



## ADDITIONAL GRADUATE STUDENT CALENDAR DATES FALL 2025

### ADMISSION APPLICATION DEADLINES

May 1 (Thu) ..... International Applicants: Complete **Fall 2025** applications due.

June 28 (Fri)..... Domestic Applicants: Deadline for Receipt of Complete Graduate Applications for **Fall 2025**

Nov 3 (Mon).....International Applicants: Deadline for Receipt of Complete Graduate Applications for **Spring 2026**.

Dec 1 (Mon).....Domestic Applicants: Deadline for Receipt of Complete Graduate Applications for **Spring 2026**

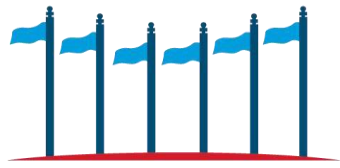
*Review requirements at [sgaes.desu.edu/admissions](https://sgaes.desu.edu/admissions). Some programs may have earlier deadlines—check your program directory at [sgaes.desu.edu/about/graduate-program-directory](https://sgaes.desu.edu/about/graduate-program-directory).*

### FALL ORIENTATION

Aug 19 (Tue).....Fall I New Graduate Student Orientation

Oct 14 (Tue).....Fall II New Graduate Student Orientation

*Required for all first-time graduate students*



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### FALL: CANDIDACY, THESIS/ DISSERTATION & GRADUATION DEADLINES

\* To meet this milestone, students must be in good academic standing, complete all courses in their Plan of Study with at least a 3.0 GPA (or higher if required by their program), and fulfill all culminating activity requirements. Graduate students must achieve candidacy at least one semester before graduation; doctoral students must do so at least two semesters prior (or earlier if specified in their Plan of Study). \*

***\*All documents must be submitted to Office of Graduate Programming and Student Success for review/approval\****

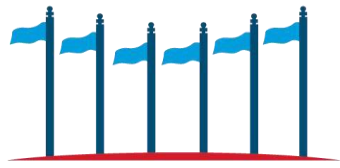
Sep 19 (Fri).....Last day to submit graduation applications **(Dec 2025 & May 2026)**.

Sep 19 (Fri).....Advisory Committee forms due to **Graduate Programming and Student Success office.**

- ***Thesis: by end of 2nd semester***
- ***Ed.D.: by 3rd semester***
- ***Ph.D.: by 5th semester***

Oct 10 (Fri).....Deadline to schedule thesis/dissertation defense (**Dec 2025 graduation**). **\*Must be submitted 4 weeks prior to defense date\***

Oct 10 (Fri)..... Deadline to Submit Candidacy Forms Along with Supporting Documentation to the *Office of Graduate Programming and Student Success for Approval*



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*Oct 31 (Fri)* .....Deadline to Complete the Thesis or Dissertation Defense for December 2025 Graduation.

*Nov 7 (Fri)*..... Deadline for December 2025 Graduates to File Thesis or Dissertation Outcome Reports to

The Office of Graduate Programming and Student Success\*\*.

*Dec 5 (Fri)*.....Deadline to Submit Final Revised Copies of the Thesis or Dissertation via ProQuest and to Submit the Thesis/Dissertation Approval Page with the Office of Graduate Programming and Student Success for review/approval\*\*\*.

*Dec 16 (Tue)*.....Non-thesis Outcomes Reports Due to the Office of Graduate Programming and Student Success for December 2025 Graduation.

### FALL 2025: WORKSHOPS & EVENTS

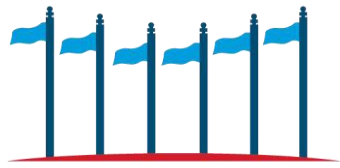
*Sep 9 (Tue)*.....Graduate Matriculation Workshop

*Oct 27 (Mon)*.....Graduate Matriculation Workshop

*Oct 9 (Thu)*.....Graduate Open House

*Nov 6 (Thu)*.....3MT Competition

*Dec 5 (Fri)*.....GSA End of Semester Gathering



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## ADDITIONAL GRADUATE STUDENT CALENDAR DATES SPRING 2026

### SPRING 2026 ORIENTATION

Jan 8 (Thurs).....Spring I New Student Orientation

Mar 12(Thurs).....Spring II New Student Orientation

### SPRING 2026: CANDIDACY, THESIS/ DISSERTATION & GRADUATION DEADLINES

Jan 23 (Fri).....Advisory Committee Form due

Mar 18 (Wed).....Last Day for submission of Candidacy Forms

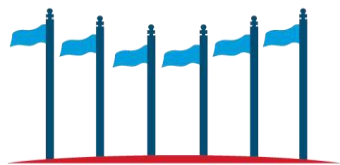
Mar 20 (Fri).....Last Day to schedule Thesis/ Dissertation Defense

Apr 10 (Fri).....Last Day to complete Thesis/ Dissertation

***Must have  $\geq 3.0$  GPA, meet Plan of Study requirements, and complete required activities.  
See Thesis/Dissertation Handbook for formatting guidelines.***

Apr 17 (Fri).....Last Day for Thesis/ Dissertation Outcomes Report

***\*\*If the Thesis or Dissertation requires revisions, a Revision Form must be initiated by the Chairperson, and they must attach or type a summary of expectations and/or processes required for completion of all revisions/corrections.\*\****



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May 1 (Fri).....Last Day to Submit Final Revised Copies of the Thesis or the Dissertation via ProQuest and to Submit the Thesis/Dissertation Approval Page with Office of Graduate Programming and Student Success for review/approval\*\*\*

May 1 (Fri).....Non-thesis Outcomes Reports Due to Office of Graduate Programming and Student Success for **May 2026** Graduation

\*\*\*Please review the Thesis/Dissertation Handbook\*\*\*

[sgaes.desu.edu/admissions/current-students](https://sgaes.desu.edu/admissions/current-students). Questions regarding general formatting of theses/dissertations may be forwarded to [gradstudies@desu.edu](mailto:gradstudies@desu.edu) for review.

Outcomes reports must have been submitted by the noted deadline for review and approval of all submissions.

### SPRING: WORKSHOPS & EVENTS

Jan 20 (Tues).....Graduate Matriculation Workshop

Mar 16 (Mon).....Graduate Matriculation Workshop

Apr 15 (Wed).....DSU Research Day

Apr 24 (Fri).....GSA End of Semester Graduate Ball

May 15 (Fri).....Commencement Ceremony