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**Weekly Bulletin for GPIS**

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**GPIS/CRGS News**

International Topics Journal

The International Topics Journal will be holding another open meeting at 1:00 PM on Wednesday the 22nd in the Small Conference Room on 7th Floor BAL. The Journal is a unique experience and a great opportunity to boost your CV. If you are unable to attend but are interested in learning more about opportunities with the Journal please contact Matus Dobsovic ([mdobsovi@odu.edu](mailto:mdobsovi@odu.edu)).

Graduation Application

Students planning to graduate in December should submit an application for graduation to the Registrar's Office. [www.odu.edu/ao/registrar/pdf/forms/gradappl.pdf](http://www.odu.edu/ao/registrar/pdf/forms/gradappl.pdf)

GPIS Foreign Language Requirement

Please see page 3 of this bulletin for an explanation of the GPIS Language Requirement.

Summary of Events:

Belgian Ambassador Dominique Struye de Swielande, Friday October 24, 2008 at 9:00 AM in 9024 BAL

International Topics Journal open meeting. Wednesday October 22nd, 2008 in 7024 BAL.

GSIS Event: *The Next President's Foreign Policy Agenda*, Monday October 27, 2008 at 2:00 PM.

Election 2008 Panel Monday October 27, 2008 at 7:00 - 8:30 PM in 102 MGB.

GPIS French-American 'Dangerous Liaisons' Lecture, Philip Nord, Tuesday October 28, 2008 at 7:00 - 8:30 PM in 9024 BAL.

**Upcoming Deadlines:**

- Oct. 24, 2008: PhD Dissertations due in Dean's Office
- Oct. 24, 2008: Applications for Nuclear Scholars Initiative
- Oct. 31, 2008: MA Theses due in Dean's Office
- Oct. 31, 2008: Application for World Politics and Statecraft Fellowship

**Future Deadlines:**

- November, 2008: Application Graduate Research Fellowship Program
- Nov. 1, 2008: Submissions Mark and Ruth Luckens International Prize
- Nov. 3, 2008: Department of State Summer Internship Application
- Nov. 7, 2008: Registration for PhD Comp Exam
- Nov. 14, 2008: Orientation for PhD Comp Exam
- Nov. 14, 2008: Dept. of State Critical Language Scholarship Application

## GPIS/CRGS News, cont.

### Election 2008 Panel

On Monday October 27, 2008 the Department of Political Science and Geography and Graduate Program in International Studies will sponsor *Election 2008 Panel* in MGB 102 from 7:00 - 8:30 PM.

#### Panelists & Topics:

- Dr. David Earnest, ODU "The Election and International Politics"
- Ms. Beth Esinhart, ODU "Impact of the Election on Supreme Court Appointments"
- Dr. Quentin Kidd, CNU "The Election and Virginia Politics"
- Dr. Jesse Richman, ODU "Congressional Elections"
- Dr. Glen Sussman, ODU "Presidential Campaign"

#### Moderator:

Dr. Bill Whitehurst, ODU

### GPIS French-American 'Dangerous Liaisons' Lecture Series

Dr. Peter Schulman invites everyone to participate in the GPIS French-American 'Dangerous Liaisons' Lecture Series.

The next speaker will be on Tuesday October 28 from 7:00 - 8:30 PM in BAL 9024. Professor Philip Nord, Rosengarten Chair of Modern and Contemporary History, at Princeton University will be talking about "A New Deal for France, 1930-1950".

### Senior Scholar Lecture: Simon Serfaty

The College of Arts and Letters Senior Scholar Lecture will be presented by Simon Serfaty, professor and eminent scholar, in Chandler Recital Hall, Diehn Fine and Performing Arts Center.

The lecture will take place on Tuesday November 18, 2008. A reception will take place from 3:30 - 4:00 PM with lecture to follow from 4:00 - 5:00 PM.

### Ambassador Dominique Struye de Swielande

The Belgian Ambassador to the United States, the Honorable Dominique Struye de Swielande will be joining the students and faculty of GPIS for a "Breakfast with the Ambassador" on Friday October 24th in BAL 9024 at 9:00 AM. Light refreshments will be provided. All GPIS students are invited to participate in this amazing opportunity.



