

**SPRING SEMESTER 2021**

*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**

November 6	Friday	Last day for the Office of Graduate and Professional Studies to receive degree plan if graduating in May 2021.
January 6	Wednesday	First day to apply for degrees to be awarded in May 2021.
January 15	Friday	Last day to register for spring semester classes. Refer to <a href="http://finance.tamu.edu/sbs">http://finance.tamu.edu/sbs</a> for tuition and fee due dates.
January 19	Tuesday	First day of spring semester classes.
January 25	Monday	Last day for adding/dropping courses for the spring semester by 5:00 p.m.
February 19	Friday	<b>LAST DAY TO APPLY FOR DEGREES TO BE AWARDED IN MAY 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 02-19-21.</b>
February 19	Friday	Last day for MS students to change degree to M.Eng. or M.C.S. and still graduate in May 2021.
April 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.
April 9	Friday	Last day to submit "Request for Exemption from Final Examination" for students in M.Eng. or M.Ed. in EPSY.
April 16	Friday	Last day to take final examination.
April 20	Tuesday	Last day for <u>all</u> students to drop courses with no penalty (Q-drop). Last day to officially withdraw from the University.

**MASTER'S – THESIS OPTION**

October 16	Friday	Last day for the Office of Graduate and Professional Studies to receive degree plan if graduating in May 2021.
November 25	Wednesday	Electronic Thesis/Dissertation System Re-Opens for May 2021 degree candidates.
January 6	Wednesday	First day to apply for degrees to be awarded in May 2021.
January 6	Wednesday	First day students are able to clear thesis for spring graduation.
January 15	Friday	Last day to register for spring semester classes. Refer to <a href="http://finance.tamu.edu/sbs">http://finance.tamu.edu/sbs</a> for tuition and fee due dates.
January 19	Tuesday	First day of spring semester classes.
January 25	Monday	Last day to clear thesis by 5:00 p.m. to avoid registration in spring 2021 semester.
January 25	Monday	Last day for adding/dropping courses for the spring semester by 5:00 p.m.
January 25	Monday	Last day to submit thesis research proposal for spring graduation.
February 19	Friday	<b>LAST DAY TO APPLY FOR DEGREES TO BE AWARDED IN MAY 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 02-19-21.</b>
February 26	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.
February 26	Friday	Last day to submit "Request for Exemption from Final Examination"
March 12	Friday	Last day to take final exam (defend thesis)
March 26	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 online to <a href="https://etd.tamu.edu">https://etd.tamu.edu</a> .
April 20	Tuesday	Last day for <u>all</u> students to drop courses with no penalty (Q-drop). Last day to officially withdraw from the University.

## 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".

October 16	Friday	Last day for the Office of Graduate and Professional Studies to receive degree plan if graduating in May 2021.
November 25	Wednesday	Electronic Thesis/Dissertation System Re-Opens for May 2021 degree candidates.
January 6	Wednesday	First day to apply for degrees to be awarded in May 2021.
January 6	Wednesday	First day students are able to clear dissertation for spring graduation.
January 15	Friday	Last day to register for spring semester classes. Refer to <a href="http://finance.tamu.edu/sbs">http://finance.tamu.edu/sbs</a> for tuition and fee due dates.
January 19	Tuesday	First day of spring semester classes.
January 25	Monday	Last day to clear dissertation by 5:00 p.m. to avoid registration in spring 2021 semester.
January 25	Monday	Last day for adding/dropping courses for the spring semester by 5:00 p.m.
February 19	Friday	<b>LAST DAY TO APPLY FOR DEGREES TO BE AWARDED IN MAY 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 02-19-21.</b>
February 26	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.
March 12	Friday	Last day to take final exam. (Defend dissertation or record of study)
March 26	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 <b>OGAPS</b> . The PDF file must be submitted online to <a href="https://etd.tamu.edu">https://etd.tamu.edu</a> *
April 20	Tuesday	Last day for <u>all</u> students to drop courses with no penalty (Q-drop). Last day to officially withdraw from the University.

## ADDITIONAL DEADLINES FOR DEGREES TO BE CONFERRED IN MAY 2021

April 9	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.
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## CLEARANCE FOR MAY 2021 DEGREE CANDIDATES

May 12	Wednesday	Academic Degree Evaluations conducted <i>after</i> 6:00 p.m.
June 4	Friday	Last day to CLEAR for spring 2021 graduation. (Applies <b>ONLY</b> to those students not clearing final audit on degree audit night.)

## COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES

May 8	Doctoral Commencement
May 13-15	Master's and Undergraduate Commencement (additional information available at <a href="http://graduation.tamu.edu">http://graduation.tamu.edu</a> )

For relevant forms and processes, click on the following link:

<http://ogaps.tamu.edu/Forms-Information>

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