

# Additional Graduate Student Calendar Dates

## 2026-2027



**DSU**  
School of Graduate,  
Adult and Extended Studies

### Admission Application Dates | Spring/Summer

|                                    | Date         | Description   |
|------------------------------------|--------------|---|
| International Application Deadline | May 1, 2026  | International Applicants: Complete Fall 2026 applications due |
| Domestic Application Deadline      | Jun 26, 2026 | Domestic Applicants: Complete Fall 2026 applications due      |

### On-Site Admissions Event

|                                      | Date        | Description          |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|----------------------|
| Main Campus On-site Admissions Event | Jul 7, 2026 | MLK Parlors   6 p.m. |

### Admission Application Dates | Fall

|                                    | Date        | Description   |
|------------------------------------|-------------|---|
| International Application Deadline | Nov 3, 2026 | International Applicants: Complete Spring 2027 applications due |
| Domestic Application Deadline      | Dec 1, 2026 | Domestic Applicants: Complete Spring 2027 applications due      |

## FALL 2026

### New Graduate Student Orientation

|  | Date         | Description  |
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| Fall I New Graduate Student Orientation  | Aug 18, 2026 | Virtual 6 p.m.   Students need to register   Required for all first time graduate students |
| Fall II New Graduate Student Orientation | Oct 13, 2026 | Virtual 6 p.m.   Students need to register   Required for all first time graduate students |

### Matriculation Document Deadlines

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

#### GRADUATION ELIGIBILITY

- You need to be in good academic standing (no academic issues).
  - You must finish all the courses in your program.
  - You need at least a 3.0 GPA (or higher if your specific program requires it).
  - You have to complete your final requirement (like a thesis, dissertation, internship, or capstone).
- Master's students: Must reach candidacy at least one semester before graduating.
  - Doctoral students: Must reach candidacy at least two semesters before graduating (or earlier if their program says so).

### TASK DATE DESCRIPTION

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|---|--------------|--|
| Petition for Graduation   | Sep 18, 2026 | Last day to submit Petition for Graduation ( Dec. 2026 & May 2027)   |
| Advisory Committee Form Due   | Sep 18, 2026 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thesis: By end of 2nd semester</li> <li>Ed.D.: By 3rd semester</li> <li>Ph.D.: By 5th semester</li> </ul> |
| Schedule Thesis/ Dissertation Defense Form Due  | Oct 9, 2026  | For Dec. 2026 program completion   * Must be submitted 4 weeks prior to defense date*   Please see advisor for form.                             |
| Candidacy Form + Supporting Documentation Due   | Oct 9, 2026  | Deadline to submit Candidacy Forms along with Supporting Documentation   Please see advisor for form.  |
| Thesis /Dissertation Defense Form Due   | Oct 30, 2026 | Deadline to complete the Thesis or Dissertation Defense for December 2026 program completion students   Please see advisor for form.             |
| Thesis /Dissertation Outcome Report Due   | Nov 6, 2026  | Deadline for December 2026 Program completion students to file Thesis or Dissertation Outcome Reports   Please see advisor for form.             |
| Final Revisions of Thesis or Dissertation & Submission of Thesis/Dissertation Approval Page | Dec 4, 2026  | Deadline for December 2026 Program completion students   Please see advisor for form.  |
| Non-thesis Outcomes Reports Due   | Dec 15, 2026 | Deadline for December 2026 Program completion students   Please see advisor for form.  |

