

## International Student Services – Spring 2021 Important Dates College of Dentistry

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please visit <https://registrar.tamu.edu/Catalogs,-Policies-Procedures/College-of-Dentistry>.

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please visit <https://tamu-iss.terradotta.com/?go=deadlines>.

<a href="#"><u>Health Insurance Waivers Accepted</u></a>	Wednesday, December 9 – Monday, February 1
<b>Academic Break Period</b> <i>F-1 and J-1 students are not subject to the 20-hour per week maximum for on-campus employment during this time.</i>	Sunday, December 13 – Sunday, January 3
<b>Earliest employment start date for F-1 students requesting Curricular Practical Training (CPT) authorization for Spring 2021.</b>	Sunday, December 13
<b>ISS Closed – Texas A&amp;M University Faculty/Staff Holiday</b>	12:00pm (noon) on Tuesday, December 22 – Sunday, January 3
<b>Day before Spring term classes begin.</b> <i>This is the latest Fall 2020 CPT employment end date for F-1 students who did not graduate in Spring 2021 term.</i>	Sunday, January 3
<b>First day of Spring 2021 classes.</b>	Monday, January 4
<b>Graduation application opens for all students planning to graduate in Spring 2021</b>	Wednesday, January 6
<b>End of 30-day grace period for J-1 students who graduated in Fall 2020.</b> <i>By this date, graduate must have:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Departed from the U.S.; or</li> <li>- Applied for Post-Completion Academic Training; or</li> <li>- Transferred SEVIS record to another school; or</li> <li>- Obtained a new DS-2019 for a new academic program.</li> </ul>	Monday, January 11
<b>ISS Closed – Texas A&amp;M University Faculty/Staff Holiday</b>	Monday, January 18

<p><b>Last day for adding/dropping courses for Spring 2021.</b></p> <p><i>Date by which all F-1 and J-1 students must be full-time enrolled (12 credits for undergraduates, 9 credits for graduates), be flagged as full-time by the Registrar, or have applied for a Reduced Course Load (RCL) with ISS.</i></p> <p><i>This is also the last day for F-1 and J-1 students to submit an approved Letter of Completion to ISS to avoid enrollment for Spring 2021 (for immigration purposes only).</i></p>	<p><b>Monday, January 25</b></p>
<p><b>End of 60-day grace period for F-1 students who graduated in Fall 2020.</b></p> <p><i>By this date, graduate must have:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Departed from the U.S.; or</i></li> <li>- <i>Applied for Post-Completion Optional Practical Training; or</i></li> <li>- <i>Transferred SEVIS record to another school; or</i></li> <li>- <i>Obtained a new I-20 for a new academic program.</i></li> </ul>	<p><b>Wednesday, February 10</b></p>
<p><b>Earliest day that USCIS will accept an application for Post-Completion Optional Practical Training (OPT) based on Spring 2021 graduation.</b></p>	<p><b>This date is determined by counting 90 days prior to the earliest commencement date. The commencement dates are not currently included on the College of Dentistry's published academic calendar, so ISS cannot yet provide a specific date.</b></p>
<p><b>Last day to defend thesis/dissertation in order to make Spring 2021 graduation (OGAPS requirement).</b></p>	<p><b>Friday, March 12</b></p>
<p><b>ISS Closed - Texas A&amp;M University Faculty/Staff Spring Break</b></p>	<p><b>Friday, March 19</b></p>
<p><b>Preregistration for Summer and Fall 2021 semesters</b></p>	<p><b>Thursday, April 1 – Friday, April 16</b></p>
<p><b>Last day to Q-drop classes.</b></p> <p><i>*Reminder* F-1 and J-1 students requesting a Reduced Course Load (RCL) must have the RCL approved by ISS prior to dropping below full-time enrollment.</i></p>	<p><b>Not Applicable for College of Dentistry</b></p>
<p><b>Last day of final examinations for Spring 2021</b></p> <p><i>This is the latest Spring 2021 CPT employment end date for F-1 students graduating in Spring 2021 term.</i></p>	<p><b>Friday, May 14</b></p>
<p><b>1st commencement ceremony for Spring 2021</b></p> <p><i>This is the date used by ISS to indicate the graduation date for all F-1 and J-1 students for immigration purposes.</i></p> <p><i>F-1 and J-1 students must stop working in on-campus student positions by this date if they are graduating in Spring 2021.</i></p>	<p><b>This date is not included on the College of Dentistry's published academic calendar, so ISS cannot yet provide a specific date.</b></p>

<p><b>Earliest employment start date for F-1 students requesting Curricular Practical Training (CPT) authorization for Summer 2021.</b></p>	<p><b>This date should be the day immediately following the earliest commencement date. The commencement dates are not currently included on the College of Dentistry’s published academic calendar, so ISS cannot yet provide a specific date.</b></p>
<p><b>Academic Break Period</b> <i>F-1 and J-1 students are not subject to the 20-hour per week maximum for on-campus employment during this time.</i></p>	<p><b>This date range should begin the day immediately following the earliest commencement date and end the day before the next term’s 1<sup>st</sup> class day. Neither the commencement dates for Spring 2021 nor the Fall 2021 academic dates are currently included on the College of Dentistry’s published academic calendar, so ISS cannot yet provide a specific date range.</b></p>
<p><b>ISS Closed – Texas A&amp;M University Faculty/Staff Holiday</b></p>	<p><b>Friday, May 28 – Monday, May 31</b></p>
<p><b>Day before Summer term classes begin.</b> <i>This is the latest Spring 2021 CPT employment end date for F-1 students who did not graduate in Spring 2021 term.</i></p>	<p><b>Monday, May 31 for DDS and DH students.</b> <b>Sunday, June 27 for graduate students.</b></p>
<p><b>First day of Summer term classes</b></p>	<p><b>Tuesday, June 1 for DDS and DH students.</b> <b>Monday, June 28 for graduate students.</b></p>

<p><b>End of 30-day grace period for J-1 students who graduate in Spring 2021.</b></p> <p><i>By this date, graduate must have:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Departed from the U.S.; or</i></li> <li>- <i>Applied for Post-Completion Academic Training; or</i></li> <li>- <i>Transferred SEVIS record to another school; or</i></li> <li>- <i>Obtained a new DS-2019 for a new academic program.</i></li> </ul>	<p><b>This date should be exactly 30 days following the earliest commencement date. The commencement dates are not currently included on the College of Dentistry’s published academic calendar, so ISS cannot yet provide a specific date.</b></p>
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