

Fall Calendar 2025

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
August	15	International Student Orientation
	20	New Graduate Student Orientation
	25	Classes begin, 7:30 a.m.
September	1	Labor Day holiday begins, 7:30 am
	2	Classes Resume, 7:30 am
	3	Final date for dropping courses without receiving a grade of "W," 4:30 p.m. deadline
	4	Final date for adding courses for credit (including 8000 & 9000) & making section changes, 4:30 p.m. deadline. Final date for submitting change to pass/fail grading or audit.
	4	Note: It is suggested that documents be uploaded at least two (2) weeks prior to this date to ensure approval by the September 4 deadline. Final date for Degree Only* resolution of editors' requested corrections to theses & dissertations & registration, 4:30 pm. All degree requirements must be met: final defense reports, document approval forms requested by the document editor, Survey of Earned Doctorates completion certificates, & Declaration of Co-Authors (if applicable) Also, departments must submit final defense reports for non-thesis students by 4:30 pm.
	5	Final date for submitting to the Graduate School Application for Degree to be awarded at Fall commencement , 4:30 p.m. deadline
	5	Final date for submitting to the Graduate School Request for Final defense (comprehensive exam, thesis/ dissertation defense) for degrees to be awarded at fall 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 September 5th.
October	16-17	Fall Holiday (tentative)
	20	Start date for submitting to the Graduate School an Application for Degree for Spring 2026 commencement. Please refer to the 2026 Spring Calendar. https://www.lsu.edu/graduateschool/students/files/grad_school_calendars/2s_2026_calendar_final.pdf
November	3	Thesis & Dissertation Uploading deadline. All theses & dissertations of the current semester's graduates must be committee approved & uploaded to the Graduate School's Digital Commons site by 4:30 pm In addition, all degree requirements must be met: final defense reports, document approval forms, Survey of Earned Doctorates completion certificates, & Declaration of Co-Authors (if applicable) forms must be received by the Graduate School on or before this date. Dissertation Title Deadline: Any changes to dissertation titles turned in after this date will not be reflected in the commencement guide at graduation.
	7	Final date for dropping courses and final date for resigning from the University, 4:30 pm, deadline
	24	Final Resolution of Editors' Requested Corrections to Theses & Dissertations. All final revisions requested by the editor must be uploaded to Digital Commons by 4:30 pm Also, departments must submit final defense reports for non-thesis students by 4:30 pm
	26	Thanksgiving Holiday begins, 12:30 pm
December	1	Classes resume, 7:30 am
	6	Classes end, 10:00 pm
	8-13	Final examinations
	17	Final grades due (degree candidate), 9:00 am, deadline
	18	Final grades due (non-degree candidate), 9:00 am, deadline
	19	Commencement