



Fall Calendar 2026

Candidates for Degree: Access the Application for Degree form before the deadline at https://www.lsu.edu/graduateschool/students/grad_student_forms.php

Month	Date	Event
August	14	International Student Orientation
	19	New Graduate Student Orientation
	24	Classes begin, 7:30 a.m.
September	2	Final date for dropping courses without receiving a grade of "W," 4:30 p.m. deadline
	2	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
	3	Note: It is suggested that documents be uploaded at least two (2) weeks prior to this date to ensure approval by the September 3rd 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.
	4	Final date for submitting to the Graduate School Application for Degree to be awarded at fall commencement, 4:30 p.m. deadline PLEASE NOTE: Students who submitted an Application for Degree previously, but did not graduate, must submit a new Application for Degree.
	4	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 4th.
	5	Start date for submitting to the Graduate School an Application for Degree for Spring 2027 commencement. Please refer to the 2027 Summer Calendar. https://www.lsu.edu/graduateschool/students/calendars.php
	7	Labor Day holiday begins, 7:30 am
	8	Classes Resume, 7:30 am
October	8-9	Fall Holiday
November	3	Thesis & Dissertation Uploading deadline. All theses & dissertations of the current semester's graduates <u>must be committee approved & uploaded</u> to LSU's Scholarly Repository 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.
	6	Final date for dropping courses and final date for requesting leave of absence or withdrawal 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 LSU's scholarly repository by 4:30 pm Also, departments must submit final defense reports for non-thesis students by 4:30 pm
	25	Thanksgiving Holiday begins, 12:30 pm
December	5	Last day of classes, 10:00 pm
	7-12	Final examinations
	15	Final grades due, 9:00 am, deadline
	17	Commencement