

# ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S RESEARCH HOSPITAL GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

## St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences

Fall Semester	Begin	End
Fall Student Registration	July 14, 2024	July 31, 2024
Graduate School Orientation	August 5, 2024	August 9, 2024
Convocation Ceremony	August 9, 2024	
Fall Semester	August 12, 2024	December 16, 2024
Holiday: Labor Day	September 2, 2024	
Classes Resume	September 3, 2024	
Intent to Graduate Form Due	September 16, 2024	
Thesis/Dissertation Initial Submission / Defense Deadline	November 8, 2024	
Holiday: Thanksgiving Break	November 25, 2024	November 29, 2024
Classes Resume	December 2, 2024	
Spring Student Registration	December 2, 2024	December 16, 2024
Thesis/Dissertation Final Submission	December 6, 2024	
Confirmation - Candidate List Due to Registrar	December 11, 2024	
Conferral Date - Fall 2024	December 16, 2024	
Winter Break	December 17, 2024	December 31, 2024
Grades Due in Systems	December 19, 2024	
Spring Semester		
Holiday: New Year's Day	January 1, 2025	
Spring Semester	January 2, 2025	June 6, 2025
Holiday: Martin Luther King Jr. Day	January 20, 2025	
Intent to Graduate Form Due	February 10, 2025	
Spring Break	March 10, 2025	March 14, 2025
Graduate Student Appreciation Week	April 7, 2025	April 11, 2025
Thesis/Dissertation Initial Submission / Defense Deadline	May 2, 2025	
Thesis/Dissertation Final Submission	May 23, 2025	
Holiday: Memorial Day	May 26, 2025	
Confirmation - Candidate List Due to Registrar	May 28, 2025	
Grades Due in Systems	June 3, 2025	
Conferral Date - Spring 2025	June 6, 2025	
Commencement Ceremony	June 6, 2025	
Summer Break	June 9, 2025	August 1, 2025
Summer Semester		
Summer Semester	June 9, 2025	August 1, 2025
Intent to Graduate Form Due	June 17, 2025	
Holiday: Juneteenth	June 19, 2025	
Holiday: Independence Day	July 4, 2025	

Conferral Date \*

*\*Summer completions will be conferred on the Fall 2025 conferral date. Intent to Graduate Forms are due by the Fall 2025 due date.*

Note: For detailed program dates, please refer to the individual program calendars.

**MS/PhD – Biomedical Sciences**

<b>Fall Term</b>	<b>Begin</b>	<b>End</b>
Fall Student Registration	July 14, 2024	July 31, 2024
BMS PhD New Student Orientation	August 5, 2024	August 8, 2024
Convocation Ceremony	August 9, 2024	
Fall Semester	August 12, 2024	December 16, 2024
BMS Course: Dissertation ResearchYR2	August 12, 2024	December 16, 2024
BMS Course: Dissertation Research	August 12, 2024	December 16, 2024
BMS Course: Genes to Proteins	August 12, 2024	September 6, 2024
BMS Course: Topics in Clinical & Translational Research I	August 15, 2024	November 21, 2024
Holiday: Labor Day	September 2, 2024	
Classes Resume	September 3, 2024	
BMS Course: Scientific Writing & Communications I	September 4, 2024	November 20, 2024
BMS Course: Laboratory Rotation I	September 9, 2024	October 18, 2024
Intent to Graduate Form Due	September 16, 2024	
BMS Course: Biostatistics	October 17, 2024	December 12, 2024
BMS Course: Cell Biology	October 21, 2024	November 13, 2024
Thesis/Dissertation Initial Submission / PhD Defense Deadline	November 8, 2024	
BMS Course: Developmental Biology	November 15, 2024	December 16, 2024
Holiday: Thanksgiving Break	November 25, 2024	November 29, 2024
Classes Resume	December 2, 2024	
Spring Student Registration	December 2, 2024	December 16, 2024
Thesis/Dissertation Final Submission	December 6, 2024	
Final Candidate list Due to Registrar	December 11, 2024	
Conferral Date - Fall 2024	December 16, 2024	
Winter Break	December 17, 2024	December 31, 2024
Grades due in Canvas	December 19, 2024	
<b>Spring Term</b>		
Holiday: New Year's Day	January 1, 2025	
Spring Semester	January 2, 2025	June 6, 2025
BMS Course: Dissertation Research YR2	January 2, 2025	June 6, 2025
BMS Course: Dissertation Research	January 2, 2025	June 6, 2025
BMS Course: Cancer Biology	January 3, 2025	January 27, 2025
BMS Course: Scientific Writing & Communications II	January 8, 2025	April 23, 2025
BMS Course: Topics in Clinical & Translational Research II	January 9, 2025	May 29, 2025
Holiday: Martin Luther King Jr. Day	January 20, 2025	
BMS Course: Laboratory Rotation II	January 28, 2025	March 7, 2025
Intent to Graduate Form Due	February 10, 2025	
Spring Break	March 10, 2025	March 14, 2025
BMS Course: Immunology & Infectious Diseases	March 17, 2025	April 9, 2025
BMS Course: Computational Biology	March 18, 2025	May 1, 2025
Graduate Student Appreciation Week	April 7, 2025	April 11, 2025
BMS Course: Pharmacology & Chemical Biology	April 11, 2025	April 25, 2025
BMS Course: Laboratory Rotation III	April 28, 2025	June 6, 2025
Thesis/Dissertation Initial Submission / PhD Defense Deadline	May 2, 2025	
Thesis/Dissertation Final Submission	May 23, 2025	
Holiday: Memorial Day	May 26, 2025	

