GDR Academic Calendar 2013-14
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 2013
August 1– Deadline for all students (except internationals) to waive student health insurance coverage
August 14 - Deadline for all students to waive the activity and recreation fees
August 16- Orientation for new students and for 2013-14 teaching assistants
August 19– Classes begin in Divinity and GDR
August 21- Classes begin in A&S, Peabody, and Graduate School
August 23- Opening Convocation, Benton Chapel 4:00 p.m.
September 9- Labor Day/offices closed; classes NOT cancelled
September 13- Deadline for turning in an Intent to Graduate form for December graduation
October 3-4 – Cole Lectures
October 4-5 – Homecoming & Reunion
October 7-21– PhD qualifying examinations
October 10-11– Fall break
October 18 – Last Day to Withdraw
October 18- Recommended latest date for distributing the dissertation copies to full committee
October 31 – Registration opens for the spring semester (tentative)
November 15- recommended latest date for defense
November 25-29- Thanksgiving holidays
November 29 – Last Day for Submission of Thesis/Dissertation
December 2- 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 5– Last day of classes
December 17- Last day of fall semester; degrees conferred
Spring 2014

January 2- Deadline for all students to waive the activity and recreation fees
January 6 – Classes begin in Divinity, A&S, Peabody, and Graduate School
TBA- Teaching of Religion workshop
January 20 – The Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday/no classes
February 7 - Deadline for turning in Intent to Graduate form for May graduation
February 17 – Recommended latest date for distributing the dissertation copies to full committee
March 3- 7 - Spring holidays
March 10-24 – PhD qualifying examinations
March 14- GDR office distributes student progress reports
March 14 – Last day to Withdraw
March 17 – Recommended latest date for defense
March 20 - Antoinette Brown Lecture
March 24 - 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 24- Deadline for students’ progress report responses and descriptions
April 7 - Registration opens for the fall semester (tentative)
April 18 – Good Friday/no classes in the Divinity School
April 21 – Last day of classes in Divinity and GDR
April 23- 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 8 – Baccalaureate (tentative)
May 9 – Commencement; last day of spring semester (tentative)