full committee
October 15-16  Fall break
October 26  Deadline for turning in an Intent to Graduate form for December graduation
November 13  Recommended latest date for defense
November 20  Last Day for Submission of Thesis/Dissertation
November 20  Registration ends for Spring 2016 classes
November 26-27  Thanksgiving holidays
December 10  Last day of classes
December 14  Open enrollment for Spring 2016 begins
December 19  Last day of fall semester; degrees conferred

**Spring 2016**

January 1  Deadline for all students to waive the activity and recreation fees
Jan 1, 2016  Deadline to waive the student health insurance for first-time students in the Spring semester
Jan 4, 2016  Deadline for students to pay Spring tuition and fee charges or make payment arrangements with the Office of Student Accounts
January 11  Classes begin in Divinity, A&S, Peabody, and Graduate School
TBA  Teaching of Religion workshop??
January 18  The Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday/no classes
January 18  Spring 2016 open enrollment period ends at 11:59 p.m.
January 25  Last day to add a class, drop a class with no entry on the record, or register for pass/fail status
February 1  Deadline for turning in Intent to Graduate form for May graduation
February 15  Recommended latest date for distributing the dissertation copies to full committee
March 5-13  Spring holidays
March 13  GDR office distributes student progress reports
March 18  Recommended latest date for defense
March 25  Good Friday/no classes in the Divinity School
March 30  Deadline for students’ progress report responses and descriptions
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