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MUGS News is the Graduate School's newsletter. *MUGS News* will bring you information about Graduate School policies, deadline reminders, job postings, and other meaningful news you can use. [Past issues](#) of *MUGS News* are available online.

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1. Upcoming Deadlines

Note: Programs in the [Graduate School of Management](#) may follow a slightly different calendar or have different deadlines. Graduate students in Accounting, Business Administration, Executive MBA, Economics, and Human Resources programs should visit the [GSM Web site](#) for deadlines, program requirements, announcements, and academic schedules that are unique to them.

Deadlines for Students Planning to Graduate in May, 2007

([Graduation instructions](#), information, and FAQs are available on the Graduate School's Web site.)

April 18, 2007 (Wednesday):

Last day for public defense of the dissertation. Results are submitted with the dissertation.

April 25, 2007 (Wednesday):

- Final day to submit theses, professional projects or essays with results and signatures.
- Results of comprehensive exams are due in the Graduate School. Registration for and the taking of comprehensive exams is arranged between students and their programs or departments.

May 7, 2007 (Monday):

Final day to submit dissertations with results and signatures.

Deadlines for Students Planning to Graduate in August, 2007

May 14, 2007 (Monday):

Outlines (thesis, professional project, dissertation) due in the Graduate School.

July 16, 2007 (Monday):

Last day for public defense of dissertation. Results submitted with the dissertation.

July 23, 2007 (Monday):

- Final day to submit theses, professional projects or essays with results and signatures.
- Results of comprehensive exams are due in the Graduate School. Registration for and the taking of comprehensive exams is arranged between students and their programs or departments.

August 3 (Friday):

Final day to submit dissertation with results and signatures.

Note: There is no graduation ceremony in August.

Deadlines for Grad School Funded Merit-Based Financial Aid for Fall, 2007

The deadline for consideration for fall tuition scholarships, graduate assistantships, and Milwaukee Area Teachers Scholarships was February 15, 2007.

June 15, 2007 (Friday):

Deadline for applications for fall [Catholic Schools Personnel Scholarships](#).

Deadlines for Grad School Funded Merit-Based Financial Aid for Summer, 2007

April 16, 2007 (Monday):

The deadline for consideration for summer tuition scholarships and Milwaukee Area Teachers Scholarships. The Graduate School does not offer assistantships in summer. Apply online at <http://www.grad.mu.edu/forms/sfa-current-students>.

April 16, 2007 (Monday):

Deadline for applications for summer [Catholic Schools Personnel Scholarships](#).

Registration Deadlines for Spring, 2007

April 13, 2007 (Friday):

Final day to change from credit to audit or to withdraw from a spring, 2007 course with a grade of W.

2. Series of New Courses to Replace Continuous Enrollment Courses Beginning Fall, 2007

Beginning in fall, 2007, continuous enrollment courses as they've been known in the past are being replaced by the series of new courses described below. It is important to note that the policy of continuous enrollment, i.e., being continuously enrolled each fall and spring semester, will still be in effect for degree-seeking students.

New forms are on the Graduate School's Web site at <http://www.grad.mu.edu/forms/index.shtml>. As with former continuous enrollment registration, the new courses will require permission numbers from the student's department and CheckMarq registration by the student.

This new policy will certainly apply to all programs that fall under the umbrella of the Graduate School. Other groups, such as the Graduate School of Management, the Law School, the School of Dentistry's D.D.S. program, and the College of Health Sciences (with the exception of the speech-language pathology program) will be making their own determination as to whether or not they will adopt this policy.

Below is the policy that will take effect fall, 2007.

ACADEMIC STATUS

Every graduate student, except those with non-degree status, must be enrolled as a full-time, half-time, or less than half-time student each fall and spring term to maintain his or her status. Registration in the summer is only required if the student intends to graduate in August. A full-time load consists of 7 or more academic credits; half-time consists of 4-6.99 academic credits; and less than half-time consists of less than 4 academic credits. All degree graduate students must enroll in adviser-approved academic course work, independent study, field placement, graduate assistant teaching or research, thesis, professional project, or dissertation credits, or graduate standing continuation credits. Degree students who fail to enroll for a fall or spring term will be discontinued and must apply for readmission to the Graduate School (see Readmission).

