

Graduate Calendar 2020-2021

Office of Graduate Studies

See <http://www.registrar.ku.edu> for enrollment dates.

Please check with the Graduate Division of your professional school or the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences for the last date to schedule a master's final exam, a doctoral oral comprehensive exam, or a final doctoral oral exam for each semester or term. The deadlines below represent the final university deadlines and are subject to change. Professional schools or the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences may set earlier deadlines. Students are advised to consult with the appropriate school or College to confirm all deadlines. Academic calendar dates may be viewed at <http://www.registrar.ku.edu/calendar>.

Fall 2020

Classes Begin	August 24
Early Graduation Deadline ¹	September 8
Last Day of In-Person Classes	November 24
Thanksgiving Break	Nov. 25-29
Reading Week	Nov. 30 - Dec. 4
Final Examinations	December 7-11
Degree Requirements Deadline ³	December 18
Doctoral Hooding Ceremony ⁴	May 15
Degrees Awarded	December 31
Commencement ⁵	May 16

Tentative Spring 2021

Classes Begin	February 1
Early Graduation Deadline ¹	February 15
Application for Graduation Deadline ²	March 1
Last Day of Classes	May 6
Final Examinations	May 10-14
Degree Requirements Deadline ³	May 14
Doctoral Hooding Ceremony ⁴	May 15
Degrees Awarded	May 16
Commencement ⁵	May 16

Summer 2021

Classes Begin	June 8
Early Graduation Deadline ¹	June 15
Last Day of Classes	July 30
Degree Requirements Deadline ³	July 30
Doctoral Hooding Ceremony ⁴	May 15
Degrees Awarded	August 1
Commencement ⁵	May 15, 2022

Additional Information

1. A student who was enrolled the previous semester and submits all degree requirements by this date will have the degree conferred for this semester but is not required to enroll for this semester.
2. **Candidates for Spring and Summer degrees only:** Meeting this deadline will ensure the candidate is included on the mailing list for information about the Doctoral Hooding Ceremony and will ensure the student's name is included in the event program for the Ceremony.
3. This is the last day to submit **ALL** requirements for a degree to be conferred that semester. University degree requirements include:
 - (a) Electronic filing of thesis or dissertation (if applicable)
 - (b) Submission of paperwork to the Graduate Division of the appropriate professional school or the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences
 - (c) Submission of the Application for Graduation in Enroll & Pay.

Students should consult with their professional school or the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences for additional degree requirements.

4. All students who graduate during the 2020-2021 academic year (Summer and Fall 2020 or Spring 2021) are invited to attend the May 2021 Doctoral Hooding Ceremony. The Dean of Graduate Studies may invite Summer 2021 degree candidates to participate by special exception. Please visit <https://graduate.ku.edu/doctoral-hooding-ceremony> to find other important information about the Doctoral Hooding ceremony.
5. Information about KU commencement ceremonies is available at <http://www.commencement.ku.edu>.