

Spring Calendar 2026

Note: **Candidates for degree** should access the Application for Degree form before the deadline at https://www.lsu.edu/graduateschool/students/grad_student_forms.php

Month	Date	Event
January	TBD	International Student Orientation (Please check ISO website for dates)
	12	Classes begin, 7:30 a.m.
	19	Martin Luther King Day Holiday
	21	Final date for dropping courses without receiving a grade of “W,” 4:30 p.m. deadline
	22	Final date for adding courses for credit (including 8000 & 9000) and making section changes, 4:30 p.m. deadline. Final date for submitting change to pass/fail grading audit
	22	Final date for *Degree Only: it is suggested that documents be uploaded at least two (2) weeks prior to this date to ensure editors' final approval by the January 22, 4:30 p.m. deadline. All degree requirements must be met: final defense reports, document approval forms, Survey of Earned Doctorates completion certificates, and Declaration of Co-Authors (if applicable). Also, departments must submit final defense reports for non-thesis students by 4:30 p.m.
	23	Final date for submitting to the Graduate School the Application for Degree for Spring commencement , 4:30 p.m. deadline
	23	Final date for submitting to the Graduate School Request for Final Defense (comprehensive exam, thesis/dissertation defense) for degrees to be awarded at spring commencement, 4:30 p.m. deadline. Note: All final defense requests must be submitted 3 weeks prior to the date of the defense, but no later than January 23.
	30	Start date for submitting to the Graduate School an Application for Degree for Summer 2026 commencement. Please refer to the 2026 Summer Calendar. https://www.lsu.edu/graduateschool/students/calendars.php
February	16	Mardi Gras holiday begins, 7:30 a.m.
	18	Classes resume, 12:30 p.m.
March	6	Mid-semester grades due at 9:00am
	9	Spring Break begins, 7:30 a.m.
	16	Classes resume, 7:30 a.m.
	TBD	Course scheduling for fall semester and winter session begins 5:00 p.m.
	27	Final date for dropping courses/resigning from the university, 4:30 p.m. deadline.
	27	Thesis and Dissertation Uploading deadline. All thesis and dissertations of the current semester's graduates must be committee approved and uploaded to the Graduate School's Digital Commons site by 4:30 p.m. In addition, all degree requirements must be met. Dissertation Title Deadline: Any changes to dissertation titles turned in after this date will not be reflected in the commencement guide at graduation.
April	3	Good Friday Holiday
	17	Final Resolution of Editors' Requested Corrections to Theses and Dissertations. All final revisions requested by the editor must be uploaded to Scholarly Repository by 4:30 p.m. Also, departments must submit final defense reports for non-theses students by 4:30 p.m.
May	2	Classes end, 10:00 p.m.
	4	Final examinations begin
	9	Final examinations end
	13	Final grades due, 9:00 a.m. deadline
	15-16	Commencement activities

**Final exams must have been taken in a previous semester. See “degree-only” registration in the Graduate Section of the General Catalog.

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