Thesis, Dissertation, or Professional Project Continuation Courses

Thesis Continuation (less than half-time, LHT) = 881

Thesis Continuation (half-time, HT) = 882

Thesis Continuation (full-time, FT) = 883

Doctoral Dissertation Continuation (less than half-time, LHT) = 887

Doctoral Dissertation Continuation (half-time, HT) = 888

Doctoral Dissertation Continuation (full-time, FT) = 889

- Professional Project Continuation (less than half-time, LHT) = 884
- Professional Project Continuation (half-time, HT) = 885
- Professional Project Continuation (full-time, FT) = 886

Students who have completed all credit requirements for their degree, but need to continue work on their thesis, dissertation or professional project may retain graduate status by enrolling in Thesis Continuation (881/882/883), Doctoral Dissertation Continuation (887/888/889), or Professional Project Continuation (884/885/886). Each of these non-credit courses will allow students to be considered full-time, half-time, or less than half-time depending on the amount of work being completed on their project each term. Registration for Thesis Continuation, Doctoral Dissertation Continuation, or Professional Project Continuation requires completion of the *Dissertation/Thesis/Professional Project Continuation Registration Form*, identification of the type and amount of work to be done, and the approval of the student's adviser or thesis/dissertation director (and director of graduate studies or chair if required by departmental policy).

Field Placement Continuation Courses

- Field Placement Continuation (less than half-time, LHT) = 877
- Field Placement Continuation (half-time, HT) = 878
- Field Placement Continuation (full-time, FT) = 879

Students who have completed all credit requirements for their degree, but still must participate in a practicum or internship experience may retain graduate status by enrolling in Field Placement Continuation (887/888/889). This non-credit offering will allow students to be considered full-time, half-time, or less than half-time depending on the amount of work being devoted to their placement each term. Registration for Field Placement Continuation will require the consent of the student's adviser or thesis/dissertation director (and director of graduate studies or chair if required by departmental policy) and completion of a registration form outlining the number of hours a student will devote to the Field Placement Continuation.

Teaching Assistantship, Research Assistantship, and Fellowship Courses

- Graduate Assistant Teaching (full-time, FT) = 875
- Graduate Assistant Research (full-time, FT) = 876
- Graduate Fellowship (full-time, FT) = 874

Graduate School policy states that assistants and fellows must maintain full-time status. Therefore, graduate assistants who enroll in 6 academic credits in a term may earn full-time status by enrolling in a non-credit Graduate Assistant Teaching (875) or Graduate Assistant Research (876) course. Graduate fellows may enroll in six academic credit hours plus a non-credit Graduate Fellowship course (874) to maintain full-time status. Assistants and fellows may use their available tuition scholarship funds to pay the fee for the continuation course.

Graduate Standing Continuation Course

- Graduate Standing Continuation (less than half-time, LHT) = 873

Students who are not able to take academic courses in a particular session, but need to maintain active academic status, may take a non-credit course entitled Graduate Standing Continuation (873). This offering is designed to allow graduate students to engage in such activities as preparing for comprehensive examinations or participating in other projects. This option is designated as less than half-time, cannot be used in conjunction with other courses, and will not qualify an individual for financial aid.

All of the above courses shall be graded Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory and charged \$100 (the same fee as continuous enrollment). Each course is non-credit.

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3. May Graduation Information

Marquette University 126th annual Commencement exercises will take place on Saturday and Sunday, May 19 and 20, 2007.

Cap and Gown Distribution

There is no need to pre-order your academic apparel. However, you must pick up your apparel in the Alumni Memorial Union, Room 227, on **Tuesday, May 15, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.** or **Wednesday, May 16, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

Commencement

Commencement will take place on Sunday, May 20 at 9:30 a.m. at the Bradley Center (1001 N 4th St.). Candidates should enter at the west entrances by 8:45 a.m. Procession lines will form at 9:15 a.m. The ceremony is expected to conclude by 11:30 a.m.

Additional Information

Additional commencement information as well as information on the Baccalaureate Mass, graduation programs of individual schools and colleges, hotels and lodging can be found here, at the [Commencement Web site](#).

