



ACADEMIC YEAR OVERVIEW:

PLANNING

Students are expected to be in residence during coursework, attend classes consistently, and be available for other commitments such as department events and workshops, artistic and scholarly collaborations, etc. If travel is necessary (research, academic, personal), please refer to the [Ohio State Academic Calendar](#) to minimize conflicts and make PRIOR arrangements with instructors and collaborators for your absence. A general overview of a typical academic year is below.

Be advised that courses will not be delivered in any mode other than the one listed in [BuckeyeLink](#). Details about each course's schedule will be detailed in the syllabus. Accommodation requests and absences must be communicated with each instructor with as much advance notice as possible.

Important dates will be sent to your [OSU email](#).

TYPICAL ACADEMIC YEAR

This is meant to give you an overview of the academic year cycle. When the university is closed, faculty and staff are not available.

Exact dates for each year are on the [Ohio State Academic Calendar](#).

AUTUMN SEMESTER

- August 16th – Be ready for the school year to begin. [Graduate Associate appointments begin](#).
- Late August – Classes resume.
- Early September – No classes for Labor Day (university closed).
- Mid-October – No classes for Fall Break (university open).
- Mid-November – No classes for Veteran's Day (university closed).
- Late-November – No classes for the American Thanksgiving holiday (university open Wed, closed Thurs/Fri).
- December 1st – 2nd Years: Thesis Committee Advisor declaration deadline. (Only advisor—Full committees due February 1st).
- Early December – 3rd Year Informal Research Progress Presentations.
- Early December classes end, followed by a week of final exams and final papers, etc.

Around December 15th, we slow down. The last two weeks of December and part of the first week of January are considered "breaks" but the university is open most days.

SPRING SEMESTER

- Early January – Classes resume.
- End of January – 3rd Years Application to Graduate due.
- February 1st – 2nd Years: Full Committee Declaration due (remaining committee members if not already determined)
- Week 8 – 2nd Year Preliminary Review due to Thesis Committee.
- Mid-March, no classes for the week of Spring Break (university open).
- Late March – 3rd Year Thesis Defense Week(s).
- First Monday in April – 1st Year Progress Review.
- Mid-April – 3rd Year Graduation Deadlines for Reports on Final Examination and Documents.
- Late April – Classes end, followed by a week of final exams and final papers, etc.
- Early May – 2nd Year Progress Review Department Presentations and Committee Presentations
- Mid-May through mid-August – Summer break. Faculty are off duty. Staff are available.

Graduate Program Coordinator Contact

Should you have any questions, please reach out to the Graduate Program Coordinator, Ange Leone, at leone.148@osu.edu (be careful to **not** email leone.148@buckeyemail.osu.edu -- OSU separates staff and student accounts).