Graduate Calendar 2020 - Fall Term

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

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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	MSU-Meridian Commencement:
11:00 a.m.	MSU Riley Center
December 11	Last day for December 2020 degree applicants to pay account balance – 3:00 p.m.
December 11	Starkville Campus Commencement:
9:30 a.m.	Colleges of Architecture, Art & Design; Arts & Sciences; Education; University Studies (C2C). Procession of candidates begins at 9:00 a.m.
3:30 p.m.	Colleges of Agriculture & Life Sciences; Business; Engineering; Forest Resources; Veterinary Medicine. Procession of candidates begins at 3:00 p.m.
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	Winter Holidays – no classes scheduled.
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