

# CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY SACRAMENTO

## Graduate Studies Updates

News, events, insights, and opportunities for Sacramento State Graduate Students

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- *In collaboration with the university community the Graduate School at Sac State focuses on addressing the needs of the state, region, nation and the world while providing our students with support to meet their academic and professional goals.*
- *We endeavor to enhance the intellectual life of the university by enabling students to undertake scholarly and professional studies to lead, serve, and succeed.*

# Graduate Student Engagement

## Graduate Student Advisory Council (GSAC)

The Graduate Student Advisory Council (GSAC) serves as a conduit for information between the Graduate School and the general graduate student population. We relate relevant opportunities, policy updates, and other information to graduate student representatives at our monthly meetings. GSAC representatives in turn relay this information to their graduate student colleagues in their departments. All graduate students can participate in GSAC meetings and events. However, each department designates one graduate student who may vote on items requiring the official opinions of graduate students, such as offering feedback on procedures to the Graduate Dean.

The Graduate Student Advisory Council normally meets once a month on the third Thursday from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The first meeting of the fall semester will be September 21, 2023. [Register](#) to receive information on GSAC meetings and to join one of the committees to support the events and activities of GSAC for the 2023-2024 academic year.

## Protected Writing Time – Fall 2023

Do you want to become a more productive writer to meet your goals and deadlines for completing your proposal, project, capstone, prospectus, thesis, or dissertation?

If so, we encourage you to apply for the Sacramento State Graduate Studies' Protected Writing Time. *There is no cost, units, or grading for this series.* This series includes group meetings, individual accountability measures, and at least three hours of writing each session. Here's how it works:

1. Start by completing [an application](#).
2. Selected students will be notified as soon as possible.
3. Attend all sessions. (Have to miss? Let the facilitator know.)
4. The facilitator will provide motivation, team building strategies, and support to reach your goals.
5. Participants will form a community, set goals, and dedicate time to writing.

### Dates: 9am to 12pm

- Required: September 19 & 30, October 14 & 28, November 4 & 18, and December 2
- Optional: September 23, October 17 & 21, November 11

### Location

Protected Writing Time will be online via Zoom. Participants will be entered into a Canvas course for communication and information. Those selected to participate will be sent information.

### Application Information

Protected Writing Time is open and *free* to all graduate students who are working to complete a thesis, project, or dissertation. Space is limited. Please apply by clicking the [link](#).

# Calendar

## Deadlines and Events

September 10

Deadline for Continuous Enrollment registrations without late fee (Sept 11 – Oct 31 Continuous enrollment fee, plus \$25 late fee assessed). If you registered to graduate for a previous term, then you must file a petition to move your graduation date before filing for Continuous Enrollment.

September 12

Registration opens for the Thesis/Project/Dissertation/Doctoral Project and the Culminating Experience Workshops. All graduate students planning to graduate Fall 2023 must register and complete one of these workshops. Link and information on how to register can be found on the graduate studies website. Students should plan to register for the workshop no later than *Friday, October 27, 2023*.

October 1

Deadline to file 1) for Advancement to Candidacy, 2) Application for Fall 2023 graduation, and 3) Petitions for Exceptions

October 27

**Registration closes** for the Thesis/Project/Dissertation/Doctoral Project Workshop and the Culminating Experience/Comprehensive Examination Workshops. All graduate students planning to graduate Fall 2023 must register and complete this workshop. Link and information on how to register can be found on the graduate studies website. Workshop must be completed no later than *Friday, November 3, 2023*.

October 31

Deadline for Continuous Enrollment registrations, plus late fee (Sept 11 – Oct 31 Continuous enrollment fee, plus late fee)

November 13

Registration opens to schedule appointments for submission of Thesis/Project/Dissertation/ Doctoral Projects for Fall 2023.

November 329

Registration closes to schedule appointments for submission of Thesis/Project/Dissertation/ Doctoral Projects for Fall 2023.

December 1

Deadline for final submission of dissertation/doctoral project/thesis/master's project for graduation in Fall 2023

### Campus Coronavirus/COVID-19 Safety Information

Sacramento State continues its commitment to public health and safety. Visit the [Student Health and Counseling Services site](#) for information on campus policies and procedures on vaccination, masking, testing, and quarantine. Information on the Health & Wellness Promotion office can also be found on Student Health and Counseling Services website. Your health and wellness are important. We hope you will consider enrolling for a cooking demonstration or one of the other many workshops focused on helping you stay healthy and well.