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4. PFF News

Preparing Future Faculty

If you plan to graduate in May and want your PFF notation to appear on your transcript, you must submit your teaching portfolio to the PFF Coordinator, Kris Chapleau, by Wednesday, April 18th. The PFF office is located in the Graduate School Office in Holthusen Hall, Room 305. If you have questions, please contact Kris at mupff@mu.edu.

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5. Library News

Spring colloquium features Father Naus, Associate Professor of Philosophy, Thursday, April 12 at 2:00 p.m. in the Raynor Library Conference Center, lower level. Fr. Naus' talk, "Taking Laughter Seriously," will take a philosophical look at laughter and humor. The event is open to all students and faculty; light refreshments will be served. For more information, visit <http://www.marquette.edu/library/information/news/colloq/Naus.html>.

Three poetry readings will be held to celebrate national poetry month. All who enjoy poetry are welcome--to read or to listen. Two sessions will feature English-language poems: April 10 (Tuesday, 2:00 p.m., Raynor Conference Center, Suite A) and April 26 (Thursday, 12:00 p.m., Conference Center R060D). Please contact [Alberto Herrera](#) (414) 288-2140 in advance if you plan to read. A third session on April 25 (Wednesday, 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Raynor 301) will feature foreign-language poetry; contact [Dr. Pustejovsky](#), Associate Professor of German (414) 288-6837 in advance if you plan to read and please bring copies of your poem in English translation to share with those in attendance. Visit <http://www.marquette.edu/library/information/news/2007/poetry.html> for more information.

Dittman Prize winners and event: Please help us congratulate the three winners of the 10th research paper competition. An award ceremony will be held Thursday, April 19, at 2:00 p.m. in the Raynor Library Conference Center, Suite A (lower level). **Abby Mattson** won in the graduate/professional category for her MEEN 159 paper, "Investigation of NO Formation in Internal Combustion Using Laser-Induced Fluorescence." For more information, visit http://www.marquette.edu/library/information/news/2007/2007_Dittman_winners.html.

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6. Public Defense of Dissertations

Did you know that the defense of a dissertation is a public event? The schedule of public defenses is available online at <http://www.grad.mu.edu/research/defenses.shtml>. If there is a topic you are interested in, you may want to consider attending.

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7. Recent Graduate Student and Alumni Accomplishments

Department of Biological Sciences

Ms. Theresa Miller, a doctoral student, presented a poster of her research (Expression of zmco1, Putative Floral Regulator) at the 49th Annual Maize Genetics Conference in St. Charles, Illinois, March 22-25.

Ms. Pooja Kelekar, a doctoral student, attended the Annual Drosophila Research Conference in Philadelphia, PA on March 7-11.

Department of English

Mr. Mark Zunac, a doctoral student, received a 2007 Collegium Summer Colloquy on Faith and Intellectual Lift fellowship. He is one of only 8 winners nationally.

Department of Mechanical Engineering

Ms. Abby Mattson, a master's student, was the recipient in the graduate/professional category of the Raynor Libraries 10th Dittman Prize research paper competition.

Department of Political Science

Mr. Steve Schultz (COMM, 1998), Legislative Policy Analyst for the Office of Public Affairs at Marquette University and master's student, presented "Authoritarian-led Civil Societies: Government Guidance of the Chinese Public Sphere in Comparison," at the 16th Annual Graduate Student Conference on East Asia, Columbia University, New York, February 9, 2007.

Department of Theology

Mr. Bogdan G. Bucur, a doctoral student in Religious Studies, published the following article: "The Son of God and the Angelomorphic Holy Spirit: A Rereading of the Shepherd's Christology," *Zeitschrift für die Neutestamentliche Wissenschaft* 98 (2007): 1-23.

What have *you* been up to lately? Please e-mail your professional and scholastic accomplishments for inclusion in a future newsletter to Dr. [John Karkheck](#), Assistant Vice Provost for Graduate Programs, or to Mr. [Thomas Marek](#), Assistant Director for Financial Aid.

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May 5, 2007

Final day of classes.

May 7-12, 2007

Final exams.

May 19-20, 2007

Baccalaureate and Commencement.

May 28, 2007

Memorial Day. University offices are closed.

July 4, 2007

Independence Day. University offices are closed.

The Marquette University [Calendar of Events](#) is available online.

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