### Purple Lightning

GPIS maintains a close relationship with the Joint Forces Staff College. One of the opportunities given to us through this relationship are the chance to view the interagency crisis planning process in action by serving as a role player

for the Purple Lightning exercises. Involvement in these exercises offers many benefits both personally and professionally. If you are interested in being a role player, or if you have any questions, you may contact JoAnne Hakala-Applebaugh at [jhakala@odu.edu](mailto:jhakala@odu.edu).



The next Purple Lightning will be held on October 29th, 30th, and 31st. Alan Rogers ([ajrogers@odu.edu](mailto:ajrogers@odu.edu)) is the primary contact. Keep in mind that the 30th is the only full day for this exercise. The previous day only requires your attendance at an orientation briefing and the following day participation is optional.



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### Foreign Language Requirement in GPIS

The GPIS Program would very much like to see you succeed in satisfying the Foreign Language Requirement (FLR) early in your graduate career. For the purposes of meeting the FLR in GPIS, all Master and Doctoral candidates should demonstrate language proficiency at the third-year college level by achieving the following reading skills:

**I. PROFICIENCY STANDARDS:** According to the ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines used in the Foreign Language Examinations.

**Intermediate High:** Readers should be able to read consistently with full understanding simple connected texts dealing with basic personal and social needs about which the reader has personal interest and/or knowledge. Reader can get some main ideas and information from texts at the next higher level featuring description and narration. Structural complexity may interfere with comprehension; for example, basic grammatical relations may be misinterpreted and temporal references may rely primarily on lexical items. Has some difficulty with the cohesive factors in discourse, such as matching pronouns with referents. While texts do not differ significantly from those at the Advanced level, comprehension is less consistent. Readers may have to read material several times for understanding.

**2. PLACEMENT EXAM:** Master and Doctoral candidates should take the Foreign Language Exam in the language of their choice in their first year at Old Dominion University. This would serve as a pre-test to see how well the student would score. If the score is lower than the required 75%, the student would need to submit a written plan to the GPIS advisor and the Foreign Language Department Chair as to how s/he would work to achieve the required proficiency level to fulfill the FLR. Students are encouraged to re-take the exam to assess their progress. However, please keep in mind that the exam can only be re-taken once every three months.

**3. OPTIONS:** The following are options for satisfying the FLR in GPIS

a) French, German, Spanish

Option A: FR/GER/SPAN 311, FR/GER/SPAN 312

[minimum grade of B-]

Option B: Above courses through the Office of Experiential Learning

Option C: Single skill reading exam; multiple choice responses to be taken in the Language Learning Center [75% passing score]

b) Chinese, Japanese, Russian

Option A: CHIN/JAPN 311, CHIN/JAPN 312 [minimum grade of B-]

Option B: Above courses through the Office of Experiential Learning

Option C: Single skill reading exam: Translation [75% passing score; extract of 2-3 newspaper or news magazine articles]

c) Arabic, Farsi, Hebrew, Italian [languages not taught at the 300-level]

Option C: Single skill reading exam: Translation [75% passing score; extract of 2-3 newspaper or news magazine articles]

d) International students with a mother tongue other than English may receive a waiver from the Foreign Languages Department Chair provided they submit documentation (high school diploma, for example) that demonstrates aptitude in reading, writing, speaking and listening.

**4.** Ph.D. candidates should fulfill the FLR before scheduling the Comprehensive Examination.

**5.** Masters candidates may take the FLR either before or after their Comprehensive Exams, but must pass before their graduate tenure expires. It is highly recommended that the FLR be completed before taking the Comprehensive Exams.



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## GPIS Updates

### The Next President's Foreign Policy Agenda

What will be the foreign challenges for the next President of the United States? By next year, a new President will take office and will have to develop a policy to address these challenges.

GPIS will host a discussion of the "The Next President's Foreign Policy Agenda" featuring GPIS students on Monday October 27, 2008 at 2:00 PM. Look for an email later this week for more details.

### Call for Student Involvement

As a recognized student organization, GPIS is required to hold meetings and events that have a significant percentage of its members attend. Attendance is very important in order for the Society to remain a recognized organization with funding.

GPIS has positions available in committees and the Student Government Association's House of Representatives. The SGA's House meets every other Tuesday at 4:30 PM. We are also forming committees for Social Activities, Academic Activities, and Fundraising. Each committee will meet occasionally at a time and place of the committee's convenience. Both committee members and representatives to SGA will be providing valuable service to all of GPIS; it is also an experience you can add to your resume/CV.

