

KUMC Graduate Studies Calendar

2020-2021 Academic Year

Fall 2020

August 24: Classes begin

September 7: Labor Day Holiday

September 8: If enrolled during Summer 2020 semester and did not meet Summer 2020 graduation deadlines but do complete all degree requirements (see *below) by this date, not required to enroll for Fall 2020 semester but still considered a Fall graduate. Unless this criterion is met, must enroll for the Fall 2020 semester as students are required to be enrolled the semester they graduate.

October 10-13: Fall recess

November 25-November 29: Thanksgiving recess

December 1: Last day to submit Application for Degree (AFD) in Enroll & Pay if completing a master's degree, doctoral degree, and/or graduate certificate program.

December 4: Last day for Fall 2020 master's students to complete final general examination, project or thesis defense and for PhD and DNP candidates to take final oral examination (a.k.a. dissertation defense for PhD candidates).

December 10: Last day of classes

December 14-18: Final examinations

December 18: Last day for Fall 2020 master's and doctoral students to meet all degree requirements. This includes the electronic filing of thesis/dissertation by master's thesis and PhD candidates (dissertation). No extensions will be granted.

December 31: Fall semester award date for degrees and certificates. (Degrees formally conferred May 2021 Commencement)

Spring 2021

January 19: Classes begin

February 2: If enrolled during Fall 2020 semester and did not meet Fall 2020 graduation deadlines but do complete all degree requirements (see *below) by this date, not required to enroll for Spring 2021 semester but still considered a Spring graduate. Unless this criterion is met, must enroll for the Spring 2021 semester as students are required to be enrolled the semester they graduate.

March 1: Last day to submit Spring Application for Degree in Enroll & Pay to ensure inclusion in the Commencement Program and in the program for the Doctoral Hooding Ceremony for doctoral students.

March 8-14: Spring Recess

April 15: Last day to submit Application for Degree (AFD) in Enroll & Pay if completing a master's degree, doctoral degree, and/or graduate certificate program.

April 30: Last day for Spring 2021 master's students to complete final general examination, project or thesis defense and for PhD and DNP candidates to take final oral examination (a.k.a. dissertation defense for PhD candidates).

May 6: Last day of classes

May 10-14: Final examinations

May 14: Last day for Spring 2021 master's and doctoral students to meet all degree requirements. This includes the electronic filing of thesis/dissertation by master's thesis and PhD candidates (dissertation). No extensions will be granted.

May 15: School Recognition Ceremonies

May 16: Commencement

May 16: Spring semester award date for degrees and certificates.

Summer 2021

June 8: Classes begin

June 15: If enrolled during Spring 2021 semester and did not meet Spring 2021 graduation deadlines but do complete all degree requirements (see *below) by this date, not required to enroll for Summer 2021 semester but still considered a Summer graduate. Unless this criterion is met, must enroll for the Summer 2021 semester as students are required to be enrolled the semester they graduate.

July 15: Last day to submit Application for Degree (AFD) in Enroll & Pay if completing a master's degree, doctoral degree, and/or graduate certificate program.

July 16: Last day for Summer 2021 master's students to complete final general examination, project or thesis defense and for PhD and DNP candidates to take final oral examination (a.k.a. dissertation defense for PhD candidates).

July 30: Last day of classes

July 30: Last day for Summer 2021 master's and doctoral students to meet all degree requirements. This includes the electronic filing of thesis/dissertation by master's thesis and PhD candidates (dissertation). No extensions will be granted.

August 1: Summer semester award date for degrees and certificates. (Degrees formally conferred May 2022 Commencement)

* **Completion of Degree Requirements includes:** (a) grades for all required courses are posted (no WG or I grades) with resulting cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher; (b) Application for Degree (AFD) is submitted in Enroll & Pay; and (c) electronic filing of thesis/dissertation, if applicable, is approved, and the thesis/dissertation required paperwork is filed with the Office of Graduate Studies.

KUMC Graduation Checklist is available online at <http://www.kumc.edu/kumc-academic-affairs/opags/graduate-studies/graduation-information.html>