

**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 – THESIS OPTION**

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 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. A LATE CHARGE OF \$50.00 WILL BE ASSESSED TO STUDENTS WHO APPLY FOR GRADUATION AFTER 09-25-20.</b>
September 25	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)
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

**ADDITIONAL DEADLINES FOR DEGREES TO BE CONFERRED IN DECEMBER 2020**

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**

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

**COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES**

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>

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