Please contact John Applebaugh [jappleba@odu.edu](mailto:jappleba@odu.edu) if you have an interest in a titled position within GPIS or have questions about student involvement.

### GPIS Pizza Cook-Off

The GPIS Pizza Cook-Off was a brilliant success. Thanks to everyone who attended. The winning pizza was made by Hostess Melissa Marin — a delightful dessert pizza that no one could resist. More such events will be held in the future. Please watch the bulletin and your email for further information OR, better yet, contact Mike Marin ([mmari011@odu.edu](mailto:mmari011@odu.edu)) with any ideas for social activities that you may have.

## GPIS Updates, cont.

### Graduate Student Organization

You know that GPIS has a student organization known as the Graduate Society for International Studies, but did you know that Old Dominion University has a student organization that speaks for ALL graduate students at the University? GPIS is designed to focus specifically on the issues that concern students in the Graduate Program for International Studies. The issues facing graduate students are numerous and often branch across programs and colleges. It is for this reason that GPIS maintains a close relationship with GSO. For example, working with GSO is the most effective way to address issues ranging from health care and housing to parking privileges. GSO activities also offer us the opportunity to meet other graduate students who we may not otherwise have the opportunity interact with. The officers of GPIS and the faculty of GPIS strongly encourage all GPIS students to get involved with GSO.

The next GSO meeting will be held from 4:00 to 6:00 PM on Saturday, October 25th at La Herradura. They invite all of us to join them for some food, fun, and discussions about graduate life at ODU.

GSO is also looking for individuals to fill officer positions in their organization. They are:

- Public Affairs Officer
- Liaison Officer

Both of these positions are available immediately, so if you are interested, please email Amanda at [Afox@odu.edu](mailto:Afox@odu.edu). These two positions are typically less demanding of your time, yet they are great for showing leadership skills on your CV or resume. Also, the GSO is looking for a House Rep who is available to attend Student Government meetings on Wednesday afternoons.

The GSO, as a unified voice, is capable of doing big things for graduate students at ODU, but only if we have a strong foundation of active members. Please make an effort to be active in the GSO.



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## Around Campus

### Works in Progress

Join the Communication and Theatre Arts as scholars from across the Arts & Letters community come together to discuss research and creative works in progress.

Tuesday, October 28, 2008

“Studying the Communication Worlds of Children”  
Tom Socha, Associate Professor of Communication  
Avi Santo, Assistant Professor of Communication

Tuesday, November 18, 2008

“Researching Women’s Perspectives and Perspectives of Women on National and International Fronts”  
Fran Hassencahl, Associate Professor of Communication  
Jennifer Fish, Associate Professor and Chair of Women’s Studies

All sessions are scheduled from 12:20 – 1:20 p.m. in BAL 3062. No reservations required. These are brown-bag lunch get-togethers, with some refreshments provided.

## Library News

### New Databases: Mergent Online and Mergent Horizons

Mergent Online is the most detailed, accurate and comprehensive global company database available. It includes business description, history, property, subsidiaries, officers and directors, long-term debt and capital stock. Financial statements are presented in "as-reported" form and in native currencies.

Mergent Horizons provides users with seamless capabilities for finding, filtering and organizing information about companies and industries. Comprehensive coverage is provided for all companies that are actively traded on the NYSE, AMEX and NASDAQ--over 6,200 in total, with enhanced product-level detail for 3,700 companies in the Healthcare, Technology, Media and Finance sectors.

Access these databases from the library's "Databases" page by title or by subject "Business & Economy." Because they are available through VIVA (Virtual Library of Virginia), IP address restrictions apply: from off campus, you'll need to enter your full ODU email address and UIN at the Easy Proxy page.

### Database Highlight: Humanities International Complete

Humanities International Complete (HIC), one of our new databases through EBSCOhost, provides full text of hundreds of journals, books and other published sources from around the world, many in their native language. Browse the Language Index to see what is available and to limit to a specific language. This database includes all data from Humanities International Index plus unique full text content, much of which is not found in other databases.

Access HIC databases from the library's "Databases" page by title or by subject "Arts & Humanities." Because it is available through VIVA (Virtual Library of Virginia), IP address restrictions apply: from off campus, you'll need to enter your full ODU email address and UIN at the Easy Proxy page.





