

Nelson Mandela College of Government and Social Sciences  
Public Administration and Public Policy  
**Academic Year 2025-2026**

**August**

18 Classes Begin on SUBR Land Mass

**September**

1 Labor Day Holiday  
**Doctoral Submissions for September Defenses Due @ 8:50 PM CST | NO EXTENSIONS (1st Time) Chairs must submit to Dr. Hines**  
16  
22 ASPA -LA Meeting @ 1 PM  
25 **Doctoral Approved Defense List and Schedule Shared (1st Time)**

**October**

2-3 **Doctoral Defenses (1st Time)**  
6 **1st Doctoral Defense Results Shared**  
6-10 **Midterm Exams**  
**Doctoral Submissions for September Defenses Due @ 6:00 PM CST (2nd Time) Chairs must submit to Dr. Hines**  
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16-17 **Fall Break**  
20-24 **Comprehensive Exam (Written)**  
27 **Doctoral Approved Defense List and Schedule Shared (2nd Time)**  
31 **Written Comprehensive Exam Results**

**November**

3 **Spring & Summer Registration Begins**  
5-6 **Doctoral Defenses (2nd Time)**  
7 **2nd Doctoral Defense Results Shared**  
12-13 **Comprehensive Exam (Oral)**  
17 **Last Day to Withdraw from Fall Courses or the University**  
17 ASPA -LA Meeting @ 1 PM  
21 Comprehensive Exam Results Shared  
27-28 Thanksgiving Holiday

**December**

4 ASPA -LA Meeting @ 1 PM  
11-17 Final Exams  
18 Fall 2025 Graduate Commencement @ 1 PM  
23-31 SUBR Closed for WINTER BREAK

**January**

12 Classes Begin on SUBR Land Mass  
19 MLK Day  
26 ASPA -LA Meeting @ 1 PM  
**Doctoral Submissions for February Defenses Due @ 8:50 PM CST | NO EXTENSIONS (1st Time) Chairs must submit to Dr. Hines**  
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**February**

6 **Doctoral Approved Defense List and Schedule Shared (1st Time)**  
12-13 **Doctoral Defenses (1st Time)**

**16-17**      Mardi Gras Holiday  
**18**         **1st Doctoral Defense Results Shared**

**27**         **Doctoral Submissions for 2nd Defenses Due @ 6:00 PM CST (2nd Time) Chairs must submit to Dr. Hines**

**March**

9-13        Spring Break  
16          **Doctoral Approved Defense List and Schedule Shared (2ndTime)**  
20          **Last Day to Withdraw from Fall Courses or the University**  
26-27      **Doctoral Defenses (2nd Time)**  
30          **2nd Doctoral Defense Results Shared**

**April**

**6-10**       Written Comprehensive Exam  
**16**         **Written Comprehensive Exam Results**  
**22-23**      **Comprehensive Exam (Oral)**  
27          Comprehensive Exam Results Shared  
27          ASPA -LA Meeting @ 12 NOON

**May**

4-8         Public Service Recognition Week  
6            Last Day of Classes  
14          Commencement | Spring 2026

**June**

**July**