

**DEPARTMENT OF HISPANIC STUDIES
GRADUATE CALENDAR
Spring 2026**

To confirm some of these dates and to find others, please check the official [UH](#) and [CLASS Academic Calendars](#).

General dates and deadlines

01/20- Tu	First day of classes
1/28 - We	Last Day to Add a Class or be enrolled from the waitlist queue process.
01/30- Fr	Summer Fellowship Research Fellowship CLASS (Only for ABD students) Internal Deadline (01/30), College deadline 02/06.
02/04 - Mo	ORD - Official Reporting Day (12th/4th class day). Last day for advisors to make changes to courses and to add dissertation classes for new ABDs. -Last day to withdraw without receiving a grade: Graduate
02/09- Mo	Cullen Graduate Fellowship Travel Grant - Next round of applications to support graduate student travel to conferences are due February 9. Internal deadline 02/02. Please read and send the requirements listed in these forms: Hispanic Studies Travel Award Guidelines docx Hispanic Studies Travel Award Travel Cover Sheet.pdf
02/20- Fr	Suggested deadline to submit thesis or dissertation to the committee for Spring 2026 graduation
02/27- Fr	Graduate Student Workshop. Time and classroom TBD
02/27 - Fr	Regular filing period deadline to apply for May graduation (fee increases after 02/28). See the Graduate CLASS website for instructions on how to complete all the graduation requirements
02/28 to 03/27	Late filing period deadline to apply for May graduation
03/20- Fr	Suggested deadline to send PhD committee Qualifying Papers and dissertation proposal
03/06- Fr	Graduate Student Workshop. (Topic TBD)
04/1- 04/5	Dissertation proposal defense week (recommended)
04/ 03- Fr	Suggested deadline to defend thesis or dissertation for Spring 2026 graduation
04/04-Fr	Professional Development Workshop for Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese, AASTP and UH.
04/10- Fr	Submit ABD dissertation progress report to the Director of Graduate Studies
04/15- Wed	Deadline to submit thesis and dissertations to CLASS Dean's Office
05/4- Mon	Last day of classes
05/12 Tu	Official Closing of Spring Session
05/13-16 W-F	College Commencements (see Graduate School's website's Commencement Schedule)
05/15- Fr	Deadline to submit signed approved MA thesis or dissertation original to UH's library CLASS guidelines and information on thesis and dissertation
08/24- Mo	First day of class Fall 2026

M.A. Comprehensive Examination dates and deadlines

3/20- Fr	Last day to declare the intention to take MA comprehensive exams Students are responsible for reading and following complete instructions regarding exams Prospective examinees should make all necessary arrangements (communicate with the main advisor, committee, and graduate director) to take comps during scheduled dates and times. For more information, see MA-Handbook
4/17 - Fr 9am-3pm	MA comprehensive exams (written)
4/22, 4/23, 4/24 9am-5pm	MA comprehensive oral exams

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