

MFA Visual Studies Calendar  
Spring 2021 Semester

\*for Graduating Spring 21 Thesis Students:

All Graduate students must pass the “MFA in Visual Studies- Written Thesis Requirements- Department of Art + Design” Blackboard course located under “community” tab before the thesis draft is approved. This course is to ensure that you understand the procedure and requirements for the thesis requirements.

- January 4 All GA's/TA's report for duty; must be available for work or meetings; <sup>SEP</sup>New Student Orientation – Graduate College - REQUIRED of all NEW STUDENTS
- January 8 Graduate College New Student Orientation
- January 11 First day of semester classes
- January 15 Deadline to Apply for Graduation (Students planning to complete their degree in May 2021) - apply online at My Missouri State, Academics Tab
- February TBA Initial meetings between MFA Thesis Exhibition Students and Springfield Art Museum (SAM) to discuss basic parameters.
- February 20 Deadline for Thesis Funding (as well as non-thesis research) Information can be found at <http://graduate.missouristate.edu/currentstudents/Funding.htm>
- February 22 (week of) Advising Appointment with Graduate Program Coordinator
- March 1 Departmental deadline for the final written thesis text document for thesis due from graduating MFA students (contact your MFA Thesis Exhibition Committee)
- Early March Postcard design for SAM Thesis Exhibitions must be designed and relayed to SAM.
- April 1 Final approval of the printed thesis book design by MFA Thesis Committee.
- Early April Artwork for SAM Thesis Exhibition must be chosen and approved by

participants, their MFA Thesis Committee Members and Graduate Coordinator. All images, labels and statement information for the pieces you plan to exhibit at the Springfield Art Museum MFA Exhibition MUST be turned in to Graduate Coordinator who will deliver this information to SAM

- Early April TBA: meetings scheduled between students and SAM staff to discuss specifics on installation, delivery times (hardware and spacing).
- April 9 Grads going through 1<sup>st</sup> year review need to have writing responses requested in Graduate Handbook turned into Graduate Coordinator
- Grads going through 2<sup>nd</sup> year review need to have their form turned into Graduate Coordinator
- April 26 Thesis deadline for Spring 2019: Last day to submit approved thesis to the Graduate College
- April 27-30 Thesis Exhibition Students install at Springfield Art Museum
- April 30 Opening reception at Springfield Art Museum for students in Thesis Exhibition
- April 23 1<sup>st</sup> YEAR GRADUATE REVIEWS  
2<sup>ND</sup> YEAR GRADUATE REVIEWS
- May 1 IDF – Frank Einhellig Interdisciplinary Forum
- May 1-23 Thesis Exhibition at SAM
- May 6 Last day of the semester
- May 3-7 Meetings to review outcomes of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year reviews to be scheduled between Graduate Coordinator and individual students this week.
- All grads submit end-of-the-semester record of their portfolio (email to graduate coordinator)
- May 14 GA duties end for the semester
- May 14 Commencement
- May 17 TA grades for all classes MUST be submitted on-line by 2:00

- May 24 Pick up artwork from SAM Thesis Exhibitions
- June 4 Final submission of all requirements for SP 21 thesis
- Early June Last possible date for graduating MFA students to deliver 3 hard copies of their bound Thesis Books to the Graduate Coordinator
- July 1 Studio Transition Deadline
- Studios to be vacated will be cleaned/returned to satisfactory condition by this date. New studios, if applicable, will be ready for move/transition. All equipment (computers, tools, etc.) must be returned to the office.*
- July 19 Deadline for Summer 2021 Thesis Submissions