

**FALL SEMESTER 2017**

*NOTE: Failure to meet deadlines may result in the postponement of receipt of the degree.*

**\*These dates are subject to change.**

**Degree plans** should be **approved** by our office at least **90 working days** prior to submission of the Request and Announcement of the Final Examination.

**DOCTORAL DEGREES**

**Preliminary examination results must be received by the Office of Graduate and Professional Studies at least 14 WEEKS prior to the final examination date.**

June 2	Friday	Last day for degree plan to be received by the Office of Graduate and Professional Studies if graduating in December 2017.
July 26	Wednesday	Electronic Thesis/Dissertation System Re-Opens for December 2017 degree candidates.
August 16	Wednesday	First day to apply for degrees to be awarded in December 2017.
August 16	Wednesday	First day students are able to clear dissertation for Fall graduation.
August 25	Friday	Last day to register for Fall semester classes. Refer to <a href="http://finance.tamu.edu/sbs">http://finance.tamu.edu/sbs</a> for tuition and fee dates.
August 28	Monday	First day of Fall semester classes.
September 1	Friday	Last day to clear dissertation by 5:00 p.m. to avoid registration in Fall 2017 semester.
September 1	Friday	Last day for adding/dropping courses for the Fall semester by 5:00 p.m.
September 1	Friday	Last day to CLEAR for Summer 2017 graduation. (Applies <b>ONLY</b> to those students not clearing final audit on degree audit night.)
September 29	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 09-29-17.</b>
October 6	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 20	Friday	Last day to take final exam. (defend dissertation or record of study)
October 27	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> .
November 17	Friday	Last day for <u>all</u> students to drop courses with no penalty (Q-drop). Last day to officially withdraw from the University.
December 6	Wednesday	Last day to apply for graduation

**ADDITIONAL DEADLINES FOR DEGREES TO BE CONFERRED IN DECEMBER 2017**

November 3	Friday	Last day to submit petitions to change degree plan coursework for students in master's programs without a final examination requirement: MAB, MBA, MMR, MIA, MID, MPSA, MRE, MS programs in the Mays Business School, and MS programs in EHRD – HRD option.
January 19, 2018	Friday	Last day to CLEAR for Fall 2017 graduation. (Applies <b>ONLY</b> to those students not clearing final audit on degree audit night.)

**CLEARANCE FOR ALL DECEMBER 2017 DEGREE CANDIDATES**

December 14	Thursday	Academic Degree Evaluations conducted <i>after</i> 5:00 p.m.
December 15	Friday	Academic Degree Evaluation results available.

**COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES**

December 15-16	Fri-Sat	Commencement (additional information available 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.