

**FALL SEMESTER 2020***NOTE: Failure to meet deadlines may result in the postponement of receipt of the degree.***\*These dates are subject to change.****MASTER'S – NON-THESIS OPTION**

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| July 3       | Friday    | Last day for degree plan to be received by the Office of Graduate and Professional Studies if graduating in Fall 2020.  |
| August 12    | Wednesday | First day to apply for degrees to be awarded in December 2020.  |
| August 18    | Tuesday   | Last day to register for Fall semester classes. Refer to <a href="#">Student Business Services</a> for tuition and fee dates.   |
| August 19    | Wednesday | First day of Fall semester classes.   |
| August 21    | Friday    | Last day to CLEAR for Summer 2020 graduation. (Applies <b>ONLY</b> to those students not clearing final audit on degree audit night.)   |
| August 25    | Tuesday   | Last day for adding/dropping courses for the Fall semester by 5:00 p.m.   |
| September 18 | Friday    | <b>LAST DAY TO APPLY FOR DEGREES TO BE AWARDED IN DECEMBER BY 5:00PM</b> without a late fee. A diploma fee of \$47.50 must be paid either at registration or at Student Business Services (GSC). Complete the application for degree form via the Howdy Portal. <b>A LATE CHARGE OF \$50.00 WILL BE ASSESSED TO STUDENTS WHO APPLY FOR GRADUATION AFTER 09-25-20.</b> |
| September 18 | Friday    | Last day for MS students to change degree to M.Eng. or M.C.S. and still graduate in December 2020.  |
| October 23   | Friday    | Last day to submit "Request and Announcement of the Final Examination" <b>or 10 working days prior to the examination, whichever comes first</b> to the Office of Graduate and Professional Studies.  |
| October 30   | Friday    | Last day to submit "Request for Exemption from Final Examination" for students in M.Eng. or M.Ed. in EPSY.  |
| November 6   | Friday    | Last day to take final examination.   |
| November 10  | Tuesday   | Last day for <u>all</u> students to drop courses with no penalty (Q-drop). Last day to officially withdraw from the University.   |
| November 24  | Tuesday   | Last day to apply for graduation  |

**MASTER'S – THESIS OPTION**

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| May 29       | Friday    | Last day for degree plan to be received by the Office of Graduate and Professional Studies if graduating in December 2020.  |
| July 29      | Wednesday | Electronic Thesis/Dissertation System Re-Opens for December 2020 degree candidates.   |
| August 12    | Wednesday | First day to apply for degrees to be awarded in December 2020.  |
| August 12    | Wednesday | First day students are able to clear thesis for Fall graduation.  |
| August 18    | Tuesday   | Last day to register for Fall semester classes. Refer to <a href="#">Student Business Services</a> for tuition and fee dates.   |
| August 19    | Wednesday | First day of Fall semester classes.   |
| August 21    | Friday    | Last day to CLEAR for Summer 2020 graduation. (Applies <b>ONLY</b> to those students not clearing final audit on degree audit night.)   |
| August 25    | Tuesday   | Last day to clear thesis by 5:00 p.m. to avoid registration in Fall 2020 semester.  |
| August 25    | Tuesday   | Last day for adding/dropping courses for the Fall semester by 5:00 p.m.   |
| September 4  | Friday    | Last day to submit thesis research proposal.  |
| September 18 | Friday    | <b>LAST DAY TO APPLY FOR DEGREES TO BE AWARDED IN DECEMBER BY 5:00PM</b> without a late fee. A diploma fee of \$47.50 must be paid either at registration or at Student Business Services (GSC). Complete the application for degree form via the Howdy Portal. <b>A LATE CHARGE OF \$50.00 WILL BE ASSESSED TO STUDENTS WHO APPLY FOR GRADUATION AFTER 09-25-20.</b> |
| September 18 | Friday    | Last day for MS students to change degree to M.Eng. or M.C.S. and still graduate in December 2020.  |
| October 2    | Friday    | Last day to submit "Request and Announcement of the Final Examination" <b>or 10 working days prior to the examination, whichever comes first</b> to the Office of Graduate and Professional Studies.  |
| October 2    | Friday    | Last day to submit "Request for Exemption from Final Examination"   |
| October 16   | Friday    | Last day to take final exam (defend thesis)   |

†Note: Meeting Thesis Office deadlines does not guarantee, but merely maintains, eligibility for graduation/clearance in a certain time frame.

