



# NEW YORK MEDICAL COLLEGE

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## Graduate School of Basic Medical Sciences

**ACADEMIC CALENDAR**

**PHD STUDENTS**

**2019-2020**

<b>FALL 2019</b>		
<b>Activity</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Applies to</b>
Registration	Monday, June 24 – Sunday, August 11	All students
General orientation for new students	Friday, August 2 – Friday, August 9 There will be sessions every morning and some afternoons.	All new PhD and MD/PhD students
Research orientation for new students	Various dates: August 7 – August 14 Overview of research programs within each basic science department. (5-6 sessions)	All new PhD and MD/PhD students
Classes begin	Monday, August 12	All students
Meetings with 1 <sup>st</sup> -year advisory committees	August 5 – August 23 Each student meets with his/her own academic advisement committee.	All new PhD students
Research rotation #1	Rotation request forms due in GSBMS office: Friday, August 23  Rotation dates: Tuesday, Sept. 3 – Friday, Dec. 13 Hours by arrangement with rotation sponsor.  Deadline to submit rotation report (abstract): Friday, Dec. 13	First-year IPP students
Form “permanent” advisory committees	Friday, August 30	Rising 2 <sup>nd</sup> -year PhD students
Deadline to apply to graduate in May	Monday, December 2	PhD & MD/PhD students graduating in May 2020
Semester ends	Thursday, December 19	All students
First-year advisory committees meet	Mid-December through January 3	All first-year PhD & MD/PhD students
Holiday break	Friday, December 20, 2019 – Wednesday, January 1, 2020	All PhD students

## SPRING 2020

Activity	Dates	Applies to
Registration	Monday, November 25, 2019 – Sunday, January 5, 2020	All students
Classes begin	Monday, January 6	All students
Research rotation #2	Rotation request forms due in GSBMS office: Monday, December 9, 2019  Rotation dates: Thursday, January 2 – Friday, May 1 Hours by arrangement with rotation sponsor. Deadline to submit rotation report (abstract): Friday, May 1	First-year IPP students
Graduate Student Research Forum	Tuesday, March 17	All students
Spring break	Saturday, April 11 – Sunday, April 19	All students
Last day to defend dissertation	Thursday, March 19	All graduating PhD students
Last day to submit approved thesis	Wednesday, April 1	PhD & MD/PhD students graduating in May 2020
Deadline to apply to graduate in August	Monday, April 20	PhD & MD/PhD students graduating in August 2020
Semester ends	Wednesday, May 6	All students
First-year advisory committees meet	May 4 – 15	All first-year PhD & MD/PhD students
Commencement (Westchester County Center)	Tuesday, May 19	All graduating students
Vacation	See note below ‡	All PhD students

‡ N.B. Students are entitled to two weeks of *vacation* that may be taken between the end of August and the start of classes in September. The dates of the vacation must be approved by their rotation or dissertation advisor *and* their program director, department chair or dean. Second-year students should NOT make vacation plans that will conflict with scheduled qualifying exams. Students who have passed their qualifying examination may take their allocated vacation time at any time throughout the year, with the approval of their dissertation sponsors and provided that there is no conflict with courses in which they are enrolled.

## SUMMER 2020

Activity	Dates	Applies to
Registration	Monday, April 27 – Sunday, May 31	All students
Classes begin	Monday, June 1	All students
Research rotation #3	Rotation request forms due in GSBMS office: Tuesday, May 5  Rotation dates: Monday, May 18 – Friday, August 7 Hours by arrangement with rotation sponsor. Deadline to submit rotation report (abstract): Friday, August 7	First-year PhD students
Last day to submit approved thesis	Friday, June 19	PhD & MD/PhD students graduating in August 2020
Semester ends	Friday, July 24	All students
Qualifying exam †	Monday, July 20 – Friday, July 24 3 days, schedule TBA  Monday, August 24 – Friday, August 28 3 days, schedule TBA	Second-year PhD students *
Vacation ‡	See note below ‡	All PhD students
Declaration of major	Monday, July 13	First-year PhD students
Form “permanent” advisory committees	Tuesday, September 1	Rising 2 <sup>nd</sup> -year PhD students

\* First-year PhD students with advanced standing and first-year MD/PhD students may also sit for the Qualifying Examination upon the recommendation of their program.

† Most students will take the exam during one of the designated weeks in either July or August. Students who have just completed their required coursework in the Spring term may defer until September, with the approval of the program faculty. Alternative dates may be scheduled with the approval of the Dean.

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