



**UNIVERSITY OF  
GEORGIA**  
Graduate School

## IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

**December (FALL SEMESTER) 2025**

*Note: All theses/dissertations must be submitted electronically. If you plan to graduate during **FALL 2025**, please adhere to the following deadlines:*

<b>August 29, 2025</b>	Final date to apply for degree/certificate for <b>Fall 2025</b> graduation. (Apply in <b>Athena</b> )
<b>August 29, 2025</b>	Final date for submitting Program of Study forms to the Graduate School for graduation in <b>Fall 2025</b> . An Advisory Committee form for Thesis - Master of Arts, Thesis - Master of Science, and all doctoral candidates must be on file by this date. (Use Program of Study form G138 in gradstatus.uga.edu)
<b>October 1, 2025</b>	Final date for submitting applications for Admission to Candidacy to the Graduate School for doctoral candidates who plan to graduate <b>Fall 2025</b> . If you were not admitted to candidacy prior to June 20, 2025 you must register for <b>Fall 2025</b> .
<b>October 3, 2025</b>	Final date for submitting requests for Transfer of Credit, with accompanying transcripts, to the Graduate School for students graduating in <b>Fall 2025</b> .
<b>October 10, 2025</b>	Final date for doctoral students to submit information for the Commencement Program for <b>Fall 2025</b> graduation (Use the G120 form in gradstatus.uga.edu)
<b>October 27, 2025</b>	Final date for electronically submitting one complete copy of a thesis or dissertation for a format check for <b>Fall 2025</b> graduation. ( <i>Note: this is the "<b>first format check</b>" deadline</i> )
<b>November 19, 2025</b>	<b>Final date</b> for receipt of the following by the Graduate School: Final Defense Approval Form & ETD Submission Approval Form (all doctoral, Thesis - MS, Thesis - MA, MHP, MUPD, and MLA) and corrected copy of thesis/dissertation for <b>Fall 2025</b> graduation. ( <i>Note: this is the final format check, final defense approval form, and the release option form for all dissertation and thesis degrees</i> )
<b>December 5, 2025</b>	Final date for completing all requirements <b>except submission of theses/ dissertations (see earlier deadline - November 19, 2025)</b> . The Graduate School must receive notification concerning removal of incomplete grades, certificate completions, final examinations, etc., for <b>Fall 2025</b> graduation. ( <i>Note: this does not include grades for courses in which students are currently enrolled</i> )
<b>TBD</b>	Graduation: The Registrar's office will mail diplomas approximately six to eight weeks after graduation. Address changes, if necessary, should be made with the Office of the Registrar to ensure receipt of diploma. <a href="https://grad.uga.edu/about/annual-events/commencement/">https://grad.uga.edu/about/annual-events/commencement/</a>
<b>January 5, 2026</b>	Date the Graduate School will accept theses/dissertations for format checks for future graduations.

**If you have applied for Fall graduation and find you will not be able to meet one of these deadlines, e-mail [gradinfo@uga.edu](mailto:gradinfo@uga.edu) to request a change in graduation.**

A graduate student who misses a graduation deadline by failing to file the application for graduation, advisory committee form or completed Program of Study form will have the option of paying a single fee of \$50 for late processing of all required forms. A Late Filing for Graduation form, all required graduation forms and late fee payment must be submitted to the Graduate School, Office of Enrolled Student Services within 45 calendar days of the original deadline. **After the 45-day late period, no students will be added to the commencement roster for the current semester without special approval.**

GRADUATE STUDENTS MUST BE REGISTERED FOR A MINIMUM OF 3 HOURS IN AT LEAST TWO SEMESTERS PER ACADEMIC YEAR (FALL, SPRING, SUMMER), INCLUDING THE THREE HOURS OF GRADUATE CREDIT THAT IS REQUIRED FOR REGISTRATION DURING THE SEMESTER IN WHICH DEGREE REQUIREMENTS ARE COMPLETED.

To review the Graduate Enrollment Policy, please visit:

<https://policy.uga.edu/policies/#/programs/HyckuvOO6?bc=true&bcCurrent=Graduate%20Enrollment%20Policy&bcGroup=Academic%20Regulations&bcItemType=programs>