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Graduate Calendar - Spring 2026

All deadlines are at 11:59 PM unless otherwise stated.

Date	Description
January 5 – 8	Graduate Teaching Assistant Workshop and Classroom Certification.
January 14	Classes Begin
January 19	Holiday
January 21	Last day to drop a course without a grade (5th class day) – 11:59 p.m.
January 22	Last day to register or add a course (6th class day) – 5:00 p.m.
January 28 – March 27	Apply online via MyState for May 2026 graduation – a \$50 fee applies. Graduate students must be currently enrolled to apply for graduation.
February 8	Deadline for TAGGS online application for January 1 – June 30, 2026 travel period.
February 14	Spring Graduate Student Research Symposium.
February 17	“Mardi Grad” Open House
March 1	Deadline for Summer 2026 international applicants applying to degree programs or Unclassified on Starkville campus.
March 4	Mid-point of the semester.
March 5	Last day to drop a class with a “W” grade (36th class day) – 5:00 p.m. Please note that the tuition charges will still apply.
March 9 – 13	Spring Break – No Classes Scheduled (Dates Subject to Change)
March 16 – 27	Image of Research Exhibit.
March 20	Last day for thesis/dissertation defense for May graduation.
March 27	Last day to apply for May 2026 degree via MyState with a \$50 fee. Graduate students must be currently enrolled to apply for graduation.
March 28 – April 30	Late May 2026 Degree Application via MyState – \$50 fee plus \$100 late application fee. Graduate students must be currently enrolled to apply for graduation.
April 11 – 17	Graduate Student Appreciation Week.
April 3	Last day for initial submission of thesis/dissertation to the Library for May graduation.
April 3	Holiday (Classes will not meet; University offices closed)
April 6	Holiday (Classes will not meet; University offices open)
April 7 – 17	Pre-registration period for summer and fall semesters
April 20	Last day to withdraw from the University (10 days of class remaining). Please note that the tuition charges will still apply.
May 1	Deadline for Fall 2026 international applicants applying to degree programs or Unclassified on Starkville campus.
May 1	Last day to submit Library-approved thesis/dissertation to the Library for May graduation.
May 4	Last regularly scheduled class day.
May 4	Last day for non-thesis comprehensive exam for May graduation (last day of classes).
May 5	Additional class day for Monday classes that meet once per week and optional day for Monday & Wednesday and Monday, Wednesday, Friday classes.



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May 5	Deadline for graduate students receiving incomplete grades in a previous semester to submit the coursework.
May 8	Deadline to pass thesis/dissertation defense after all other requirements are met except thesis/dissertation submission to Library, allowing students to enroll in GRD 9011 in Summer semester and apply for August graduation – 10:00 a.m.
May 12	Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) Commencement – 11:30 a.m. (Humphrey Coliseum) DVM Awards Reception (10:00 – 11:00 a.m.)
May 12	Doctoral Graduation and Hooding Ceremony (Ph.D. & Ed.D.) – 4:00 p.m. Lee Hall
May 13	MSU-Meridian Commencement – 11:00 a.m. (MSU Riley Center, Meridian, MS)
May 14	Starkville Campus Commencement – 9:30 a.m. (Humphrey Coliseum) College of Arts & Sciences College of Integrative Studies
May 14	Starkville Campus Commencement – 3:30 p.m. (Humphrey Coliseum) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACCESS • College of Agriculture & Life Sciences • College of Education
May 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last day for May 2026 degree applicants to pay account balance
May 15	Starkville Campus Commencement – 9:30 a.m. (Humphrey Coliseum) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College of Architecture, Art & Design • College of Business
May 15	Starkville Campus Commencement – 3:30 p.m. (Humphrey Coliseum) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic Affairs • Bagley College of Engineering • College of Forest Resources • College of Professional & Continuing Studies • College of Veterinary Medicine
May 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final Grades Due – 10:00 a.m.

These events are subject to change at the University's discretion. Additionally, please note that the deadline for international-Distance Unclassified and domestic Unclassified on all campuses is before the first day of class.