IMPORTANT GRADUATE STUDENT DATES
Spring 2021

PLEASE NOTE:

- Doctoral candidates must include a minimum of two (2) semester hours of dissertation every term, as part of the full-time enrollment, including summer.*
- After completion of twenty-four credit hours of dissertation, doctoral candidates must be enrolled for a minimum of three credit hours per semester (of which at least two must be dissertation hours) until completion of the degree.*
- For thesis-seeking master's students, after completion of the required coursework and six credit hours of thesis, master's students must be enrolled for a minimum of three credit hours per semester (of which at least two must be thesis hours) until completion of the degree.
- Thesis students and doctoral candidates are required to register for a minimum two (2) semester hours of thesis or dissertation in the semester of graduation.*
- All exams (comps, prelims, etc.), and thesis and dissertation defenses require registration – contact your department for details.
  *International students may have greater requirements. Consult your CGE Advisor.

Dates and times listed below are subject to change. Please refer to the Registrar’s website, http://registrar.fsu.edu/registration_guide/spring/academic_calendar/ for the detailed calendar and most up-to-date information. Please bookmark this site.

Spring 2021 Registration
Enrollment windows for currently enrolled and readmitted degree-seeking students are located at https://registrar.fsu.edu/registration_guide/spring/enrollment_appointments/.

Most forms referenced below may be found online at: https://education.fsu.edu/current-students/office-academic-services-and-intern-support-oasis/graduate-students.

Spring 2021
January 4, 2021
Last day to file for change in residency status.

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

First Day of Classes
January 6, 2021 - Spring 2021 classes begin.

Late Registration
January 6, 2021
Late registration fees ($100.00) will not be waived.

January 11, 2021 - Fourth Day of Classes
- Last day to Drop/Add and have fees adjusted.
- Last day to cancel enrollment and have fees removed.
- Last day to add a course without Academic Dean’s permission.
- Students are liable for all tuition/fees for courses remaining on their schedules at 11:59 p.m. (Eastern US).
- Drop/Add ends at 11:59 p.m. (Eastern US).

January 13 – January 29, 2021
Spring 2021 Graduation Application Period
Apply to graduate online at https://my.fsu.edu. 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.
- January 29, 2021 is the last day to apply to graduate in Spring 2021.
- Important: You are required to apply to graduate even if you do not intend to attend the Commencement Ceremony.

End of 7th Week of the Semester
February 19, 2021
- 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 semester hours.
- Last day to drop a course without receiving a grade.
- Last day to withdraw without receiving a grade.
- Last day for doctoral students to take and pass their preliminary examination in order to add or convert dissertation hours for the current semester.
- Last day to petition to reinstate class schedule cancelled for nonpayment of tuition.

March 8, 2021 - Last day for doctoral students to submit doctoral dissertation 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. *

March 12, 2021 - Last day for Doctoral Prospectus approval during the Spring semester in order to graduate in Summer 2021. The Doctoral Prospectus must be approved by the academic dean at least four (4) months prior to Dissertation Defense. This date is approximately four (4) months from The Graduate School’s Summer 2021 final manuscript clearance deadline (July 12).

March 22, 2021 - Last day for master’s thesis students to submit their 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. *
April 5, 2021 – Final manuscript submission deadline. Last day for submission of the post-defense, content-corrected thesis or dissertation and required forms to The Graduate School (by midnight Eastern U.S.). All approvals must be obtained before the forms are submitted to the Manuscript Clearance Advisor.

April 16, 2021 - Last Day of Classes
- Deadline for submission of all Spring 2021 Comprehensive Exam/Portfolio results (Masters/Specialist students), Diagnostic/Qualifying Exam Results and Doctoral Preliminary Exam results to OASIS.
- Deadline for Spring 2021 admitted Educator Preparation graduate program students to submit the appropriate Graduate Application for Admission to Educator Preparation
- and for the receipt all official passing FTCE GK exam scores by Florida State University.

April 23, 2021 – Semester Ends
- Deadline for submission of Spring 2021 Graduate Certificate Admission applications.
- Deadline for submission Spring 2021 Graduate Certificate Completion applications to OASIS.
- Last day for thesis and dissertation and students graduating this semester to receive an email from Manuscript Clearance confirming final manuscript clearance.

Spring 2021 Commencement Ceremony – Details TBA


The detailed spring academic calendar can be viewed at the Registrar’s Office website: https://registrar.fsu.edu/registration_guide/spring/academic_calendar/.

For additional dates and information for spring, please visit the Registrar’s website: https://registrar.fsu.edu/registration_guide/spring/.

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