



# MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY™ THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

## Graduate Calendar

### Fall - 2025

All deadlines are at 12:00 midnight unless otherwise stated.

Date	Description
August 1	Deadline for Fall 2025 <a href="#">domestic applicants applying for Starkville and Meridian campuses</a> .
August 1	Deadline for Fall 2025 <a href="#">domestic and international applicants applying for Online degree programs</a> .
August 11 – 14	<a href="#">Graduate Teaching Assistant Workshop and Classroom Certification</a> .
August 20	Classes begin.
August 25 - October 17	Apply online via MyState for December 2025 degree - \$50 fee * <b>*Graduate students must be currently enrolled to apply for graduation.</b>
August 26	Last day to drop a course without a grade (5 <sup>th</sup> class day) 11:59 PM.
August 27	Last day to register or add a course (6 <sup>th</sup> class day) – 5:00 PM
September 1	Labor Day Holiday – no classes scheduled.
September 30	Deadline for <a href="#">TAGGS</a> online application for July 1 – December 31 <sup>st</sup> travel period. *
September 14-20	<a href="#">Graduate Student Welcome Week</a> .
October 1	Deadline for Spring 2026 <a href="#">international applicants applying to degree programs or Unclassified on Starkville campus</a> .
October 18	Fall <a href="#">Graduate Student Research Symposium</a> .
October 9 - 10	Fall Break – No classes scheduled.
October 13	Last day to drop a course with a “W” grade (36 <sup>th</sup> class day) – 5:00 p.m..
October 17	Last day for thesis/dissertation defense for December graduation.
October 17	Last day to apply online via MyState for December graduation; \$50 fee. * <b>*Graduate students must be currently enrolled to apply for graduation.</b>
October 18 – November 25	Late online application for December graduation via MyState; \$50 fee plus \$100 late fee.* <b>*Graduate students must be currently enrolled to apply for graduation.</b>
October 31	Last day for initial submission of thesis/dissertation to the Library for December graduation.
November 3 – 14	Pre-registration period for spring semester.
November 18 - 19	<a href="#">3 Minute Thesis (3MT) Competition</a> .
November 17	Last day to withdraw from the semester (ten days of classes remaining).
November 25	Deadline to apply for December 2025 degree via MyState - \$50 fee plus \$100 late fee <b>*Graduate students must be currently enrolled to apply for graduation.</b>
November 26 - 28	Thanksgiving Holiday – no classes scheduled; University offices closed.
December 1	Deadline for Spring 2026 <a href="#">domestic and international applicants applying for Online degree programs</a> .
December 1	Deadline for Spring 2026 <a href="#">domestic applicants applying for Starkville and Meridian campuses</a> .



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December 1	Classes resume.
December 3	Classes end.
December 3	Deadline for graduate students receiving incomplete grades in previous semester to submit coursework.
December 3	Reading Day (No mandatory class assignments, requirements, meetings)
December 5 - 11	Final examinations (December 5, 8, 9, 10, 11)
December 5	Last day to submit Library-approved thesis/dissertation to the Library for December graduation.
December 6	Make-Up Day (if needed).
December 11	Last day for non-thesis comprehensive exam for December graduation.
December 11	Doctoral Graduation and Hooding Ceremony (Ph.D. & Ed.D.) - 4:00 p.m. (Bettersworth Auditorium, Lee Hall)
December 12	Last day for December 2025 degree applicants to pay account balance 3:00 PM
December 12	Starkville Campus Commencement – 9:30 a.m. (Humphrey Coliseum) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic Affairs</li> <li>• College of Architecture, Art &amp; Design</li> <li>• College of Arts &amp; Sciences</li> <li>• College of Education</li> <li>• College of Professional &amp; Continuing Studies</li> </ul>
December 12	Starkville Campus Commencement – 3:30 p.m. (Humphrey Coliseum) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bagley College of Engineering</li> <li>• College of Agriculture &amp; Life Sciences</li> <li>• College of Business</li> <li>• College of Forest Resources</li> <li>• College of Veterinary Medicine</li> </ul>
December 15	Final grades due 10:00 AM
December 19	Deadline to pass thesis/dissertation defense after all other requirements are met except thesis/dissertation submission to Library, allowing student to enroll in GRD 9011 in Spring semester and apply for May graduation – 10:00 a.m..
December 23 - January 1	Winter Holidays – no classes scheduled; university offices closed.