A graduation application should be completed at least two terms prior to the term of degree completion. Please contact the Graduation Office at 404-413-2248 for further information.

The recommendation to doctoral candidacy form must be received by the Office Graduate Student Services prior to submitting the announcement of dissertation defense.

All announcement deadlines, whether to present prospectus or defend dissertation, are 15 calendar days prior to the day of presentation or defense. Presentation or defense must be held between the first day of class and the last day of exams (day term officially ends). This is in compliance with the current Georgia State University Graduate Bulletin, Education. Presentations or defenses are not allowed during term breaks (this includes the spring break).

### If you are graduating FALL 2021

Aug. 23, 2021  First day of class for fall session

Oct. 14, 2021  Date by which the original dissertation defense announcement must be received by the associate dean, and a copy of dissertation uploaded to coedissertations@gsu.edu.

Oct. 29, 2021  Last day to defend dissertation and graduate fall 2021

Dec. 6, 2021  Last day to submit final paperwork to the Office of Graduate Student Services

Dec. 14, 2021  Term ends (last day to defend and graduate in future term)

Dec. 13, 2021  Ph.D. Hooding

Jan. 7, 2022  Degrees Conferred

### If you are graduating SPRING 2022

Jan. 10, 2022  First day of class for spring semester

Mar. 28, 2022  Date by which the original dissertation defense announcement must be received by the associate dean, and a copy of dissertation uploaded to coedissertations@gsu.edu.

Apr. 12, 2022  Last day to defend dissertation (Note: No presentations or defenses allowed during spring break (Mar. 14–Mar. 20) and graduate spring 2022.)

Apr. 28, 2022  Last day to submit final paperwork to the Office of Graduate Student Services

May 3, 2022  Term ends (last day to defend and graduate in future term)

TBA  Commencement/Hooding

TBA  Degree Conferral
If you are graduating SUMMER 2022

May 9, 2022  First day of class for May session
Jun 3, 2022  May session ends
June 4-5, 2022  Summer break, no classes
June 6, 2022  First day of class for summer session
June 27, 2022  Date by which the original dissertation defense announcement must be received by the associate dean, and a copy of dissertation uploaded to coedissertations@gsu.edu.
July 12, 2022  Last day to defend dissertation and graduate summer 2022
July 27, 2022  Last day to submit final paperwork to the Office of Graduate Student Services
July 30, 2022  Last day to defend and graduate in future term
July 30, 2022  Term ends
TBA  Degree Conferral

If you are graduating FALL 2022

Aug. 22, 2022  First day of class for fall session
Oct. 17, 2022  Date by which the original dissertation defense announcement must be received by the associate dean, and a copy of dissertation uploaded to coedissertations@gsu.edu.
Nov. 1, 2022  Last day to defend dissertation and graduate fall 2022
Dec 8, 2022  Last day to submit final paperwork to the Office of Graduate Student Services
Dec. 13, 2022  Term ends (last day to defend and graduate in future term)
TBA  Commencement/Hooding
TBA  Degrees Conferred

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