



UNIVERSITY OF
GEORGIA
Graduate School

IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

August (SUMMER SEMESTER) 2026

Note: All theses/dissertations must be submitted electronically.
If you plan to graduate during **SUMMER 2026**, please adhere to the following deadlines:

June 19, 2026	Final date to apply for degree/certificate for Summer 2026 graduation. (Apply in Athena)
June 19, 2026	Final date for submitting Program of Study form to the Graduate School for graduation in Summer 2026 . 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.grad.uga.edu)
June 19, 2026	Final date for submitting applications for Admission to Candidacy to the Graduate School for doctoral candidates who plan to graduate Summer 2026 . If you were not admitted to candidacy prior to January 17, 2026, you must register for 10 hours Summer 2026.
June 22, 2026	Final date for submitting requests for Transfer of Credit, with accompanying transcripts, to the Graduate School for students graduating in Summer 2026 .
June 29, 2026	Final date for electronically submitting one complete copy of a thesis or dissertation for a format check for Summer 2026 graduation. (<i>Note: this is the "first format check" deadline</i>)
July 13, 2026	Final date 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 Summer 2026 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>)
July 17, 2026	Final date for doctoral students to submit information for the Commencement Program for Fall 2026 graduation. (Use form G120 in gradstatus.grad.uga.edu) (<i>Note: students graduating summer have the option to walk in the fall commencement ceremony</i>)
July 31, 2026	Final date for completing all requirements except submission of theses/dissertations (see earlier deadline - July 13, 2026). The Graduate School must receive notification concerning removal of incompletes, certificate completions, final examinations, etc., for Summer 2026 graduation. (<i>Note: this does not include grades for courses in which students are currently enrolled</i>)
August 3, 2026	Graduation: The Office of the Registrar 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. Students completing degree requirements Summer 2026 will have the option to participate in the Fall 2026 commencement ceremony. https://grad.uga.edu/about/annual-events/commencement/
August 24, 2026	Date the Graduate School will accept theses/dissertations for format checks for future graduations.

If you have applied for Spring graduation and find you will not be able to meet one of these deadlines, e-mail 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>