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### Social Science Literature Review Workshop

Hundreds of thousands of journal articles, dissertations, government publications and other resources can be found online through various library online subscription services. Learn how to do a thorough literature review in the social sciences, using the library's research information databases.

The workshop will be held on Saturday, November 1, 10:00-11:30AM in Room 163 of the Perry Library. Registration is required. To register, contact Judy Trump at [jtrump@odu.edu](mailto:jtrump@odu.edu)

### PBS Videos Now Available

The Old Dominion University Libraries, in collaboration with the Office of Computing and Communication Services (OCCS), Academic Technology Services (ATS) and the Virtual Library of Virginia (VIVA), is pleased to announce the availability of a new online video collection. The collection contains 311 video titles from the Public Broadcasting System (PBS) which have been licensed by VIVA for use by registered faculty, staff and students of Virginia's higher education institutions.

These videos are available online via video streaming hosted at the University of Virginia. Use of this collection requires currently registered ODU faculty, staff and students to enter their MIDAS username and password to obtain access. More information concerning the collection, as well as logon and usage procedures, can be found at [www.lib.odu.edu/special/pbsvideos/](http://www.lib.odu.edu/special/pbsvideos/)

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## Announcements

### "Mother Tongues and Other Cultures" Symposium

The department of Foreign Language and Literatures at Old Dominion University will be hosting a Symposium September 18 - 20, 2009. This three-day symposium will provide a forum for readings of contemporary prose, poetry, plays, etc. which are written in languages different from their cultural environment. These readings will be complemented by research papers the topics of which will include but are not limited to issues such as:

- Creative writing in languages different from those spoken in their cultural environment
- Migration and integration of foreign cultures
- The next generation: the survival of inherited linguistic and cultural identities in new cultures
- From host country to home country
- Non-American Ways of Life in Main Street America
- Issues of translation and authenticity
- Cultural hybridity and hyphenization (German American, German-Jewish-American, Hispanic American, African American, Indian American, Asian American etc.)
- Transcribing the Other: vernacular fusion in music and the visual arts
- Forms of cultural appropriation and exploitation
- Globalization and Balkanization: the survival of ethnic minorities in majority mass cultures
- (De-) construction of national stereotypes
- Migration of meaning: neologisms, productive misunderstandings etc
- Back to Babylon: towards multi-lingualism, world languages, a global lingua franca?
- New Age Spirituality: interfaith understanding, the best of East and West, etc.?

Please send abstracts and proposals (300-500 words) to Frederick A. Lubich, Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, BAL 4006, ([flubich@odu.edu](mailto:flubich@odu.edu))

Deadline: **May 1, 2009**

## Announcements, cont.

### Second Global Studies Conference

Zayed University, Dubai, United Arab Emirates will be holding a conference called “The Middle East and 21 Century Globalization” on 30 May to 1 June 2009  
<http://GlobalStudiesConference.com/>

#### \*\* Call for Papers \*\*

If you intend to present a paper at the Conference, your participation begins with submission of a paper proposal. For information on proposals, presentation types and other options, see: [http://e09.cgpublisher.com/proposal\\_types.html](http://e09.cgpublisher.com/proposal_types.html). To submit a proposal: [http://e09.cgpublisher.com/proposal\\_entry\\_intro](http://e09.cgpublisher.com/proposal_entry_intro). Please note that if your proposal is accepted, you will then need to register for the Conference. The deadline for the current round in the Call for Papers is 9 October 2008.

#### \*\* Registration \*\*

Those who submit paper proposals should register following the acceptance of the proposal. Conference delegates who do not intend to present may register at any time. To register for the 2009 Global Studies Conference, see: <http://e09.cgpublisher.com/registration>

## Announcements, cont.

### VWC Event, Three Perspectives on the Environment: What's at Stake?

Despite all of the noise of politics and campaigning, elections bring us to reflect more intentionally on major issues that face the United States.

In this series some VWC faculty members will be lecturing, some will use a panel format, but all will focus on moving beyond the “election noise” and show—in a nonpartisan way—what key issues face the country, where serious disagreements exist in how to address those issues, and how the academy can illuminate both the issues and the disagreements in important ways.

All lectures will be held on Thursdays from 11 - 11:50 AM in the 1/3 Boyd Dining Center. All lectures are free and open to the public. Sponsored by VWC Honor Societies.

