

MCB GRADUATE STUDENT CALENDAR OF IMPORTANT DATES

2009- 2010

Aug. 19	MCB GSI Orientation, 12 Noon - 4 PM, 101 LSA
Aug. 20 – 27	New Graduate Student Orientation Week
Aug. - Oct.	Faculty Evening Research Presentations (FERPs) begins Orientation week
Aug. 20	Graduate Division's Fall Teaching Conference for International GSIs, 8:30 AM - 3 PM, Dwinelle Hall
Aug. 20	Wine & Cheese Reception, Alumni House (Faculty & New Students), 4PM, Alumni House
Aug. 21	Graduate Division's Teaching Conference for ALL GSIs, 8:30 - 3:30 PM, Wheeler Hall
Aug. 24	Faculty Evening Research Presentations (FERPs) Begin
Aug. 26	Fall Instruction Begins Confirmed Class Schedules available: http://bearfacts.berkeley.edu

Sept. 1 – 30	5th-Year Thesis Committee Meetings
Sept. 2	Final Year Dissertation Meeting, 4 PM, 177 LSA
Sept. 3	1 st Rotation Request Due at 12:00 Noon in the GAO
Sept. 7	LABOR DAY HOLIDAY
Sept. 8 - Nov. 13	Rotation I Begins
TBA	M.E. Koshland Lecture Series
Sept. 10	Roger Y. Stanier Memorial Lecture (Susan Gottesman)
Sept. 25- 27	Cell & Developmental Biology Retreat, Granlibakken Conference Center, Lake Tahoe

Oct. 1 – 30	4th-Year Thesis Committee Meetings
Oct. 1	Distribute 5 th week GSI Evaluations
Oct. 2-4	NEU/HWNI Retreat, Granlibakken Conference Center, Lake Tahoe
Oct. 6	NSF Workshop Hosted by Berkeley SACNAS Chapter and MCB-GAO
Oct. 14-15	Hitchcock Lectures (Leon Lederman)
Oct. 16	Dissertation to Committee for Final Review (to file in Dec.)
Oct. 16-18	Genetics, Genomics & Development Retreat, Asilomar, Pacific Grove
Oct. 21-22	C.H. Li Memorial Lectures (Stephen J. Elledge)
Oct. 23-25	Immunology & Pathogenesis Retreat, Asilomar, Pacific Grove
Oct. 28	Faculty Evening Research Presentations (FERPs) End
Oct. 29	2 nd Rotation Request Due at 12 Noon in the GAO

Nov. 2 – 30	3rd-Year Thesis Committee Meetings
Nov. 2	SERPs Informational Meeting
Nov. 4-5	Allan C. Wilson Memorial Lectures (Ronald Breaker)
Nov. 6	NSF Graduate Research Fellowship application deadline
Nov. 9	SERPs I Begins
Nov. 11	VETERANS DAY HOLIDAY
Nov. 13	1 st Rotation Ends
Nov. 16	Cynthia A. Chan Memorial Lecture (Ronald Vale)
Nov. 16 – Feb. 5	Rotation II Begins
Nov. 17	Feedback from 1 st Year Graduate Students (formerly Fireside Chat), 5 PM, 177 LSA
Nov. (TBA)	Ford Diversity Fellowship application deadline
Nov. 26 – 27	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
Dec. 2	QE Informational Meeting for 2 nd Year students and Advisers, 2 PM, 177 LSA
Dec. 9	Fall Instruction Ends
Dec. 12 – 19	Final Examination Period
Dec. 18	Deadline for filing doctoral dissertation for Fall 2009 degree
Dec. 21 – Jan. 1	Rotation Break
Dec. 24 – 25	WINTER HOLIDAY
Dec. 31 - Jan. 1	NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY
Jan. 4	6 th Year Extension Requests Due
Jan (TBA)	DoD Graduate Fellowship application deadline
Jan. 7	QE Worksheet due
Jan. 10-12	BMB Retreat, Asilomar, Pacific Grove
Jan. 18	MLK, JR. HOLIDAY
Jan. 19	Spring Instruction Begins
Jan. 20	QE Committee Assignment Meeting (2 nd Yr. Advisors) 10 AM 599 LSA
Jan. 20	3 rd Rotation Request Due at 12 Noon in the GAO
Feb. 3	SERPs I Ends
Feb. 5	2 nd Rotation Ends
Feb. 7 – 9	MCB Graduate Student Recruitment I (Saturday - Tuesday)
Feb.- TBA	SERPs II Organizational Meeting
Feb. 8 – April 23	Rotation III Begins

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Feb. 15	PRESIDENTS' DAY HOLIDAY
Feb. 24	Distribute 5 th week GSI Evaluations
Feb. 28 – March 2	MCB Graduate Student Recruitment II (Saturday - Tuesday)
March 19	Dissertation to Committee for Final Review (to file in May)
March 22 – 26	Spring Recess (no classes)
March 26	CESAR CHAVEZ HOLIDAY
TBA	Hitchcock Lectures
Early April	Ethics Course begins (5 sessions)
April 6	Feedback from 1 st Year Graduate Students (formerly Fireside Chat), 5 PM, Women's Faculty Club
April 12	SERPs II Ends
April 15-16	Chiron Lectures (Stephen C. West)
April 23	3 rd Rotation Ends
April 26 –30	Rotation Grace Period
April 30	Thesis Laboratory Placements Finalized
May 3	Thesis Laboratory Placement Begins
May TBA	Cancer Research Lab Distinguished Lecture
May 10	Spring Instruction Ends
May 13 – 20	Final Examination Period
May 20	Deadline for filing doctoral dissertation for Spring 2010 degree
May 21	MCB Graduate Commencement, 2 PM, Zellerbach Playhouse
May 31	Memorial Day Holiday

MCB Divisional Seminar Series are posted weekly on bulletin boards throughout the Department, and on the website: <http://mcb.berkeley.edu/cgi-bin/seminars.cgi>

*MCB Dept. Seminars - First & Third Thursdays of the month (August – May) 4 PM, 100 GPB
 BMB/GGD Thursdays 4 - 5 pm (and sometimes on Wednesdays), 101 Barker
 IMP Tuesdays 12:30 - 1:30pm, 101 LSA
 Koshland Lectures Some Tuesdays 4-5:30 pm, 100 GPB
 Microbial Bio. Wednesdays 12 - 1 pm (sponsored by MCB & PMB), 101 Barker
 CDB/CompBio Wednesdays 4 - 5 pm, 101 LSA
 NEU Fridays 12:30 – 1:30 pm, 101 LSA
 Structural & Quant. Bio. Mondays 4 – 5:30 pm (sponsored by MCB & Chemistry), 105 Stanley

*Divisional seminars may not be offered during the same week as the department seminars.