Final Candidate list Due to Registrar	May 28, 2025
Grades due in Systems	June 3, 2025
Conferral Date - Spring 2025	June 6, 2025
Commencement Ceremony	June 6, 2025

**Summer Term**

Summer Semester	June 9, 2025	August 1, 2025
Holiday: Juneteenth	June 19, 2025	
Holiday: Independence Day	July 4, 2025	

Conferral Date \*

***\*Summer Completions will be conferred on the fall 2025 conferral date. Intent to Graduate Forms are due by the Fall 2025 due date.***

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## MS – Clinical Investigations

Fall Semester	Begin	End
Fall Student Registration	July 14, 2024	July 31, 2024
CLI Orientation	August 13, 2024	
Convocation Ceremony	August 9, 2024	
Fall Semester	August 12, 2024	December 16, 2024
CLI Electives (second year)	August 20, 2024	December 5, 2024
CLI Course: Introduction to Patient Oriented Research	August 22, 2024	December 5, 2024
CLI Course: Thesis Research Project	August 20, 2024	December 5, 2024
CLI Course: Biostatistics for the Health Sciences I	October 17, 2024	December 12, 2024
CLI Course: Introduction to Epidemiology	August 20, 2024	October 3, 2024
CLI Course: Ethical and Legal Issues in Clinical Research	September 26, 2024	December 5, 2024
CLI Course: Critical Assessment of Contemporary Clinical Trials	August 22, 2024	October 10, 2024
Holiday: Labor Day	September 2, 2024	
Intent to Graduate Form Due	September 16, 2024	
Thesis/Dissertation Initial Submission / Defense Deadline	November 8, 2024	
Holiday: Thanksgiving Break	November 25, 2024	November 29, 2024
Classes Resume	December 2, 2024	
Spring Student Registration	December 2, 2024	December 16, 2024
Thesis/Dissertation Final Submission	December 6, 2024	
Confirmation - Candidate List Due to Registrar	December 11, 2024	
Conferral Date - Fall 2024	December 16, 2024	
Winter Break	December 17, 2024	December 31, 2024
Grades Due in Systems	December 19, 2024	
Spring Semester		
Holiday: New Year's Day	January 1, 2025	
Spring Semester	January 2, 2025	June 6, 2025
Holiday: Martin Luther King Jr. Day	January 20, 2025	
CLI Course: Biostatistics for the Health Sciences II	January 21, 2025	March 20, 2025
CLI Course: Advanced Clinical and Translational Research Methods	January 21, 2025	May 8, 2025
CLI Course: Scientific Writing and Communications	January 21, 2025	May 8, 2025
CLI Course: Thesis Research Project	January 21, 2025	May 8, 2025
Intent to Graduate Form Due	February 10, 2025	
Thesis/Dissertation Initial Submission / Defense Deadline	May 2, 2025	
Thesis/Dissertation Final Submission	May 23, 2025	
Holiday: Memorial Day	May 26, 2025	
Confirmation - Candidate List Due to Registrar	May 28, 2025	
Grades Due in Systems	June 3, 2025	
Conferral Date - Spring 2025	June 6, 2025	
Commencement Ceremony	June 6, 2025	
Summer Semester		
Summer Semester Begins	June 9, 2025	August 1, 2025
Intent to Graduate Form Due	June 17, 2025	
Holiday: Juneteenth	June 19, 2025	
Holiday: Independence Day	July 4, 2025	
Conferral Date -*		

