



GRADUATE SCHOOL
FALL 2026
Critical Dates and Deadlines

Month, Date & Time	Activities
August	
Monday, August 17	Classes Begin
Tuesday, August 18	Graduate School Orientation for Incoming Graduate Students
Friday August 29	Final Date to Add/Drop Courses for Credit
September	
Thursday, September 3	Last Day to Add/Drop a Course
Monday, September 7	Labor Day Holiday
Tuesday, September 8	Classes Resume
Wednesday, September 16	Graduation Application to the Graduate School for Spring 2026 Spring 2027 Graduation Applications Due
Friday, September 18	Final Date for International Students submitting Spring 2027 Admissions Applications
Wednesday, September 23	Career Fair
October	
Friday, October 3	Final Date for Submitting Application for Admission to Candidacy for Doctoral Candidates who plan to graduate in Fall 2026
Monday – Friday, October 5-9	Mid-Semester Examinations
Wednesday, October 14 by 5:00 pm	Mid-Semester Grades Due
Thursday & Friday, October 15-16	Fall Holiday Break
Monday, October 19	Classes Resume
Friday, October 23	Last Date for Submitting Request for Final Thesis/Dissertation Defense Form
Friday, October 23	Final Date for Submitting Requests for Transfer Credit, with Accompanying Transcripts, to the Graduate School for Fall 2026 Graduation
November	
Monday, November 2	Final Date for Domestic Students Submitting Applications for Admissions for Spring 2027
Monday, November 2	Final Date for Electronically Submitting one Complete Copy of a Thesis/ Dissertation for a Format Check by the Graduate School for Fall 2026 Graduation
Monday, November 2	Spring & Summer Registration Begins for All Students
Friday, November 6	Spring 2027 Academic Appeals Application Deadline
Monday, November 16	Last Day to Withdraw from Courses or University
Friday, November 20	Last Day to Defend Thesis/Dissertation for Fall 2026 Graduation
Thursday & Friday, November 26-27, 2026	Thanksgiving Break
November 30-December 2	Final Exams are only for students who submitted a graduation application to participate in Fall Commencement
December	
Sunday, December 1	Deadline for Spring 2027 Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Appeals
Friday, December 4	Last day for Submitting Final, revised, and edited thesis/dissertation hardcopy for approval by the Graduate School for Fall 2026 Graduation
Friday, December 4	Final Grades Due (Degree Candidates)

Friday, December 4	Last Day of Classes
Monday, December 7	Final Date for Thesis/Dissertation Uploading on ProQuest, Completing Survey of Earned Doctorate (SED), and Dissertation Title Change Deadline
Monday – Friday, December 11-17	Final Examination for Fall 2026
Monday, December 14	Final Grades Due (Non-Graduating Continuing Students)
Thursday, December 17	Fall 2026 Graduate Commencement
Friday, December 18	Fall 2026 Undergraduate Commencement