

Graduate Calendar 2020 - Fall Term

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

Date	Description
August 1	Deadline for Fall 2020 domestic applicants applying for degree programs on Starkville or Meridian campus.
August 1	Last day for Fall 2020 domestic and international applicants applying for Distance degree programs.
August 12-13	Graduate Teaching Assistant Workshop and Classroom Certification.
August 17	Deadline for Fall 2020 international applicants applying for Distance Unclassified or domestic applicants applying for all campuses.
August 18	Classes begin.
August 24 – October 23	Apply online via myState for December graduation; \$50 fee.
August 24	Last day to drop a course without a grade (5 th class day).
August 25	Last day to register or add a course (6 th class day) – 8:00 a.m.
September 7	Labor Day Holiday – no classes scheduled.
September 18	Discovery Day.
October 1	Deadline for Spring 2021 international applicants applying to degree programs or Unclassified on Starkville or Meridian campus.
October 1 – February 8	TAGGS online application for January 1 – June 30, 2021 travel period.
October 7	Last day to drop a course with a “W” grade (36 th class day) – 5:00 p.m.
October 7	Mid-point of semester.
October 8 – 9	Fall Break – no classes scheduled.
October 10	Fall Research Symposium.
October 16	Last day for thesis/dissertation defense for December graduation.
October 16	McNair Scholars Day.
October 23	Last day to apply online via myState for December graduation; \$50 fee.
October 24 – December 1	Late online application for December graduation via myState; \$50 fee plus \$100 late fee.
October 30	Last day for initial submission of thesis/dissertation to the Library for December graduation.
November 9 – 20	Spring pre-registration.
November 12 – 13	3 Minute Thesis (3MT) Competition.
November 13	Last day to withdraw from the University (10 days of class remaining).
November 17	Discovery Day.
November 25 – 27	Thanksgiving Holiday – no classes scheduled.
November 30	Classes resume.
December 1	Last day for Spring 2021 domestic applicants applying for degree programs on Starkville or Meridian campus.

December 1	Last day to submit Library-approved thesis/dissertation to the Library for December graduation.
December 1	Deadline for Spring 2021 domestic and international applicants applying for Distance program.
December 1	Last day to apply online via myState for December graduation; \$50 fee plus \$100 late fee.
December 1	Classes end.
December 2 – 4	Reading Day.
December 5	Make-Up Day.
December 7 – 10	Final examinations.
December 10	Last day for non-thesis comprehensive exam for December graduation.
December 10 11:00 a.m.	<u>MSU-Meridian Commencement:</u> MSU Riley Center
December 11	Last day for December 2020 degree applicants to pay account balance – 3:00 p.m.
December 11 9:30 a.m.	<u>Starkville Campus Commencement:</u> Colleges of Architecture, Art & Design; Arts & Sciences; Education; University Studies (C2C). <i>Procession of candidates begins at 9:00 a.m.</i>
3:30 p.m.	Colleges of Agriculture & Life Sciences; Business; Engineering; Forest Resources; Veterinary Medicine. <i>Procession of candidates begins at 3:00 p.m.</i>
December 14	Final grades due 10:00 a.m.
December 16	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.