

# Graduate Calendar

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## Fall Semester 2017

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

Date	Description
July 1	Deadline for domestic applicants to apply for degree programs on Starkville or Meridian campus--Fall semester
August 1	Deadline for domestic and international applicants to apply for Distance degree programs--Fall semester
August 7	International Orientation
August 7, 8, 9	Graduate Teaching Assistant Workshop and Classroom Certification
August 14	New Graduate Student Orientation, Taylor Auditorium, McCool Hall
August 15	Deadline for Fall Unclassified applications: International for Distance only; domestic for all campuses - 11:59 PM (CST)
August 16	Classes begin
August 22	Last day to drop a class without a grade (5th class day) - 5:00 PM
August 22-October 13	Apply via MyState for December graduation; \$50 fee
August 23	Last day to register or to add a course (6th class day) - 8:00 AM
September 4	Labor Day Holiday
October 1	Deadline for international applicants to apply to degree programs or Unclassified on Starkville or Meridian campus for Spring semester
October 1-December 31	TAGGS online application for January 1-June 30, 2017, travel period
October 5-6 (dates subject to change)	Fall Break
October 9	Midpoint of semester
October 9	Last day to drop a course with a W grade (36th class day) - 5:00 PM
October 13	Last day to apply for December graduation; \$50 fee
October 14-November 29	Late application via MyState for December graduation; \$50 fee plus \$100 late fee
October 16-27	Faculty advising for pre-registration
October 20	Last day for thesis/dissertation defense or non-thesis comprehensive examination for December graduation
October 27	Last day for department to submit signed examination/defense results to the Graduate School for December graduation
October 27	Last day for initial submission of thesis/dissertation to the Library for December graduation
October 30-November 10	Spring pre-registration
November 1	Last day for doctoral preliminary/comprehensive examination for May graduation
November 1	Last day for domestic applicants to apply for degree programs on Starkville or Meridian campus--Spring semester
November 10	Last day to withdraw from the University (10 days of class remaining)
November 15-17	3MT Competition
November 17	Last day to submit Library-approved thesis/dissertation to Library for December graduation
November 22, 23, 24	Thanksgiving Holiday
November 27	Classes resume
November 29	Last day to apply via MyState for December graduation; \$50 fee plus \$100 late fee
November 29	Deadline for graduate students receiving incomplete grade in previous semester to submit required coursework
November 29	Classes end
November 30	Reading Day (No mandatory class assignments, requirements, meetings)
December 1	Deadline for domestic and international applicants to apply for Distance degree program--Spring semester
December 2	Make-up day (if needed)
December 1-7	Final examinations
December 8	Last day for December 2017 degree applicants to pay account balance

December 8 (11:00 AM)	MSU-Meridian Commencement, MSU Riley Center
December 8 (9:30 AM)	Starkville Campus Commencement for Colleges of Architecture, Art & Design; Arts & Sciences; Education (procession begins at 9:00 AM)
December 8 (4:00 PM)	Starkville Campus Commencement for Colleges of Agriculture & Life Sciences; Business; Engineering; Forest Resources; Veterinary Medicine M.S. and PhD. graduates (procession begins at 3:30 PM)
December 9	Make-up day (if needed)
December 11	Final grades due 10:00 AM
December 11	10:00 AM - Deadline to pass thesis/dissertation defense after all other requirements are met except thesis/dissertation submission to Library, allowing student to enroll in GRD 9010 in Spring semester and apply for May graduation
December 21-January 1	Winter Holidays

