



UNIVERSITY OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES, ACCRA
OFFICE OF DOCTORAL PROGRAMMES (ODP)
PROVISIONAL ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR PhD PROGRAMMES
FIRST SEMESTER- 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

Activity	No of Weeks	Date
2023/2024 First Semester Begins		Monday, 21st August, 2023
Registration Begins for all year groups (Including freshmen and retake students)	2	Monday, 21 st August, 2023 – Saturday, 2 nd September, 2023
Orientation		Wednesday, 23 rd August, 2023
Teaching Period (<i>1st Session</i>): Year 1 and Year 2	4	Monday, 28 th August, 2023- Friday, 22 nd September , 2023
Dissertation Guidance: Year 3 and Year 4	14	Monday, 28 th August, 2023 – Saturday, 2 nd December, 2023
Teaching Practicum: Year 4	14	Monday, 28 th August, 2023 – Saturday, 2 nd December, 2023
Teaching Period Continues (<i>2nd Session</i>): Year 1 and Year 2	12	Saturday, 16 th September, 2023 – Saturday, 2 nd December, 2023
Evaluation of Teaching Faculty/Courses: All Year Groups	1	Monday, 4 th December, 2023 – Friday, 8 th December, 2023
End of Second Semester Exams/Submission of all Term Papers/Guidance Progress Reports	2	Monday, 4 th December, 2023 – Wednesday, 20 th December, 2023
Marking and Entry of Results	4	Tuesday, 2 nd January, 2024 – Friday, 26 th January, 2024
Inter Semester Break	6	Friday, 22nd December, 2023 – Sunday, 4th February, 2024
Departmental/Faculty Board Meeting		Wednesday, 31 st January, 2024
Graduate Studies Committee Meeting		Tuesday, 6 th February, 2024

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Submission of Copies of Assessment Score Sheet and Declaration of Results		Friday, 9 th February, 2024
Academic Board Meeting		Wednesday, 13th March, 2024
Second Semester of 2023/2024 Academic Year Begins		Monday, 26th February, 2024
Registration Begins (Course Registration and Re-sit Registration)		Monday, 26th February, 2024
Deadline for Registration		Sunday, 3 rd March, 2024
Teaching Period (1st Session): Year 1 and Year 2	4	Monday, 4 th March, 2024 – Friday, 29 th March, 2024
Dissertation Guidance: Year 3 and Year 4 Cohorts	12	Monday, 4 th March, 2024 – Sunday 26 th May, 2024
Teaching Period Continues (2 nd Session): Year 1 and Year 2	11	Saturday, 23 rd March, 2024 – Saturday, 8 th June, 2024
Nomination of External Examiners by Principal Dissertation Supervisors		Monday, 1 st April, 2024 – Friday, 5 th April, 2024
Comprehensive Examinations Briefing	1	Monday, 1 st April, 2024 – Friday, 5 th April, 2024
Review of Final Dissertation by Auxiliary Dissertation Committee Members	2	Monday, 15 th April, 2024- Friday, 27 th April, 2024
PDS receives Final Dissertation for External Examination: Year 4		Monday, 29 th April, 2024
Proposal Defense: Year 3	1	Tuesday, 21 st May, 2024 – Friday, 24 th May, 2024
Period for External Review of Final Dissertation: Year 4	6	Monday, 6 th May, 2024 – Monday, 17 th June, 2024

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Evaluation of Teaching Faculty/Courses: All Cohorts		Monday, 27 th May, 2024 – Friday, 31 st May, 2024
Comprehensive Examinations	2	Monday, 3 rd June, 2024 – Friday, 15 th June, 2024
End of Second Semester Exams/Submission of all Term Papers/Guidance Progress Reports	3	Monday, 3rd June, 2024 – Sunday, 23rd June, 2024
Marking and Entry of Results	3	Monday, 24 th June, 2024 – Sunday, 14 th July, 2024
Long Vacation	9	Monday, 24th June, 2024 – Sunday, 25th August 2024
Dissertation Defense: Year 4	3	Monday, 17 th June, 2024 – Friday, 5 th July, 2024
Departmental/Faculty Board Meeting		Wednesday, 24 th July, 2024
Graduate School Committee Meeting		Friday, 26 th July, 2024
Submission of Copies of Assessment Score Sheets and Declaration of First Semester Results		Monday, 29 th July, 2024
Board of Examiners Meeting		Wednesday, 31 st July, 2024 – Friday, 9 th August, 2024
Examination Committee Meeting		Friday, 2 nd August, 2024
Academic Board Meeting		Wednesday, 7 th August, 2024
First Semester of 2024/2025 Academic Year Begins		Monday, 26th August, 2024
Proposed Graduation Date		Monday, 28th October, 2024 – Tuesday, 5th November, 2024