2017 Key Dates

June 1
The deadline for all incoming international students to request an F1 Visa through the International Office to ensure you receive your F1 or J1 Visa stamp in time.

July 1
The deadline to submit your health record, including proof of immunizations.

August 20
Deadline to inform TGS Financial Aid of external funding, if you have it.

Late August (date changes each year)
Northwestern considers new enrolling students to be active at the University
New students can obtain a WildCARD/student ID card

Early September (date changes each year)
Full-time enrolled students can pick up their U-Pass. View distribution schedule

September 1
Open enrollment for the Aetna Student Health Insurance plan runs from July 1 – October 1, but the TGS deadline is September 1. Health insurance coverage begins September 1. International students are automatically enrolled in this plan. If you are adding dependents to your Aetna plan, you must do so by October 1.

September 5-7
The International Office’s Orientation

September 6-12
Versant (English Proficiency) Testing

September 13
The Graduate School’s New Student Orientation
9AM-5PM Pick-Staiger Concert Hall

September 14
New TA Conference

September 14
Students can begin to register for classes at 9 AM

September 18
Deadline to complete Sections 1 & 2 of E-verify

September 19
Classes begin

September 22 (for Students Receiving a Stipend or Being Paid)
Last day to submit direct deposit enrollment in myHR Self-Service prior to September 30th pay

September 25
The last day to add a class, change a section, or change the grading basis for fall quarter. (No reductions are made to bills for dropped or swapped classes after this date. Last day for full tuition refund.)

October 10
First invoice for year generated. You will receive an email to review your account and pay by November 1st any balance due. Remember even if you are receiving a stipend and full tuition support, you will still need to pay the Activity Fee.

October 27
Deadline for official transcripts to be received by TGS.

October 27
The last day to drop a class. (No tuition adjustments can be made after September 29.)

Academic calendar
The Graduate School keeps a calendar with these and more key dates. The University’s academic calendar can be viewed here.