

Graduate Calendar 2021 - Fall Term

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

Date	Description
August 1	Deadline for Fall 2021 domestic applicants applying for degree programs on Starkville and Meridian campus.
August 1	Deadline for Fall 2021 domestic and international applicants applying for Online degree programs.
August 9 - 12	Graduate Assistantship Teaching Workshop and Classroom Certification. ¹
August 18	Classes begin.
August 23 – October 15	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) – 5:00 p.m.
September 6	Labor Day Holiday – no classes scheduled.
September 13 – 18	Graduate Student Welcome Week. ²
October 1	Deadline for Spring 2022 international applicants applying for degree programs or Unclassified admission on Starkville or Meridian campus. ³
October 1 – February 8	TAGGS online application for January 1 – June 30, 2022 travel period.
October 6	Mid-point of semester.
October 7 – 8	Fall Break – no classes scheduled (subject to change).
October 11	Last day to drop a course with a “W” grade (36 th class day) – 5:00 p.m.
October 15	Last day to apply online via myState for December graduation; \$50 fee.
October 16 – December 1	Late online application for December graduation via myState; \$50 fee plus \$100 late fee.
October 14	McNair Scholars Day ⁴
October 22	Last day for thesis/dissertation defense for December graduation.
October 23	Graduate Student Research Symposium.
November 5	Last day for initial submission of thesis/dissertation to the Library for December graduation.
November 8 – 19	Spring pre-registration.
November 15	Last day to withdraw from the University (10 days of class remaining).
November 17 – 18	3 Minute Thesis (3MT) Competition. ⁵
November 24 – 26	Thanksgiving Holiday – no classes scheduled.
November 29	Classes resume.
December 1	Last day to apply online via myState for December graduation; \$50 fee plus \$100 late fee.
December 1	Classes end.

December 1	Last day to submit Library-approved thesis/dissertation to the Library for December graduation.
December 1	Deadline for Spring 2022 domestic applicants applying for degree programs on Starkville and Meridian campus.
December 1	Deadline for Spring 2022 domestic and international applicants applying for Online degree programs.
December 2	Reading Day.
December 3 – 9	Final examinations.
December 4	Make-Up Day.
December 9	Last day for non-thesis comprehensive exam for December graduation.
December 9 11:00 a.m.	<u>MSU-Meridian Commencement:</u> MSU Riley Center (Meridian, MS)
December 10	Last day for December 2021 degree applicants to pay account balance – 3:00 p.m.
December 10 9:30 a.m.	<u>Starkville Campus Commencement:</u> Humphrey Coliseum Colleges of Architecture, Art & Design; Arts & Sciences; Education; Academic Affairs <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 13	Final grades due 10:00 a.m.
December 22	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 – 31	Winter Holidays – no classes scheduled.

¹ For more information, visit <https://www.grad.msstate.edu/funding-tuition/assistantships/grad-assistantship-teaching-workshop>.

² For more information, visit <https://www.grad.msstate.edu/students/graduate-student-development/events-programs>.

³ Deadline for international-Distance Unclassified and domestic Unclassified on all campuses is before the first day of class ([Deadlines | The Graduate School - Mississippi State University \(msstate.edu\)](#)).

⁴ For more information, visit [McNair Scholars | The Graduate School - Mississippi State University \(msstate.edu\)](#).

⁵ For more information, visit [3MT at Mississippi State University | The Graduate School - Mississippi State University \(msstate.edu\)](#).