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| October 23  | Friday  | Last day to submit a signed approval form and a PDF file of the thesis in final form by 5:00 p.m. The signed approval form is submitted to OGAPS. The PDF file must be submitted via the web to <a href="http://thesis.tamu.edu">http://thesis.tamu.edu</a> †. |
| November 10 | Tuesday | Last day for <u>all</u> students to drop courses with no penalty (Q-drop). Last day to officially withdraw from the University.  |
| November 24 | Tuesday | Last day to apply for graduation   |

### **DOCTORAL DEGREES**

**Preliminary examination results must be received and approved by the Office of Graduate and Professional Studies prior to submitting the “Request and Announcement of the Final Examination”.**

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| July 29      | Wednesday | Electronic Thesis/Dissertation System Re-Opens for December 2020 degree candidates.   |
| August 12    | Wednesday | First day to apply for degrees to be awarded in December 2020.  |
| August 12    | Wednesday | First day students are able to clear dissertation for Fall graduation.  |
| August 18    | Tuesday   | Last day to register for Fall semester classes. Refer to <a href="#">Student Business Services</a> for tuition and fee dates.   |
| August 19    | Wednesday | First day of Fall semester classes.   |
| August 21    | Friday    | Last day to CLEAR for Summer 2020 graduation. (Applies <b>ONLY</b> to those students not clearing final audit on degree audit night.)   |
| August 25    | Tuesday   | Last day to clear thesis by 5:00 p.m. to avoid registration in Fall 2020 semester.  |
| August 25    | Tuesday   | Last day for adding/dropping courses for the Fall semester by 5:00 p.m.   |
| September 18 | Friday    | <b>LAST DAY TO APPLY FOR DEGREES TO BE AWARDED IN DECEMBER BY 5:00PM</b> without a late fee. A diploma fee of \$47.50 must be paid either at registration or at Student Business Services (GSC). Complete the application for degree form via the Howdy Portal. <b>A LATE CHARGE OF \$50.00 WILL BE ASSESSED TO STUDENTS WHO APPLY FOR GRADUATION AFTER 09-25-20.</b> |
| October 2    | Friday    | Last day to submit “Request and Announcement of the Final Examination” <b>or 10 working days prior to the examination, whichever comes first</b> to the Office of Graduate and Professional Studies.  |
| October 16   | Friday    | Last day to take final exam. (defend dissertation or record of study)   |
| October 23   | Friday    | Last day to submit a signed approval form and PDF of the dissertation in final form by 5:00 p.m. Signed approval form is submitted to OGAPS. The PDF file must be submitted via the web to <a href="http://thesis.tamu.edu">http://thesis.tamu.edu</a> †.   |
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### **ADDITIONAL DEADLINES FOR DEGREES TO BE CONFERRED IN DECEMBER 2020**

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| October 30       | Friday | Last day to submit petitions to change degree plan coursework for students in master’s programs without a final examination requirement: MAB, MBA, MCS, MED, MEN, MET, MHA, MIA, MID, MIP, MJ, ML, MML, MMR, MOS, MPH, MPSA, MRE, MSN, MGS Non-Thesis Distance programs in Geosciences, MS programs in Mays Business School, MS programs in EHRD – HRD option, MS Non-Thesis programs in Engineering, MS in Energy, MS in EDPH, and MS in ECON. |
| January 15, 2021 | Friday | Last day to CLEAR for Fall 2020 graduation. (Applies <b>ONLY</b> to those students not clearing final audit on degree audit night.)   |

### **CLEARANCE FOR ALL DECEMBER 2020 DEGREE CANDIDATES**

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| December 10 | Thursday | Academic Degree Evaluations conducted <i>after</i> 6:00 p.m. |
| December 11 | Friday   | Academic Degree Evaluation results available.                |

### **COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES**

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| December 10 | Thursday | Doctoral Commencement Ceremony (more information at <a href="http://graduation.tamu.edu">http://graduation.tamu.edu</a> ) |
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For relevant forms and processes, click on the following link: <http://ogaps.tamu.edu>

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