## Spring Semester 2018

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

Date	Description
January 3, 4, 5	Teaching Assistant Workshop
January 7	Deadline for international applications for Distance Unclassified or domestic Unclassified applications for Starkville, Meridian, Distance campuses--Spring semester
January 8	Classes begin
January 12	Last day to drop a class without a grade (5th class day) - 5:00 PM
January 15	Holiday
January 16	Last day to register or add a class (6th class day) - 8:00 AM
January 16-March 9	Apply via MyState for May graduation; \$50 fee
February 1	Last day for doctoral preliminary/comprehensive examination for August graduation
February 27	Mid-point of semester
February 27	Last day to drop a course with a W grade (36th class day) - 5:00 PM
March 1	Deadline for international applicants to apply for degree programs or Unclassified on Starkville or Meridian campus--Summer semester
March 9	Last day for thesis/dissertation defense and non-thesis comprehensive exam for May graduation
March 9	Last day to apply via MyState for May graduation; \$50 fee
March 10-April 25	Late application via MyState for May graduation; \$50 fee plus \$100 late fee
March 12-16 (dates subject to change)	Spring Break
March 19-30	Faculty advising for pre-registration
March 23	Last day for initial submission of thesis/dissertation to the Library for May graduation
March 23	Last day for department to submit signed examination results to the Graduate School for May graduation
March 30	Holiday
April 1-September 30	TAGGS online application for July 1-December 31 travel period
April 2-13	Pre-registration for Summer and Fall semesters
April 11	Last day to withdraw from the University (10 days of classes remaining)
April 20	Last day for submission of Library-approved thesis/dissertation to the Library for May graduation
April 25	Last day to apply via MyState for May graduation; \$50 fee plus \$100 late fee
April 25	Deadline for graduate students receiving an Incomplete grade in the previous semester to submit the coursework
April 25	Classes end
April 26	Reading day
April 27-May 2	Final examinations
May 1	Deadline for domestic applicants to apply for degree programs on Starkville or Meridian campus--Summer semester
May 1	Deadline for international applicants to apply for degree programs or Unclassified on Starkville or Meridian campus for Fall semester
May 4	Last day for May 2018 degree applicants to pay account balance
May 3, TBA	MSU-Meridian Commencement, MSU Riley Center
May 3, TBA	Starkville 1 Campus Commencement, time and colleges TBA

May 5, TBA	Starkville 2 and 3 Campus Commencements, times and colleges TBA
May 7	Final grades due 10:00 AM
May 7	10:00 AM - Deadline to pass thesis/dissertation defense after all other requirements are met except thesis/dissertation submission to Library, allowing student to enroll in GRD 9010 in Summer semester and apply for August graduation.
May 15	Deadline for all applicants to apply for Distance degree programs for Summer semester

## 2018 Maymester

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Date	Description
May 1	Deadline for Fall 2018 international applicants applying for degree programs or Unclassified admission on Starkville or Meridian Campus
May 7	Classes begin
May 7-25	Maymester classes meet May 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25
May 8	Last day to add or drop a course (2nd class day)
May 11	Last day to drop a course with a "W" grade (5th class day) - 5:00 PM
May 15	Last day for domestic and international applicants to apply for Distance degree programs
May 21-June 29	Apply online via MyState for August graduation; \$50 fee
May 22	Last day to withdraw from the University (3 class days remaining)
May 25	Classes end
May 26	Reading day
May 28	Holiday
May 29	Final examinations
May 31	Final grades due 10:00 AM
June 1	Final grades due 12:00 noon
June 1	Last day for PhD students graduating in December to take preliminary/comprehensive examination(s)
June 16	Last day to apply for August graduation; \$50 fee
June 30-August 2	Late online application for August graduation; \$50 fee plus \$100 late fee
June 22	Last day for thesis/dissertation defense and non-thesis comprehensive exam for August graduation
June 29	Last day for initial submission of thesis/dissertation to Library for August graduation
July 1	Last day for domestic degree program applicants to apply for Starkville and Meridian campuses- Fall 2017 semester
July 6	Last day for academic departments to submit signed examination results to Graduate School for August graduation
July 14	Last day to apply for August graduation; \$50 plus \$50 late fee
July 15-July 31	Very late online application for August graduation; \$50 fee plus \$200 late fee
July 20	Last day for final submission of thesis/dissertation to Library for August graduation
August 2	Last day to apply for August graduation; \$50 fee plus \$100 late fee
August 1	Last day for domestic and international distance degree program applications
August 7	Last day for August degree applicants to pay account balance
August 10	Graduation (No commencement ceremony. August graduates are invited to participate in December ceremony with no charge except regalia rental.)
August 13	10:00 AM - Deadline to pass thesis/dissertation defense after all other requirements are met except thesis/dissertation submission to Library, allowing student to enroll in GRD 9010 in Fall semester and apply for December graduation

## 2018 - Summer First Term

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

Date	Description
May 15	Last day for domestic and international applicants to apply for Distance degree programs
May 21-June 29	Apply online for August graduation; \$50 fee
May 31	Classes begin
June 1	Last day for December PhD degree applicants to take preliminary/comprehensive examination(s)

