GDR Academic Calendar 2014-15
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 2014**

August 1– Deadline for all students (except internationals) to waive student health insurance coverage
August 13 - Deadline for all students to waive the activity and recreation fees
August 14 – Orientation for 2014-2015 teaching assistants
August 15- Orientation for new students
August 18– Classes begin in Divinity and GDR
August 20- Classes begin in A&S, Peabody, and Graduate School
August 22- Opening Convocation, Benton Chapel 4:00 p.m.
September 1- Labor Day/offices closed; classes NOT cancelled
September 12- Deadline for turning in an Intent to Graduate form for December graduation
October 2-3 – Cole Lectures
October 2-3 – Homecoming & Reunion
October 6-20– PhD qualifying examinations
October 16-17– Fall break
October 17 – Last Day to Withdraw
October 17- Recommended latest date for distributing the dissertation copies to full committee
October 31 – Registration opens for the spring semester *(tentative)*
November 14- recommended latest date for defense
November 27-28- Thanksgiving holidays
November 21 – Last Day for Submission of Thesis/Dissertation
December 1- Deadline to turn in the final, defended dissertation to Graduate School for December graduation; Deadline to turn in final, approved thesis to Graduate School for December graduation
December 4– Last day of classes
December 13- Last day of fall semester; degrees conferred
**Spring 2015**

January 2 - Deadline for all students to waive the activity and recreation fees
January 5 – Classes begin in Divinity, A&S, Peabody, and Graduate School
TBA- Teaching of Religion workshop
January 19 – The Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday/no classes
February 6 - Deadline for turning in Intent to Graduate form for May graduation
February 16 – Recommended latest date for distributing the dissertation copies to full committee
March 2- 6 - Spring holidays
March 9-20 – PhD qualifying examinations
March 13- GDR office distributes student progress reports
March 13 – Last day to Withdraw
March 16 – Recommended latest date for defense
March 26 - Antoinette Brown Lecture
March 23 - Deadline to turn in the final, defended dissertation to Graduate School for May graduation; Deadline to turn in final, approved thesis to Graduate School for May graduation
March 23- Deadline for students’ progress report responses and descriptions
April 3 – Good Friday/no classes in the Divinity School
April 6 - Registration opens for the fall semester (tentative)
April 20 – Last day of classes in Divinity and GDR
April 22- Last day of classes in A&S, Peabody, and Graduate School (tentative)
May 4 – Final grades must be posted by 11:00 a.m. for degree candidates; all other final grades must be posted by 4:00 p.m.
May 5 - Deadline for advisor/area progress report responses
May 7 – Baccalaureate (tentative)
May 8 – Commencement; last day of spring semester (tentative)