### Workshops & Events

|   | Date         | Details  |
|---|--------------|--|
| Graduate Matriculation Workshop for Students                                      | Sep 3, 2026  | Registration required: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8125432101">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8125432101</a> |
| Graduate Matriculation Workshop for Program Directors & Advisors and Coordinators | Sep 8, 2026  | Registration required: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8125432101">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8125432101</a> |
| Graduate Open House   | Sep 17, 2026 | In person   6 p.m.   TBD   |
| SGAES Community Hour  | Sep 24, 2026 | Virtual   11 a.m.   Registration required  |
| Graduate Matriculation Workshop for Students                                      | Oct 15, 2026 | Registration required: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8125432101">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8125432101</a> |
| Graduate Matriculation Workshop for Program Directors & Advisors and Coordinators | Oct 20, 2026 | Registration required: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8125432101">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8125432101</a> |
| Graduate Matriculation Workshop for Program Directors & Advisors and Coordinators | Dec 1, 2026  | Registration required: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8125432101">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8125432101</a> |
| GSA: 3MT Competition  | Nov 5, 2026  | TBD  |

## SPRING 2026

### New Graduate Student Orientation

|  | Date         | Description                              |
|--|--------------|--|
| Spring I New Graduate Student Orientation  | Jan 6, 2027  | Virtual   6 p.m.   Registration required |
| Spring II New Graduate Student Orientation | Mar 10, 2027 | Virtual   6 p.m.   Registration required |

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### TASK DATE DESCRIPTION

|   |              |  |
|---|--------------|--|
| Graduate Matriculation Workshop for Students                                      | Jan 7, 2027  | Registration required: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8125432101">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8125432101</a> |
| Graduate Matriculation Workshop for Program Directors & Advisors and Coordinators | Jan 12, 2027 | Registration required: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8125432101">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8125432101</a> |
| Advisory Committee Form Due   | Jan 22, 2027 | Registration required: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8125432101">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8125432101</a> |
| Candidacy Form Due  | Mar 17, 2027 | Registration required: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8125432101">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8125432101</a> |
| Schedule Thesis/ Dissertation Defense Due   | Mar 19, 2027 | Registration required: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8125432101">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8125432101</a> |
| Last Day to Complete Thesis/ Dissertation   | Apr 9, 2027  | Registration required: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8125432101">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8125432101</a> |
| Last Day for Thesis/ Dissertation Outcomes Report                                 | Apr 16, 2027 | Registration required: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8125432101">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8125432101</a> |

\*\*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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| Final Revisions of Thesis or Dissertation & Submission of Thesis/Dissertation Approval Page  | Apr 30, 2027 | Registration required: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8125432101">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8125432101</a> |
| Non-thesis Outcomes Reports Due *Outcomes reports must have been submitted by the noted deadline for review and approval of all submissions. * | Apr 30, 2027 | Registration required: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8125432101">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8125432101</a> |

### Workshops & Events

|   | Date         | Details                                   |
|---|--------------|---|
| Graduate Matriculation Workshop for Students                                      | Jan 19, 2027 | Virtual   6 p.m.   Registration required  |
| Graduate Matriculation Workshop for Program Directors & Advisors and Coordinators | Jan 21, 2027 | Virtual   6 p.m.   Registration required  |
| SGAES Community Hour  | Feb 26, 2027 | Virtual   11 a.m.   Registration required |
| Graduate Matriculation Workshop for Students                                      | Mar 15, 2027 | Virtual   6 p.m.   Registration required  |
| Research Day  | Apr 14, 2027 | MLK Student Center                        |

## SUMMER 2026

### New Graduate Student Orientation

|                                     | Date         | Description                              |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|--|
| Graduate Student Summer Orientation | Apr 28, 2027 | Virtual   6 p.m.   Registration required |

## SPRING 2027

### Deadline Tracker for Commencement 2027

| Date         | Action Item        | Notes  |
|--------------|--------------------|--|
| Mar 2, 2027  | Student Workshop   | Graduate Matriculation Workshop (Please encourage students to attend). |
| Mar 17, 2027 | Candidacy Forms    | DEADLINE Final day for Directors to sign/approve forms.                |
| Mar 19, 2027 | Defense Scheduling | DEADLINE Final day to officially log defense dates.                    |
| Apr 9, 2027  | Thesis Completion  | DEADLINE Manuscript must be complete (3.0 GPA + formatting check).     |
| Apr 30, 2027 | Revision Forms     | DEADLINE for Chairpersons to initiate revisions.                       |