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**MS – Global Child Health**

<b>Fall Semester</b>	<b>Begin</b>	<b>End</b>
Fall Student Registration	July 14, 2024	July 31, 2024
GCH Orientation	June 3, 2024	June 13, 2024
GCH Course: Intersession 1	June 3, 2024	June 13, 2024
GCH Course: Intersession 3	June 3, 2024	June 13, 2024
Convocation Ceremony	August 9, 2024	
Fall Semester	August 12, 2024	December 16, 2024
GCH Course: Principles of Biostatistics	August 19, 2024	December 8, 2024
GCH Course: Introduction to Epidemiology	August 19, 2024	December 8, 2024
GCH Course: Foundations of Global Health	August 19, 2024	December 8, 2024
GCH Course: Political Economy of Global Child Health (second year)	August 19, 2024	December 8, 2024
GCH Course: Thesis Seminar (second year)	August 19, 2024	December 8, 2024
GCH Course: Child Health and Health Systems Innovation (second year)	August 19, 2024	December 8, 2024
Holiday: Labor Day	September 2, 2024	
Classes Resume	September 3, 2024	
Intent to Graduate Form Due	September 16, 2024	
Thesis/Dissertation Initial Submission / Defense Deadline	November 8, 2024	
Holiday: Thanksgiving Break	November 25, 2024	November 29, 2024
Classes Resume	December 2, 2024	
Spring Student Registration	December 2, 2024	December 16, 2024
Thesis/Dissertation Final Submission *	December 6, 2024	
Confirmation - Candidate List Due to Registrar	December 11, 2024	
Conferral Date - Fall 2024	December 16, 2024	
Winter Break	December 17, 2024	December 31, 2024
Grades Due in Systems	December 19, 2024	
<b>Spring Semester</b>		
Holiday: New Year's Day	January 1, 2025	
Spring Semester	January 2, 2025	June 6, 2025
GCH Course: Intersession 4	January 13, 2025	January 23, 2025
Holiday: Martin Luther King Jr. Day	January 20, 2025	
GCH Course: Research Methods in Global Health	January 27, 2025	May 18, 2025
GCH Course: Health Economics	January 27, 2025	May 18, 2025
GCH Course: Introduction to Health Systems and Policy	January 27, 2025	May 18, 2025
GCH Course: Strategic Mgmt. of Child Health Programs (second year)	January 27, 2025	May 18, 2025
GCH Course: Organizational Leadership (second year)	January 27, 2025	May 18, 2025
GCH Course: Thesis Practicum (second year)	January 27, 2025	May 18, 2025
Intent to Graduate Form Due	February 10, 2025	
Spring Break	March 10, 2025	March 14, 2025
Graduate Student Appreciation Week	April 7, 2025	April 11, 2025
Thesis/Dissertation Initial Submission / Defense Deadline	May 2, 2025	
Thesis/Dissertation Final Submission	May 23, 2025	
Holiday: Memorial Day	May 26, 2025	
Confirmation - Candidate List Due to Registrar	May 28, 2025	
Grades Due in Systems	June 3, 2025	
Conferral Date - Spring 2025	June 6, 2025	
Commencement Ceremony	June 6, 2025	
Summer Break	June 9, 2025	August 1, 2025

\*Fall thesis deadlines will be determined on a case-by-case basis.