



IMPORTANT GRADUATE STUDENT DATES
Fall 2026

Dates and times listed below are subject to change. Refer to the Registrar's website, <https://registrar.fsu.edu/fall-2026-academic-calendar> for the detailed calendar and most up-to-date information. *Please bookmark this site.*

Fall 2026 Registration

Enrollment windows for currently enrolled and admitted degree-seeking students are located at <https://registrar.fsu.edu/summerfall-2026-enrollment-appointment-dates>. . (All times Eastern US.)

Most student forms referenced below may be found online at:

<https://annescollege.fsu.edu/academics/office-academic-services-and-intern-support-oasis/graduate-students>. *Please bookmark this site.*

Drop/Add

August 22 - August 27, 2026 – Fall 2026 add/drop registration window.

Students are tuition/fee liable for any and all coursework remaining on their schedule after the drop/add deadline.

First Day of Classes

August 24, 2026 – Classes begin

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Last day to file for change in residency status.

Late Registration (\$100.00 late registration fee.)

August 24 - August 27, 2026 – Fall 2026 late registration

Late registration fees will not be waived.

Fourth Day of Classes

August 27, 2026

- Last day to Drop/Add classes and have fees adjusted (*Students are liable for all tuition/fees for courses still on their schedules after 11:59p.m., Eastern U.S. time.*)
- Last day to add a class without Academic Dean's permission
- Last day to cancel enrollment and have fees removed

Fall 2026 Graduation Application Period

September 1 – September 11, 2026 – Apply online at <https://my.fsu.edu>. Please visit

<https://registrar.fsu.edu/graduation> for more details.

- For detailed instructions on applying for graduation online, follow the [How to Apply to Graduate steps](#).
- **September 11, 2026** is the **last day** to apply to graduate (apply for degree conferral) in Fall 2026.
- *Important: If you are completing your degree requirements, you are **required** to apply to graduate (for degree conferral) even if you do not intend to attend the Commencement Ceremony. Participation in a Commencement Ceremony does not guarantee degree conferral.*

End of 7th week of the semester:

October 9, 2026

- Last day to submit form requesting S/U grading or to change S/U option back to a regular grade.
- Last day to reduce course load without the permission of Academic Dean. Dean's permission required to drop below twelve credit hours.
- Last day to drop a course without receiving a grade.
- Last day to withdraw from the University without receiving a grade.
- Last day to petition to reinstate class schedule cancelled for nonpayment of tuition.
- Last day for doctoral students to take and pass their preliminary examination in order to add or convert dissertation hours for the current semester.

October 13, 2026 - Last day to submit doctoral dissertation or master's thesis to The Graduate School for **pre-defense** format review. ALL initial manuscripts MUST be submitted by this date in order to be eligible to graduate this semester. **

IMPORTANT: Initial submissions must be made prior to the defense date, if the defense is held on or before October 13.

November 10, 2026 – Final manuscript post-defense manuscript clearance deadline. Last day for submission of the post-defense, final content-approved thesis or dissertation, and required forms to The Graduate School. All approvals must be obtained before the forms are submitted to the Manuscript Clearance Advisor via the Portal. **

November 23, 2026 – Last day for Doctoral Prospectus Clearance Form approval by Academic Dean in order to graduate in Spring 2027. The Doctoral Prospectus must be approved by the academic dean at least four (4) months prior to the Dissertation Defense date. Note: This date is four (4) months from The Graduate School's Spring 2027 final post-defense manuscript clearance deadline on March 23, 2027.**

November 20, 2026 – Deadline for submission of Fall 2026 [Graduate Certificate Admission](#) online applications to OASIS.

This deadline is approximately three weeks prior to the end of the semester. (*Department Faculty Certificate Coordinator must first review application submissions for certificate admission eligibility requirements. Please allow time for this review.*)

November 30, 2026 – Deadline for Department Certificate Faculty Coordinator approval of Fall 2026 [Graduate Certificate Admission applications](#).

This deadline is approximately two weeks prior to the end of the semester. (*OASIS must first review department certificate application submissions for compliance with certificate policies. The Registrar's Office must receive approved applications prior to the last day of the semester/completion of two courses in the certificate program. Please allow extra time for these reviews.*)

Last Day of Classes - December 4, 2026

- Deadline for submission of all Fall 2026 Comprehensive Exam/Portfolio results (Masters/Specialist students), Diagnostic/Qualifying Exam Results and Doctoral Preliminary Exam results to OASIS.

December 8, 2026 – Last day for thesis and dissertation and students graduating this semester to *receive an email* from Manuscript Clearance confirming final manuscript clearance for Fall degree conferral.**

Semester Ends – December 11, 2026

- Beginning date for submission Fall 2026 [Graduate Certificate Completion applications](#) to OASIS.

December 11, 2026 – Fall 2026 Commencement Ceremonies for the Anne Spencer Daves College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences. Visit <https://registrar.fsu.edu/graduation/seating/> for details and updated information. Contact graduation@fsu.edu for questions.

***All Electronic Thesis, Treatise and Dissertation content and manuscript clearance information is found on The Graduate School's website, <http://gradschool.fsu.edu/academics-research/thesis-treatise-dissertation>. See <https://gradschool.fsu.edu/current-students/thesis-treatise-and-dissertation/manuscript-clearance-deadlines> for details about submission deadlines. (All times are Eastern US.)*

The detailed academic calendar can be viewed at the Registrar's Office website, <https://registrar.fsu.edu/fall-2026-academic-calendar>. Visit <https://registrar.fsu.edu/summerfall-2026-enrollment-appointment-dates> to view the **Fall Registration Guide**. Please bookmark this site.

IMPORTANT:

- Doctoral candidates must include a minimum of two (2) semester hours of Dissertation every term, as part of the full-time enrollment, including Falls, through the final term.*
- A doctoral candidate, who continue to use campus facilities and/or receives faculty supervision, but **have not been cleared by the Manuscript Clearance office**, shall include in the required full-time load a minimum of **two (2)** credit hours of Dissertation per

semester, including Fall term, until completion of the degree. Those with underload permission must register for at least **two (2)** credit hours of Dissertation per semester (or term). Before registering for dissertation hours, the student must consult the major professor as to the proportion of time to be devoted to dissertation work.*

- Doctoral candidates must be enrolled in a minimum of **two (2)** hours of Dissertation in the semester of graduation (degree conferral).
- A Thesis-track master's student who enrolls in Thesis hours need not be enrolled continuously thereafter in Thesis hours if they meet the minimum University requirement for full-time or part-time enrollment through other coursework. The minimum number of Thesis hours required for the master's degree is six. Those with enrollment underload permission must register for at least two credit hours of Thesis per semester. Before registering for Thesis hours, the student must consult the major professor as to the proportion of time to be devoted to thesis work.*
- A Thesis-track master's student must be enrolled in a minimum of **two (2)** Thesis hours in the semester of graduation (degree conferral).
- Enrollment underloads must be approved by the student's major professor, per University policy.
- All exams (comps, prelims, etc.) and all defenses require registration – contact your department for details.

**Graduate assistants may have greater requirements. Consult your department. International students may have greater requirements. Consult your CGE Advisor.*

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