

GRADUATE CALENDAR FALL 2026

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

Date	Day	Events/Deadlines
August 7	Friday	New PhD: mandatory orientation. Online at 2:00 p.m.
August 24	Monday	First day of class
August 31	Monday	Last day to add a class
September 7	Monday	Labor Day Holiday
September 9 ORD (Official Reporting Day)	Wednes.	Last day to: -Withdraw without receiving a grade -Drop a course Note: do not drop a course without consulting the graduate director. Graduate students MUST have 3 courses registered to be eligible for funding!
Sept. 25 10:30 am-12:30 pm	Friday	Graduate Student Workshop. For new MA and PhD students (room TBD): <i>Graduate-level research: How to write an abstract. How to write an academic research paper. Introduction to MLA and APA documentation styles.</i>
October 03 (check this deadline)	Friday	Regular filing period deadline to apply for December graduation March 31 through October 3 (fees increase after) http://www.uh.edu/commencement/
October 8-10	Th-Sat	<u>XVIII RECOVERING THE US HISPANIC LITERARY HERITAGE/ASSOCIATION FOR DOCUMENTARY EDITING 2026, A JOINT CONFERENCE.</u> <i>Record Keepers of Nation: Diverse Foundational Figures and Documents of the US.</i> Note: UH students can attend the conference for free. There will be a paid dinner on Friday night with a presentation by Dr. Cristina Rivera Garza and music.
October 23 10:30 am-12:30 pm	Friday	Graduate Student Workshop (room TBD): <i>The academic job search, part I: Preparing your application materials [CV; letter of application; teaching portfolio; letters of reference]</i>
October 16	Friday	Suggested deadline to submit thesis or dissertation to committee for Fall graduation
October 22	Thursday	Workshop series – Brenda Navarro (Room and time TBA)
November 6 10:30 am-12:30 pm	Friday	Graduate Student Workshop (room TBD): <i>The academic job search, part II: Interviewing on the job search [how to interview in person, via Zoom, the job talks, and the interview process]</i>
November 13	Friday	Suggested final deadline to defend thesis or dissertation for Fall 2025 graduation
Nov. 25-29	Wed-Sund	Thanksgiving Holiday (No classes)
December 5	Sat.	Last day of classes (official closing of the session December 14 Mon.)
December 4 Approx. (Please double check CLASS' website)	Thurs.	Deadline to submit signed approved MA thesis or PhD dissertation original to Dean's office. CLASS guidelines and information on thesis and dissertation https://www.uh.edu/class/students/graduate/thesis-dissertation-info/index.php
December 8-14	Tuesday-Monday	Final Examination Period. TAs must remain in Houston until the last official day of the semester.
December 17	Thurs.	Deadline for completed submission and approval of master's thesis or dissertation to UH library: https://www.uh.edu/graduate-school/academics/thesis/index.php
Dec. 17-18	Thu-Fr	Commencement/convocation

Jan. 19 (2025)	Tuesday	First day of class Spring 2027
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Comprehensive Examination dates and deadlines (Fall 2025)

September 28	Monday	Last day to declare intention to take MA exams or PhD qualifying papers. Students are responsible for reading and following complete instructions regarding exams. Prospective examinees should make all necessary arrangements to take comps during scheduled dates and times. For more information, see MA Students Handbook and HS PhD Student Handbook Fall 2026pdf
November 13 9am-3pm	Friday	MA comprehensive exams (written)
Nov. 16-20 9am-5pm	Mon-Fri	MA comprehensive oral exams and PhD dissertation proposal defense

Calendario de Actividades Escritura Creativa Otoño 2026

Fecha	Actividad	Lugar y hora
Octubre 16	Jornada de poesía en spanish	Judy Cook Building (all day)
Octubre 22	Workshop series – Brenda Navarro	TBA