

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

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July Highlights

	<u>Fall 2019</u>	<u>Fall 2020</u>
Returning Students:	1,760	1,897
First Time Students:	206	273
Total:	1,966	2,170

*Numbers are as of July 13, 2020

Kudos

We are proud to have Dr. Peter Ryan announced as the permanent Dean of the Graduate School!

Opportunities

The Office of the Graduate School will host the Fall 2020 Graduate Teaching Assistantship Workshop virtually online on August 12th through the 13th. Registration closes July 26th at midnight. Contact Lilli Harris, lharris@grad.msstate.edu.

A note from Dr. Ryan:

Dear Colleagues,

The Graduate School is launching a monthly newsletter to highlight graduate student and graduate faculty success stories, including information on awards, honors and distinctions earned and placements of students who have completed their programs.

Additionally, the newsletter will provide a brief overview of upcoming events in the Graduate Calendar, including important deadlines and programming that are offered through the Graduate School to enhance the educational and campus experience of all graduate students.

If your department has any new and exciting news or information you would like to share about your graduate programs please contact Ms. Natalie Parrott (nparrott@grad.msstate.edu) or Ms. Lindsey Shelton (lskelton@grad.msstate.edu).

2020-2021

GSA Executive Board

The Graduate Student Association (GSA) provides programs and services to enrich the graduate student experience and promote, support, and represent graduate student interests and values. The GSA also meets monthly to provide a forum for graduate students.

The Graduate Student Association (GSA) held their executive board elections in June. The election concluded on June 16th with the following officers being announced:

President: Meredith Brock



Vice President: Laihmen Quan



Technology and Marketing Coordinator:
Ira Parsons



Service and Outreach Coordinator:
Margaretta Campbell



Secretary: Hannah Wright



Please help us congratulate all of these outstanding students! If you have any questions about GSA contact Lilli Harris, lharris@grad.msstat.edu.

Deadlines

For Summer and Fall 2020!

- July 24 Final Thesis Submission to Library Due
- August 4 Last Day for Non-Thesis Comprehensive Exams

Policies

In addition to meeting Continuous Enrollment requirements, a graduate student must enroll at MSU for at least one graduate credit hour in the semester that he/she meets any of the following degree requirements:

- Sits for an oral and/or written comprehensive examination;
- Defends a thesis/dissertation; Submits the initial or final thesis/dissertation to the Library;
- and/or applies for graduation.

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We have two core goals in our university response – first, to safeguard the health of our students, faculty and staff, and second, to continue to provide a rigorous and appropriate academic experience for our students that keeps them on their paths.

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–Dr. Mark E. Keenum

Reminders

Academic semesters are defined as the first day of classes through the last day of final examinations for each term.

Students defending a thesis or dissertation should review the Graduate Academic Calendar for deadlines.

Comprehensive/preliminary examinations must occur on or prior to the last day of final examinations.

Comprehensive exams cannot be scheduled outside of the academic semester time frame (as defined above) and cannot be administered during interim sessions.

Students who defend theses/dissertations between June 27th and August 4th are eligible for Fall enrollment in GRD 9011. Please contact Nathan Drake, ndrake@grad.msstate.edu.



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