### State Department Critical Language Scholarships

The United States Department of State and the Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC) are pleased to announce the availability of overseas scholarships for intensive summer language institutes in eleven critical need foreign languages for summer 2009.

Critical Language Scholarships (CLS) provide seven to ten week group-based intensive language instruction and extensive cultural enrichment experiences at the beginning, intermediate and advanced levels (beginning not offered for Azerbaijani, Russian, Chinese or Persian). Full program details and number of scholarships available per language are available on our website, [www.CLScholarship.org](http://www.CLScholarship.org)

The CLS Program is part of the National Security Language Initiative (NSLI), a U.S. government interagency effort to expand dramatically the number of Americans studying and mastering critical need foreign languages. Students of diverse disciplines and majors are encouraged to apply. Deadline to Apply: Friday, **November 14, 2008.**



## Announcements, cont.

### Panel Discussion: "What Does Torture Mean for our National Security & American Values?"

On October 27, 2008 at 7:00 PM The College of William and Mary will be holding a panel discussing torture in room 120 of the Law School.

Summary: A retired military leader, an intelligence expert and two local faith leaders will participate in the discussion co-sponsored by the Human Rights and National Security Law Program and the Campaign to Ban Torture, a project of the Center for Victims of Torture, Evangelicals for Human Rights and the National Religious Campaign Against Torture. For more information: <http://www.wm.edu/news/events/2008/panel-discussion-what-does-torture-mean-for-our-national-security--american-values.php>

### "Making Sense of the Nonsense: An Explanation of the 2008 Financial Crisis"

ODU's Institute for Ethics and Public Affairs (IEPA) will be hosting a talk by Dr. Larry Filer of the Department of Economics in ODU's College of Business and Public Administration. The talk will be held in BAL 9024 from 12:30-1:20 p.m. on Tuesday, October 28, 2008.

### Testing and Assessment: Evaluating Student Learning: A "Preparing Future Faculty" Event

How do you know your students are learning? Learn from a panel of faculty experts how to develop effective tests, grade essays & papers, and use innovative techniques for in-class assessment. This event will be held on Friday, November 7, from 12:00 – 2:00 PM. Presentations will include:

"Objective Tests: Are they objective and what do they test?" Dr. Ed Neukrug, Educational Leadership and Counseling .

"2 + 2" Evaluations: Real time feedback from classes of all sizes". Dr. Rich Whittecar, Ocean, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences.

"Assessing student writing". Dr. Kevin Romberger-DePew, English Department and Director of Writing Tutorial Services.

"Assessing Class Participation". Dr. Barbara Bartkus, Business Administration Department.

Graduate students from all ODU departments are welcome so bring a friend. We hope to see you there!

### Call for Papers: Graduate Student Conference on "Democracy and Democratization" - Storrs, CT

The Political Science Department at the University of Connecticut invites you to participate in the Graduate Student Conference on Democracy and Democratization to be held on February 27-28, 2009. The conference aims at bringing together graduate students from all sub-fields in Political Science, and other related fields. Participants will have the chance to present their research projects, exchange ideas and create a network of emerging democracy scholars. A cash award will be attributed to the best paper. The program will include a keynote address by Sterling Professor and distinguished scholar Ian Shapiro. Presenters will also be welcomed to join a dinner with Prof. Shapiro, faculty and invited guests.

Possible paper topics include: democracy and human rights, gender, migration, global governance, political economy, environmental politics, international security, etc. The conference will also feature a workshop on Democracy and Human Rights led by University of Connecticut faculty.

Abstracts should be submitted, along with your contact information (name, institutional affiliation, department, e-mail address), to [uconn.grad.conference@gmail.com](mailto:uconn.grad.conference@gmail.com) by Saturday, **November 15, 2008**.

For more information, write to [uconn.grad.conference@gmail.com](mailto:uconn.grad.conference@gmail.com) or visit: [www.polisci.uconn.edu/people/graduate.html](http://www.polisci.uconn.edu/people/graduate.html)



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## Jobs and Internships

### Department of State Summer 2009 Student Internship Program

The U.S. Department of State offers a number of Spring, Fall, and Summer internships overseas and in D.C. For more information about the program and how to apply visit <http://careers.state.gov/students/programs.html#SIP> for more information. The program's brochure can be downloaded here: [www.careers.state.gov/docs/4.0\\_Student\\_Intern\\_brochure.pdf](http://www.careers.state.gov/docs/4.0_Student_Intern_brochure.pdf).

