



**2015 - 2016 Academic Calendar**  
**School of Graduate Studies and Research**  
**Doctor of Philosophy - Biomedical Sciences (PhD)**

<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Description</u>
Monday, June 1, 2015	Summer Session Begins (2014-2015 AY)
<b>Friday, July 3, 2015</b>	* <b>4th of July Holiday</b>
Friday, July 24, 2015	Summer Session Ends (2014-2015 AY)
Wednesday, July 29, 2015	Grades Due in Banner/Registrar's Office
Thursday, August 6 - Friday, August 7, 2015	First Year Orientation and Registration
Friday, August 7, 2015	Returning Students Registration
Monday, August 10, 2015	Classes Begin
Monday, August 10 - Friday, August 28, 2015	Drop/Add Period
Friday, August 14, 2015	White Coat Ceremony (1st Year PhD Students)
Tuesday, September 01, 2015	Late Registration Fee assessed as of this date
<b>Monday, September 7, 2015</b>	* <b>Labor Day Holiday</b>
Thursday, September 17, 2015	Constitution Day
Thursday, October 1, 2015	Last Day to Publicly Defend Thesis
Monday, October 12, 2015	Convocation
Friday, October 30, 2015	Last Day to Submit Thesis for December Diploma
<b>Thursday, November 26 - Friday, November 27, 2015</b>	* <b>Thanksgiving Holiday</b>
Monday, November 30, 2015	Spring 2016 Pre-Registration
Friday, December 4, 2015	Fall Semester Ends
Friday, December 11, 2015	Last Day for Candidacy Exam - to participate in Spring Ceremony
Friday, December 11, 2015	Grades Due in Banner/Registrar's Office
Monday, January 4, 2016	Spring Classes Begin
Monday, January 4 - Friday January 22, 2016	Drop/Add Period
Friday, January 15, 2016	Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Remembrance Program
<b>Monday, January 18, 2016</b>	* <b>Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday</b>
Monday, February 01, 2016	Late Registration Fee assessed as of this date
Monday, March 7 - Friday, March 11, 2016	Student Research Week
Monday, March 21 - Friday, March 25, 2016	Spring Break
<b>Friday, March 25, 2016</b>	* <b>Good Friday - Meharry Holiday</b>
Friday, April 1, 2016	Last Day to Publicly Defend Thesis
Wednesday, April 6, 2016	<b>Ralph J. Cazort Heritage Lecture</b>
Tuesday, April 12, 2016	Student Research Day (No Class)
Friday, April 22, 2016	Classes End for May Graduates
Friday, April 29, 2016	Grades Due in Banner/Registrar's Office for May Graduates

Friday, April 29, 2016	Classes End for Continuing Students/PhD Research Continues
Monday, May 2, 2016	Last Day to Submit Thesis for May Diploma
Tuesday, May 3, 2016	Spring Semester Grades Due in Banner/Registrar's Office for Continuing Students
Saturday, May 21, 2016	Commencement
<b>Monday, May 30, 2016</b>	<b>* Memorial Day Holiday</b>
Friday, June 3, 2016	Returning Students Summer Registration
Monday, June 6, 2016	Summer Session Begins (2015-16 AY)
Friday, July 29, 2016	Summer Session Ends (2015-16 AY)

**Calendar Summary by Class - PhD**

Thursday, August 6, 2015 - Friday, April 29, 2016;	First Year Entering Class
Friday, June 3, 2016 - Friday, July 29, 2016	
Friday, August 7, 2015 - Friday, April 29, 2016;	Continuing Students
Friday, August 7, 2015 - Friday, April 22, 2016	Graduating Students

**\*Holiday - No Classes**