

# Calendar of Important Dates

**Please note that the dissertation abstract, approved by the department, is due to the Graduate School three weeks before the date of the dissertation defense. The schedule for the dissertation defense, approved by the department, is due to the Graduate School two weeks before the defense date.**

## *Fall 2007*

Thursday, August 30	Registration for new students for courses with the Director of Graduate Studies (by appt.)
Tuesday, September 4	Instruction begins
Wednesday, September 5, 8:00-9:00	Orientation for new graduate students
Wednesday, September 5, 5:00-7:00	Welcome party for new and old graduate students
Friday, September 7, 9:00-12:00	MA Comprehensive Exam, Part I
Friday, September 7, 2:00-5:00	MA Comprehensive Exam, Part II
Friday, September 14	Departmental Language Exams
Friday, October 5	Dissertation prospectus due in the Graduate School Office for May 2008 degree
Friday, October 5	First draft of dissertation for January 2008 degree (to be submitted to department)
Friday, October 5	First draft of MA scholarly paper due for January 2008 degree
Monday, October 15	Application deadline for entrance into the graduate program in January, 2008
Wednesday, October 24	Registration begins for spring 2008
Wednesday, November 1	Diploma application due in the GRS office for January 2008 degree
Wednesday, November 21	Fall Recess Begins - classes suspended
Monday, November 26	Instruction resumes
Friday, December 14	Last day for MA scholarly papers to be submitted for January 2008 degree
Friday, December 14	Last date to hold dissertation defense for January 2008 degree
Friday, December 14	Approved and signed dissertation (two copies due in the GRS office) for January 2008 degree
Wednesday, December 12	Instruction ends
Saturday, December 15	Final Exams Begin
Thursday, December 20	Final Exams End

## *Spring 2008*

Monday, January 14	Registration for new students for courses with the Director of Graduate Studies (by appt.)
Tuesday, January 15	Application deadline for entrance into the Graduate Program in Sept. 2008
Wednesday, January 16	Instruction begins
Friday, January 18	Departmental Language Exams
Friday, February 1	MA and PhD diploma applications due in GRS office for May 2008 degree
Friday, February 1	First draft of dissertation due to department for May 2008 degree
Friday, March 7	First draft of MA scholarly paper due to department for May 2008 degree
Saturday, March 8	Spring recess begins - classes suspended
Monday, March 17	Instruction resumes
TBA	Eighteenth Annual Boston University Symposium on the History of Art, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston
TBA	Registration for Fall 2008 begins
Friday, April 18	Last day for MA scholarly paper to be submitted for May 2008 degree
Friday, April 18	Last day to hold dissertation defense for May 2008 degree
Friday, April 18	Approved and signed dissertation (two copies due in GRS office) for May 2008 degree
Thursday, May 1	Instruction ends
Thursday, May 6	Final exams begin
Tuesday, May 13	Final exams end
Sunday, May 18	Commencement and Departmental Reception
Tuesday, July 1	Diploma application due in GRS Office for September 2008 degree
Tuesday, July 1	First draft of MA paper due in department for September 2008 degree
Friday, August 15	MA scholarly paper due (two copies) for September 2008 degree

**See Graduation Calendar included with registration materials for additional deadlines.**

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