



MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY™ THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

Graduate Calendar – Summer First Term 2026

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

Date	Description
June 1 – June 25	Apply online via MyState for August 2026 graduation – \$50 fee. Graduate students must be currently enrolled to apply for graduation.
June 8	Classes begin.
June 9	Last day to drop a course (without a grade) or add a course (2nd class day).
June 25	Last day to drop a course with a “W” grade (14th class day) – 5:00 p.m. Please note that the tuition charges will still apply.
June 25	Last day to apply online via MyState for August 2026 graduation – \$50 fee. Graduate students must be currently enrolled to apply for graduation.
June 26	Last day for thesis/dissertation defense for August graduation.
June 26	Last day to withdraw from the First Summer Term (5 class days remaining).
June 26 – July 24	Late online application for August 2026 graduation via MyState – \$50 fee plus \$100 late fee. Graduate students must be currently enrolled to apply for graduation.
July 2	Last regularly scheduled class day.
July 3	Fourth of July Holiday Observed – No classes scheduled.
July 6	Reading Day (No mandatory class assignments, requirements, meetings).
July 7	Final examinations.
July 9	Final grades due – 10:00 a.m.
July 10	Last day for initial submission of thesis/dissertation to Library for August graduation.
July 31	Last day for final submission of thesis/dissertation to Library for August graduation.
July 31	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 Fall semester and apply for December graduation – 10:00 a.m.
August 10	Last day for August 2026 degree applicants to pay account balance – 3:00 p.m.
August 12	Final grades due 10:00 a.m.
August 12	Graduation – No commencement ceremony. August graduates are invited to participate in the December ceremony with no charge except regalia purchase.

These events are subject to change at the University’s discretion.