



Fall 2025 GRADUATE DEADLINES

TBD	Deadline for Course Exception and Change of Major/Minor Forms needed for fall registration.
August 25	First class day for Fall 2025 semester. Graduation application opens; those expecting to graduate for the given term should apply before the priority deadline.
September 4	Last day to register and to process schedules changes by 11:59 PM.
September 10	12 th class day. Last day to drop without a “Q” by 11:59 PM and receive 100% refund. Dropping a full schedule constitutes a resignation, not a drop.
September 10	Last day to submit a Graduate Application for Certificate through the Registrar: https://www.shsu.edu/dept/registrar/graduation/certificates#2e99d357-cf7a-452b-985a-f7be04a90ca1 .
September 10	Priority Deadline for graduation application. Deadline to apply for December 2025 graduation to ensure that the students name will be included in the commencement program. Students who apply after September 10, 2025, will not have their name the program and will be charged a late fee.
*October 9	Last day to submit first draft theses/dissertations to the Thesis/Dissertation Specialist in The Graduate and Professional School for format and style review. Students should begin scheduling a public defense of thesis/dissertation.
October 10	Last day to submit a Thesis Prospectus/Dissertation Proposal to the COSET Dean’s Office for theses/dissertations to be defended in the Spring 2025 semester.
October 29	Last day to drop full term courses with a “Q” by 4:00 PM. Students will not be permitted to drop full term courses after this date – they will receive the grade they have earned. Dropping a full schedule constitutes a resignation, not a drop.
*November 6	Last day to complete a public defense of theses/dissertations. The Report of Thesis Examination form must be signed and submitted to the COSET Dean’s Office by 5:00 p.m. Last day to begin the Electronic Route Sheet. Last day to request an embargo for theses/dissertations via the Embargo Request Form to The Graduate and Professional School. Students should begin a route sheet immediately after successful defense.
November 17	Last day for Students to submit a PDF copy of thesis document and signed Thesis Approval form in order for the electronic route sheet to be approved by COSET Dean.
*November 20	Last day to submit defended and approved theses/dissertations to the Thesis/Dissertation Specialist in The Graduate and Professional School for final review.
*December 2	Last day to complete publication of theses/dissertations through Vireo (or in print for permanent embargo students). Last day to submit the Electronic Route Sheet to the Thesis/Dissertation Specialist in The Graduate and Professional School.
December 4	Last class day. Last day to resign by 4:00 pm.
*December 4	Last day to submit the Electronic Route Sheet to the Dean of The Graduate and Professional School.
December 4	Last day to complete the Oral/Written Comprehensive Exam ; The <i>Report of Comprehensive Exam</i> form must be signed and submitted to the COSET Dean’s Office by 5:00 p.m.
December 8-11	Final examinations for fall semester.
December 12-13	Commencement at Bernard G. Johnson Coliseum (Schedule TBD).
December 15	Deadline for filing grades with the Registrar’s Office (12:00 noon). Includes all grades due for degree candidates (SH course grades and transfer grades).

Thesis students are advised to review the Order of Events – From Writing to Submitting Your Thesis/Dissertation provided by The Graduate School: <https://www.shsu.edu/dept/graduate-studies/theses-and-dissertations.html#f35f38a9-6160-421f-b002-e609ee43f868>

Additional Resources:

[Fall 2025 ACADEMIC CALENDAR](#)

[THESIS AND DISSERTATION RESOURCES](#)

[APPLY TO GRADUATE](#)

****Documents submitted after the deadlines listed may not be accepted without prior written approval of late submission.**