

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, pass/fail grading or 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 23 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.
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 theses and dissertations of the current semester’s graduates must be <u>committee-approved and uploaded</u> to the Graduate School’s Scholarly Repository 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 the Scholarly Repository by 4:30 p.m. Also, departments must submit final defense reports for non-thesis 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. Revised 8/2025