Please note that the deadline to submit completed applications is **November 3, 2008**. Visit <http://careers.state.gov> for more information about State Department careers.

### Individual Advanced Research Opportunities Fellowship

IREX applications are now being accepted for the 2009-2010 Individual Advanced Research Opportunities (IARO) Program. The IARO Program provides fellowships to US scholars and professionals for long-term overseas research on contemporary political, economic, historical, or cultural developments relevant to US foreign policy. The IARO application and supporting materials are available on the IREX website at: [www.irex.org/programs/iaro/index.asp](http://www.irex.org/programs/iaro/index.asp)

Completed applications are due no later than **November 17, 2008** Masters Students, Pre-doctoral Students, Post-doctoral Students, and Professionals with advanced degrees are eligible for a IARO Fellowship IARO Fellowships cover the cost of travel and a living/housing stipend. Questions may be addressed to the IARO Program Staff at [iarno@irex.org](mailto:iaro@irex.org) or by telephone at 202-628-8188

#### Countries Eligible for Research:

Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan.

### Ford Foundation Diversity Fellowship

Applications are now being accepted for the 2009 Ford Foundation Diversity Fellowships Program for Achieving Excellence in College and University Teaching. Full eligibility information and on-line applications are available at: <http://nationalacademies.org/fellowships>

#### *Eligibility Requirements:*

- U.S. citizen or national
- Planning a career in teaching and research at the college or university level in a research-based field of science, social sciences, or humanities

#### *Stipends and Allowances:*

- Predoctoral--\$20,000 to the fellow, institutional allowance of \$2,000 for three years
- Dissertation--\$21,000 for one year
- Postdoctoral--\$40,000 for one year, \$1,500 employing institution allowance, to be matched by employing institution
- Awardees have expenses paid to attend one Conference of Ford Fellows. Approximately 60 predoctoral, 35 dissertation, and 20 postdoctoral fellowships sponsored by the Ford Foundation and administered by the National Research Council of the National Academies

#### *Application Deadline Dates:*

- Predoctoral: **November 14, 2008**
- Dissertation: **November 28, 2008**
- Postdoctoral: **November 28, 2008**

#### *For further information, contact:*

Fellowships Office, K576  
National Research Council of the National Academies  
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### **Ongoing Announcements**

#### Comprehensive Exam Dates and Deadlines

Please be advised of the following information regarding Comprehensive Exams:

#### *MA Comprehensive Exams*

Exam Orientation - Oct. 20, 2008 at 12 PM in 7009 BAL  
Comp Exams - Nov. 14, 2008 in 2027 BAL at 9 AM  
To register for the MA Comp Exams, please complete the following form (Form 23):  
[www.odu.edu/ao/affairs/graduatestudies/sgradform23.pdf](http://www.odu.edu/ao/affairs/graduatestudies/sgradform23.pdf)

#### *PhD Comprehensive Exams*

Registration Deadline - Nov. 7, 2008  
Exam Orientation - Nov. 14, 2008 at 4 PM in 7009 BAL  
Comp Exams - Jan. 9 & 12, 2008 in 2027 BAL at 9 AM  
To register for the PhD Comp Exams, please complete the following form (Form 15):  
[www.odu.edu/ao/affairs/graduatestudies/kgradform15.pdf](http://www.odu.edu/ao/affairs/graduatestudies/kgradform15.pdf)

#### Important Graduation Dates for Fall 2008

Students planning to finish a dissertation or thesis this semester should be aware of the following deadlines in order to graduate in December:

- Friday, October 24, 2008 - Dissertations are due in the Dean's Office
- Friday, October 31, 2008 - MA Theses are due in the Dean's Office
- Friday, December 5, 2008 - Final copies of dissertations and theses are due in the Registrar's Office

#### Conference Reimbursement

Students attending conferences are eligible to be reimbursed for expenses incurred. Currently, students can be reimbursed up to \$200 per conference attended. Students must receive approval for travel expenses in advance before attending the conference and submit receipts on return.

Use this form for reimbursement: <http://al.odu.edu/al/resources/studentconferenceparticipationsupport.doc>