



MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY™
SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY PROGRAM

Fall Semester 2026 Academic Calendar

August		
8/13	Graduate Student GTA Workshops – Old Main Academic Center	8AM to 1PM
8/14	Doctoral Written Comprehensive Exam Due	5:00PM
8/17	Faculty and Staff CHEF Semester Kick-Off Meeting	11:00-1:00PM
8/17	Departmental New Student Orientation – MANDATORY FOR NEW F2F STUDENTS	1:15-2:30pm
8/17	Program Orientation- MANDATORY FOR ALL F2F STUDENTS Location Duff-1150	2:45-4:00PM
8/17	SASP Member Meeting – MANDATORY FOR ALL MEMBERS	4:15-5:30pm
8/18	MIoD Clinic Orientation – MANDATORY FOR ALL F2F STUDENTS Location: Duff 1150	8:30-10:30AM
8/18	MIoD Clinic Operations Orientation – MANDATORY FOR ALL F2F STUDENTS Location: Duff Center Room 3100	11:00-12:00PM
8/18	Face to Face New Student Orientation – MANDATORY FOR F2F STUDENTS Location: Duff Center Room 3100	12:00-1:00PM
8/18	Online Student Orientation – MANDATORY <u>NEW</u> ONLINE STUDENTS Location: WebEx	4:30-5:30PM
8/19	Classes Begin	--
8/20	MCPP Training- MANDATORY FOR <u>NEW</u> F2F STUDENTS & FACULTY Lunch Provided- Sweet Peppers TK Martin Center	8:00-4:00PM
8/21	Deadline to apply for Master's Comprehensive Exam & EdS Comprehensive Exam	5:00pm
8/25	Last day to drop a course without a grade	11:59pm
8/26	Last day to register or add a course	5:00pm
8/28	CPR/First Aid- MANDATORY FOR F2F STUDENTS & FACULTY	8-11 and 12-3
September		
9/7	Labor Day Holiday – No classes scheduled	--
9/8	School Psychology Services Center opens for services	9:00am
9/11	Colloquium – MANDATORY FOR F2F STUDENTS Location: The Mill, Starkville MS Topic: Assistive Technology Conference <i>*ONLINE STUDENTS WILL GET INSTRUCTIONS FROM DR. SIDWELL</i>	8:30-4:30PM
9/11	Program Happy Hour- Dave's Dark Horse Tavern	5:30-7:00pm
9/18	SPSY Faculty Meeting	9:00-11:00am
9/18	CHEF Departmental Faculty Meeting	11:30-1:00PM
9/30	First progress grade reporting deadline	
9/24	Mentoring Moments – MANDATORY for ALL 1 st year EdS Students Location: WebEx Topic: <i>Academic and Professional Behavior</i>	5:30PM
9/25	Mentoring Moments – MANDATORY for 1 st year PhD Students Location: TBD Topic: <i>Academic and Professional Behavior</i>	8:30AM
October		
10/2	Mentoring Moments – MANDATORY for 4 th year PhD Students Location: TBD Topic: <i>Internship Readiness</i>	8:30AM
10/8-9	Fall Break – no classes scheduled	
10/9	Dean's Deadline for Initial Submission of Dissertation	
10/2	Colloquium – MANDATORY FOR ALL STUDENTS Location: TK Martin Classroom (F2F); Webex (DE) Topic: <i>Crisis Intervention-Drs. Tim Allen and Rachel Team</i>	3:30- 5:00pm
10/2	SASP Member Meeting – MANDATORY FOR ALL MEMBERS Location: TBD	5:00-5:30pm
10/2	Program Happy Hour- PKLRow	5:30-7:00pm

10/16	Last day for dissertation defense for December graduation	
10/16	Master's Comprehensive Exam (Applications due 8/22) – Location TBD	9:00-12:00pm
10/16	SPSY Faculty Meeting	9:00-11:00AM
10/16	CHEF Departmental Faculty Meeting	11:30-1:00PM
10/19	Faculty advising begins for student pre-registration for Spring 2025	
10/22	Mentoring Moments – MANDATORY for ALL 1 st year EdS Students Location: TBD <i>Topic: Research Expectations and Involvement</i>	5:30PM
10/23	Mentoring Moments – MANDATORY for 1 st year PhD Students Location: TBD <i>Topic: Research Expectations and Involvement</i>	8:30AM
10/23	Last day for application for December Graduation via MyState (\$50 fee) without late penalty	
10/23	Second progress grade reporting deadline	
10/30	Last day for initial submission of dissertation to the Library for December graduation	
10/30	Mentoring Moments – MANDATORY for ALL 1 st year EdS Students Location: TBD <i>Topic: Internship Readiness</i>	11:30AM
November		
11/2	Pre-registration for Spring 2026 Semester begins	
11/4-6	MSERA Regional Conference (Huntsville, AL)	
11/5	Mentoring Moments – MANDATORY for ALL 1 st year EdS Students all EdS students invited! Location: TBD <i>Topic: Developing your Personal Behavior Support Plan</i>	5:30PM
11/6	Mentoring Moments – MANDATORY for 1 st year PhD Students all PhD students invited! Location: TBD <i>Topic: Developing your Personal Behavior Support Plan</i>	8:30AM
11/12-13	Behavior Analysis Association of Mississippi 11 th Annual Conference! (Meridian, MS)	
11/20	SPSY Faculty Meeting	9:00-11:00am
11/20	CHEF Departmental Faculty Meeting	11:30-1:00PM
11/20	Colloquium – MANDATORY FOR ALL STUDENTS Location: Webex (DE); To be determined (F2F) <i>Topic: Amanda VanderHeyden, PhD</i>	3:30-5:00pm
11/20	SASP Member Meeting – MANDATORY FOR ALL MEMBERS Location: TBD	5:00-5:30pm
11/23	Last day for LATE application for December Graduation via MyState (\$150 fee) with penalty	
11/25-27	Thanksgiving Holiday – No classes scheduled; University offices closed.	
December		
12/1	Classes End	
12/2	Deadline for receiving Incomplete grades in a previous semester to submit the coursework	
12/2	Reading Day	
12/4	CHEF Departmental Faculty Meeting	11:30-1:00PM
12/4	Last day to submit Library-approved dissertation to the Library for December graduation	
12/3-10	Final Exams	
12/10	Doctoral Graduation and Hooding Ceremony (Ph.D.) Bettersworth Auditorium, Lee Hall)	4:00pm
12/14	Final Grades Due	10:00am
12/23-1/1	Winter Holiday begins (Grad Assistants work through this day)	

This is a tentative schedule and may change based on unforeseen events occurring during the semester.