June 1	Last day to add or drop a class (2nd class day)
June 19	Last day to withdraw from the University (5 class days remaining)
June 19	Last day to drop a class with "W" grade - 5:00 PM
June 22	Last day for thesis/dissertation defense and non-thesis comprehensive exam for August graduation
June 26	Classes end
June 27	Reading day
June 28	Final examinations
June 29	Last day for initial submission of thesis/dissertation to Library for August graduation
June 30-August 2	Late online application for August graduation; \$50 fee plus \$100 late fee
July 1	Last day for domestic degree program applications for Starkville and Meridian campuses
July 2	Final grades due 10:00 AM
July 4	Fourth of July Holiday
July 6	Last day for academic departments to submit signed examination results to Graduate School for August graduation
July 20	Last day for final submission of thesis/dissertation to Library for August graduation
August 1	Last day for domestic and international Distance degree program applications
August 2	Last day to apply for August graduation; \$50 fee plus \$100 late fee
August 7	Last day for August degree applicants to pay account balance
August 10	Graduation (No commencement ceremony. August graduates are invited to participate in December ceremony with no charge except regalia rental.)
August 13	10:00 AM - Deadline to pass thesis/dissertation defense after all other requirements are met except thesis/dissertation submission to Library, allowing student to enroll in GRD 9010 in Fall semester and apply for December graduation

## 2018 - Summer Second Term

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

Date	Description
May 21-June 29	Apply online for August graduation; \$50 fee
June 1	Last day for December PhD degree applicants to take preliminary/comprehensive examination(s)
June 22	Last day for thesis/dissertation defense and non-thesis comprehensive exam for August graduation
June 29	Last day to apply online via MyState for August graduation; \$50 fee
June 29	Last day for initial submission of thesis/dissertation to Library for August graduation
June 30-August 2	Late online application for August graduation; \$50 fee plus \$100 late fee
July 1	Last day for domestic degree program applications for Starkville and Meridian campuses
July 4	Deadline for international applicants applying for Distance Unclassified admission or domestic applicants applying for Starkville or Meridian Unclassified admission: 11:59 PM (CST)
July 4	Fourth of July Holiday
July 6	Last day for academic department to submit signed examination results to Graduate School for August graduation
July 9	Classes begin
July 10	Last day to add or drop a course (2nd class day)
July 20	Last day submit Library-approved thesis/dissertation to Library for August graduation
July 26	Last day to drop a class with "W" grade - 5:00 PM
July 26	Last day to withdraw from the University (5 class days remaining)
August 1	Last day for domestic and international Distance degree program applications - Fall semester
August 2	Classes end
August 2	Last day to apply for August graduation; \$50 fee plus \$200 late fee
August 3	Reading day
August 6, 7	Final examinations
August 7	Last day for August degree applicants to pay account balance
August 10	Graduation (No commencement ceremony. August graduates are invited to participate in December ceremony with no charge except regalia rental.)
August 13	Final grades due 10:00 AM

August 13	10:00 AM - Deadline to pass thesis/dissertation defense after all other requirements are met except thesis/dissertation submission to Library, allowing student to enroll in GRD 9010 in Fall semester and apply for December graduation
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## 2018 Summer Ten Week Term

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Date	Description
May 15	Last day for domestic and international applications for Distance degree programs
May 21-June 29	Apply online via MyState for August graduation; \$50 fee
May 31	Deadline for international applicants applying for Distance Unclassified or domestic applicants applying for Starkville and Meridian campuses; 11:59 PM (CST)
May 31	Classes begin
June 1	Last day for December PhD degree applicants to take preliminary/comprehensive examination(s)
June 4	Last day to add or drop a class (3rd class day)
June 22	Last day for thesis/dissertation defense and non-thesis comprehensive exam for August graduation
June 29	Last day for initial submission of thesis/dissertation to Library for August graduation
June 29	Last day to apply for August graduation; \$50 fee
June 28 - July 6	Break for 10-week term
June 30-August 2	Late online application for August graduation; \$50 fee plus \$100 late fee
July 1	Last day for domestic application for degree programs on Starkville and Meridian campuses
July 4	Fourth of July Holiday
July 6	Last day for academic department to submit signed examination results to Graduate School for August graduation
July 14	Last day to drop a course with a "W" grade (28th class day) - 5:00 PM
July 20	Last day to submit Library-approved thesis/dissertation to Library for August graduation
July 26	Last day to withdraw from the University (5 class days remaining)
August 2	Classes end
August 2	Last day to apply for August graduation; \$50 fee plus \$100 late fee
August 1	Last day for domestic and international application for Distance degree programs
August 3	Reading day
August 6, 7	Final examinations
August 7	Last day for August degree applicants to pay account balance
August 10	Graduation (No commencement ceremony. August graduates are invited to participate in December ceremony with no charge except regalia rental.)
August 13	Final grades due 10:00 AM
August 13	10:00 AM - Deadline to pass thesis/dissertation defense after all other requirements are met except thesis/dissertation submission to Library, allowing student to enroll in GRD 9010 in Fall semester and apply for December graduation