

IMPORTANT GRADUATE STUDENT DATES SPRING 2026

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

Spring 2026 Registration

Enrollment windows for currently enrolled and admitted degree-seeking students are located at <https://registrar.fsu.edu/spring-2026-enrollment-appointments>.

Most 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.*

Florida State University Winter Break Closure

December 22, 2025 – January 2, 2026

Monday, January 5, 2026 – Normal Business Hours

Drop/Add

January 7, 2026 – January 12, 2026 – Spring 2026 add/drop registration window.

- Begins 12:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 7 and ends at 11:59 p.m. (Eastern U.S.) on Monday January 12
- *Students are tuition/fee liable for all coursework/credit hours remaining on their schedule after the drop/add deadline.*

Late Registration (\$100.00 late registration fee.)

January 7, 2026 – January 12, 2026

Late registration fees will not be waived.

First Day of Classes

January 7, 2026

- Spring 2026 classes begin.
- Last day to file for change in residency status.

January 12, 2026 - Fourth Day of Term

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

Spring 2026 Graduation Application Period

January 14, 2026 – January 30, 2026

- For detailed instructions on applying for degree conferral (to graduate) online, follow the [How to Apply to Graduate steps](#).
- Visit <https://registrar.fsu.edu/graduation> for more details.
- *Important: You are **required** to apply to graduate even if you do not plan to attend the Commencement Ceremony.*

January 27, 2026 - Non-payment-of-tuition scheduled-cancellations processed (by [Office of Student Finance](#)) for students without a tuition deferment.

January 30, 2026 – Last day to apply to graduate in Spring 2026

- Apply online at <https://my.fsu.edu>.
- *To be eligible for degree conferral (to graduate) you are **required** to apply to graduate even if you do not plan to attend the Commencement Ceremony.*
- For detailed instructions on applying online to graduate, follow the [How to Apply to Graduate steps](#).

End of 7th Week of the Semester

February 20, 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. (Your academic dean's permission is required to drop below **twelve** semester hours.)
- Last day to drop a course without receiving a grade.
- Last day to withdraw from school without receiving a grade.
- Last day for doctoral students to take and pass their preliminary examination in order to add or convert DIS to dissertation hours for the current term.

February 24, 2026 – Initial Manuscript Submission Deadline**

- Last day for doctoral candidates to submit doctoral dissertation to The Graduate School (via ProQuest) for pre-defense format review.
- Last day for master's thesis students to submit their thesis to The Graduate School (via ProQuest) for pre-defense format review.
- Manuscripts **MUST** be submitted (via ProQuest) **by 3:00PM ET** on this date in order to be eligible to graduate this semester. Manuscripts must be 90% complete and formatted according to The Graduate School's guidelines to be accepted.
- Doctoral and Thesis-track master's students who applied to graduate in spring 2026 **MUST** meet this deadline to be eligible for degree conferral (to graduate) this semester.

March 7, 2026 (Tentative) - Last day for Doctoral Prospectus approval *during the spring semester* in order to graduate in Summer 2026. Prospectus Clearance Form must be approved *by the academic dean* at least four (4) months prior to Dissertation Defense. Note: This date is approximately four (4) months from The Graduate School's [Summer 2026 manuscript clearance deadline \(TBA\)](#).

March 24, 2026 – Final Manuscript Clearance Submission Deadline**

- Last day for submission of the post-defense, *final content-approved* thesis, dissertation, or treatise and all required forms to The Graduate School (by 3:00pm Eastern U.S.). All approvals must be obtained before the forms are submitted to the Manuscript Clearance Advisor.
- Manuscripts must be submitted online (via ProQuest), and forms, through Final Content Approval, must be completed in the Manuscript Clearance Portal **by 3:00 pm ET** of the deadline date. Additional formatting corrections will likely be required after this date. *Content corrections are **not** permitted after this date.*
- Doctoral and Thesis-track master's students who applied to graduate in spring 2026 **MUST** meet this deadline to be eligible for degree conferral (to graduate) this semester.

***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>. Contact clearance@fsu.edu for questions.*

April 1, 2026 - Deadline for submission of Spring 2026 [Graduate Certificate Admission](#) online applications to OASIS. *(Departments must first review submissions. Please allow extra time for this approval.)*

April 24, 2026 - Last Day of Classes

- Last day to officially withdraw from the University.

April 28, 2026

Last day this semester for thesis and dissertation graduation applicants to receive an official email from The Graduate School Manuscript Clearance Office confirming final clearance.**

May 1, 2026 – Semester Ends

- Deadline for submission of all Spring 2026 Comprehensive Exam/Portfolio results (Masters/Specialist students), Diagnostic Exam Results, and Doctoral Preliminary Exam results to OASIS
- First day for submission of Spring 2026 [Graduate Certificate Completion](#) online forms to OASIS.

Spring 2026 Commencement Schedule – Anne Spencer Daves College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences

- **May 1, 2026** – 9:00am (ET) – Doctoral Degrees
- **May 1, 2026** – 2:00pm (ET) – Bachelor, Master's, and Specialist Degrees
- Visit <https://registrar.fsu.edu/graduation/seating> for up-to-date schedules
- Visit <https://registrar.fsu.edu/graduation> for details about the University Commencement Ceremonies.
- For all Commencement Ceremony questions, email graduation@fsu.edu or call 850.644.1050.

*For additional dates and information, please visit the Registrar's website:
<https://registrar.fsu.edu/regISTRATION-guides>.*

IMPORTANT:

- *Doctoral candidates must include a minimum of two (2) semester hours of Dissertation every term, as part of the full-time enrollment, including summer.**
- *A doctoral candidate, who continues to use campus facilities and/or receives faculty supervision, but **has not been cleared by the Manuscript Clearance office**, shall include in the required full-time load a minimum of two credit hours of Dissertation per semester, including Summer terms, until completion of the degree. Those with underload permission from their major professor must register for at least two 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 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 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** Thesis hours in the semester of graduation (degree conferral).*
- *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.*

**International students may have greater enrollment requirements. Consult your CGE Advisor. Students receiving financial aid, graduate assistantships, or other funding may have greater enrollment requirements. Consult with your funding department or agency.*

For assistance with student form submissions, registration, or course offerings in the College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences, please contact the appropriate department/program staff person listed under “Annes’s College Department Contacts” at <https://annescollege.fsu.edu/academics/office-academic-services-and-intern-support-oasis/graduate-students>.

Please bookmark linked pages and refer to those links for the most up-to-date information.