

CALENDAR CHANGES

While changes to academic calendars are rare, circumstances occasionally require us to add additional information or modify published calendars. Rather than bookmarking this document, please use [our website](#) to ensure that you have the most up-to-date information. A change log is provided at the end of this document.

OBSERVANCE OF RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS

Georgia College & State University values the religious diversity of our students. Lists and descriptions of major religious holidays are included on [this and other interfaith calendars](#).

Students are permitted to miss class in observance of religious holidays and other activities observed by a religious group of which the student is a member without academic penalty. Students who will miss class in observance of a religious holiday or event are required to notify each instructor in writing **within the first week of class** of the semester in which the observance occurs and to make up the coursework missed as a result of the absence.

Additional information and a [faculty notification form](#) are available in the Undergraduate and Graduate Academic Catalogs; the Georgia College & State University Policy, Procedures, and Practices Manual; and on the Registrar's Office web site.

BOBCATS FIRST DAY AND RESEARCH DAY

Beginning this semester, the university has designated two days for the campus community to engage in signature aspects of the GCSU experience. On **Bobcats FIRST Day** (Tuesday, March 3), regular class time will be redirected to activities connected with the Bobcats FIRST initiative. **Research Day** (Wednesday, April 15) will showcase research and creative works completed by undergraduate and graduate students in all academic programs. Student and faculty participation is expected on both days. Additional information will be provided in advance via campus email and Frontpage.

The insertion of these two days on the academic calendar does not effect total instruction time. Internships, clinicals, and similar off-campus experiences can continue without disruption and are at the discretion of the instructor. Both days are important components of our academic calendar; participation in these events should be included in course activities for the Spring semester.

ACADEMIC DATES AND DEADLINES

Spring 2026 and Summer 2026 <u>graduation applications</u> due	Friday, Sept 12, 2025
<u>Registration</u> begins for continuing, degree-seeking students and new transfer students	Monday, Oct 27, 2025 7 AM daily
Graduate students, seniors, priority registration	Monday, Oct 27, 2025
Juniors	Tuesday, Oct 28, 2025
Sophomores	Wednesday, Oct 29, 2025
Freshmen	Thursday, Oct 30, 2025
Temporary course registration restrictions released	Friday, Oct 31, 2025
Transient and non-degree seeking students	Monday, Nov 3, 2025
TAP and Amendment 23 students	Monday, Nov 17, 20245
Initial undergraduate <u>payment deadline</u>	Monday, Jan 5, 2026
Late fee added for outstanding balances on undergraduate accounts	Tuesday, Jan 6, 2026
Last day to <u>withdraw</u> from <u>all</u> courses or cancel enrollment, receive 100% refund, and have no record or grades on transcript. (W grades and pro-rated refunds are given after this date when a student withdraws from <u>all</u> classes.)	Friday, Jan 9, 2026
Residence halls open	Sunday, Jan 11, 2026
Classes begin	Monday, Jan 12, 2026
Graduate student <u>payment deadline</u> and final payment deadline for undergraduate students	Monday, Jan 12, 2026
Last day to add a course	Friday, Jan 16, 2026 5 PM
Last day to audit a course (Instructor permission required)	Friday, Jan 16, 2026 5 PM
Last day to drop an individual course (while remaining enrolled in others) without fee penalty and without a W grade. If withdrawing from <u>all</u> courses, see earlier date.	Friday, Jan 16, 2026 5 PM
Faculty no-show reports due for all courses	Friday, Jan 16, 2026 5 PM
Martin Luther King Jr Holiday (No classes, offices closed)	Monday, Jan 19, 2026
Fall 2026 POUNCE registration begins for new first-time freshmen	Sunday, February 1, 2026
Midterm grades due for all 1000-2000 level Core IMPACTS courses	Tuesday, March 3, 2026 9 AM

Bobcats FIRST Day (Classes redirected, offices open, additional information above)	Tuesday, March 3, 2026
Census I reporting date	Tuesday, March 3, 2026
Last day to drop a course or withdraw from all courses with a W grade (unless previously assigned an F by instructor or if the maximum number of dropped courses has been exceeded)	Friday, March 6, 2026
Summer and Fall 2026 <u>registration</u> begins for continuing, degree-seeking students	Monday, March 9, 2026 7 AM daily
Graduate students, seniors, priority registration	Monday, March 9, 2026
Juniors	Tuesday, March 10, 2026
Sophomores	Wednesday, March 11, 2026
Freshmen	Thursday, March 12, 2026
Temporary course registration restrictions released	Friday, March 13, 2026
Academic department deadline for marking SRIS course evaluation exemptions	Friday, March 13, 2026
Spring break (No classes, offices open)	Monday, March 16- Friday, March 20, 2026
SRIS course evaluation faculty objective selection form (OSF) opens	Wednesday, March 18, 2026
Summer and Fall 2026 registration begins for transient, TAP, Amendment 23, and non-degree seeking students	Monday, April 6, 2026
Student course evaluation period begins. Students are expected to complete a course evaluation for each of their Spring courses.	Wednesday, April 15, 2026
Research Day (Classes redirected, offices open, additional information above)	Wednesday, April 15, 2026
Last day of classes	Wednesday, May 6, 2026
Last day to drop a course or withdraw from all courses with a WF grade (unless previously assigned an F by instructor or if the maximum number of dropped courses has been exceeded). WF grades are counted in the grade point average as Fs.	Wednesday, May 6, 2026
Student course evaluation period ends. No course evaluations will be accepted after this date.	Wednesday, May 6, 2026
<u>Final exams</u>	Thursday, May 7-Friday May 8, Monday, May 11-Tuesday, May 12, 2026
Last day for Spring 2026 graduation candidates to complete coursework, exams, or other degree requirements	Tuesday, May 12, 2026
Residence halls close	Tuesday, May 12, 2026

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Census II reporting date	Tuesday, May 12, 2026
<u>Commencement</u> (College of Health Sciences)	Wednesday, May 13, 2026 2 PM
<u>Commencement</u> (College of Education)	Wednesday, May 13, 2026 7 PM
<u>Commencement</u> (College of Business and Technology)	Thursday, May 14, 2026 10 AM
<u>Commencement</u> (College of Arts and Sciences)	Thursday, May 14, 2026 3 PM
Final grades due; Spring grade processing begins	Monday, May 18, 2026 9 AM
Spring degree processing begins	Tuesday, May 19, 2026
SRIS course evaluation reports available to faculty and academic departments	Tuesday, May 19, 2026
Transcripts with Spring grades available	Wednesday, May 20, 2026
Transcripts with Spring degrees available	Friday, May 22, 2026

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