

FOUR TERM DATES and DEADLINES CALENDAR

Deadlines below are subject to change. The "Official School Calendar" maintained by Georgia Institute of Technology takes precedence over any dates indicated here.

Activity	Fall 2018	Spring 2019	Summer 2019	Fall 2019
Online Application for Graduation (OAG) window ²	January 22 – August 24	September 3 – January 11	TBD	TBD
Inactive Students submit "Application for Readmission" no later than	July 1	December 1	April 1	July 1
Next Term registration for continuing students (Phase I)	March 26 – May 18	October 29 – December 14	TBD	TBD
Apply for cross registration (Phase II)	May 18	November 15	TBD	TBD
Request an Out-of-State Tuition Waiver	August 1	December 1	TBD	TBD
Registration (for new students) and drop/add period for all students	August 11 – August 24	January 4 – January 11	TBD	TBD
ECE New Student Orientation/Advisement	August 15 - 17	N/A	NA	August 14 -16
Last day for students to pay fees (deadline to avoid deletion of classes) by 4:00 pm	August 27	January 14	May 20	TBD
First day of classes	August 20	January 7	May 13	August 19
Last day to be hired as GRA/GTA	August 24	January 11	May 17	
Last day to add a class	August 24	January 11	May 17	TBD
Last day to drop a class without receiving "W" grade	August 24	January 11	May 17	TBD
Last day to drop a class with a "W" grade	October 27	March 13	TBD	TBD
Last day to withdraw completely from school with "W" grades	October 27	March 13	TBD	TBD
Hold PhD dissertation no later than	November 2	March 22	TBD	TBD
Submit PhD Dissertation to Graduate Studies no later than	November 9	March 29	TBD	TBD
Hold MS thesis no later than	November 30	April 19	TBD	TBD
Submit MS Thesis to Graduate Studies no later than	December 7	April 26	TBD	TBD
Final Exams	December 6 - 13	April 25 – May 2	July 25 – August 1	December 5 - 12
Graduation Commencement (subject to change)	December 14	May 3	NA	December 13
The Graduate Office is closed on all official holidays	September 3 (official holiday) November 22-23 (official holiday) December 24-28 (winter break)	January 1 (official holiday) January 21 (official holiday)	May 27 (official holiday) July 4 (official holiday)	September 2 (official holiday) November 28-29 (official holiday) December 23-27 (winter break)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PHD AND MS THESIS STUDENTS

PhD STUDENTS are expected to have at least 6 to 24 months between the proposal oral exam and the final dissertation defense. There must be a **minimum of six months between the proposal oral exam and the final dissertation defense.**

Visit https://www.ece.gatech.edu/sites/default/files/documents/grad/new_proposal_guidelines.pdf for more detailed information

MS THESIS OPTION STUDENTS must have **a minimum of three months** between submission of the signed MS Thesis Topic Approval form to the ECE Graduate Affairs Office (following the research review) and submission of the MS thesis to the reading committee for final approval and submission of all required materials to the GT Graduate Studies Office. Visit https://www.ece.gatech.edu/sites/default/files/documents/grad/ms_thesis_guidelines.pdf for more detailed MS research review.

NOTES:

1. Withdrawal (drop) from classes and/or from school is done electronically. Procedures for these processes are emailed to enrolled students. The procedures are also available on the ECE website in the ECE Graduate Student Handbook. Students are responsible for meeting ECE's deadlines for processing withdrawal requests. Requests that are submitted after the deadline may not be processed.
2. The PhD defense date listed is a recommendation designated to enable the student to meet deadlines set by the GT Graduate Studies – VPR office. The Graduate Studies – VPR office **requires** a minimum of two weeks (10 working days) notification of PHD dissertation defense dates. The memos needed for scheduling the defense are available in the "PhD Guidelines and Forms" area of the "Academics/Student Resources" section of the ECE website. All PhD students need to submit a coursework planning form. The Coursework Planning Form should show all classes the student intends to use toward the degree and meet degree requirements outlined in the ECE Graduate Student Handbook. Students making major revisions to the approved coursework plan (for example, change in minor field or technical interest areas) should file revised programs of study. The coursework plan is filed via ECE's secure website: <https://www.ece.gatech.edu/coursework-planning>. PhD student's coursework plan should be submitted at the time of PhD Proposal.
3. Thesis/Dissertation submission deadlines are firm; no extensions are available. Students submitting MS theses or PhD dissertations must obtain related forms from the Graduate Studies – VPR office. See <http://www.gradadmiss.gatech.edu/theses-dissertations> for forms, more information on thesis submission, and Graduate Studies – VPR deadlines. (MS (non thesis/thesis) students should submit a coursework plan no later than one semester prior to petitioning to graduate with their MS degree.
4. The deadline for appointing GRA/GTA/GSA's is a firm one. GRA/GTA Offers must be made and accepted before the deadline.

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