

International Student Services – Spring 2021 Important Dates

Texas A&M University in College Station • Texas A&M University at Galveston
 School of Public Health • College of Medicine
 College of Nursing • College of Pharmacy (PhD program)

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

<u>Health Insurance Waivers Accepted</u>	Wednesday, December 9 – Monday, February 1
<p>Academic Break Period</p> <p><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>	Saturday, December 12 – Monday, January 18
Earliest employment start date for F-1 students requesting Curricular Practical Training (CPT) authorization for Spring 2021.	Saturday, December 12
ISS Closed – Texas A&M University Faculty/Staff Holiday	12:00pm (noon) on Tuesday, December 22 – Sunday, January 3
Graduation application opens for all students planning to graduate in Spring 2021	Wednesday, January 6
<p>End of 30-day grace period for J-1 students who graduated in Fall 2020.</p> <p><i>By this date, graduate must have:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Departed from the U.S.; or</i> - <i>Applied for Post-Completion Academic Training; or</i> - <i>Transferred SEVIS record to another school; or</i> - <i>Obtained a new DS-2019 for a new academic program.</i> 	Sunday, January 10
ISS Closed – Texas A&M University Faculty/Staff Holiday	Monday, January 18
<p>Day before Spring term classes begin.</p> <p><i>This is the latest Fall 2020 CPT employment end date for F-1 students who did not graduate in Spring 2021 term.</i></p>	Monday, January 18
First day of Spring 2021 classes.	Tuesday, January 19

<p>Last day for adding/dropping courses for Spring 2021.</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>Monday, January 25</p>
<p>End of 60-day grace period for F-1 students who graduated in Fall 2020.</p> <p><i>By this date, graduate must have:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Departed from the U.S.; or</i> - <i>Applied for Post-Completion Optional Practical Training; or</i> - <i>Transferred SEVIS record to another school; or</i> - <i>Obtained a new I-20 for a new academic program.</i> 	<p>Tuesday, February 9</p>
<p>Earliest day that USCIS will accept an application for Post-Completion Optional Practical Training (OPT) based on Spring 2021 graduation.</p>	<p>Wednesday, February 10</p>
<p>Last day to defend thesis/dissertation in order to make Spring 2021 graduation (OGAPS requirement).</p>	<p>Friday, March 12</p>
<p>ISS Closed - Texas A&M University Faculty/Staff Spring Break</p>	<p>Friday, March 19</p>
<p>Preregistration for Summer and Fall 2021 semesters</p>	<p>Thursday, April 1 – Friday, April 16</p>
<p>Last day to Q-drop classes.</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>Thursday, April 15</p>
<p>Last day of final examinations for Spring 2021</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>Friday, May 7</p>
<p>1st commencement ceremony for Spring 2021</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>Tuesday, May 11</p>
<p>Earliest employment start date for F-1 students requesting Curricular Practical Training (CPT) authorization for Summer 2021.</p>	<p>Wednesday, May 12</p>
<p>Academic Break Period</p> <p><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>Wednesday, May 12 – Sunday, August 29</p>
<p>ISS Closed – Texas A&M University Faculty/Staff Holiday</p>	<p>Friday, May 28 – Monday, May 31</p>

<p>Day before Summer term classes begin.</p> <p><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>Monday, May 31</p>
<p>First day of Summer I and 10-week semester classes</p>	<p>Tuesday, June 1</p>
<p>End of 30-day grace period for J-1 students who graduate in Spring 2021.</p> <p><i>By this date, graduate must have:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Departed from the U.S.; or</i> - <i>Applied for Post-Completion Academic Training; or</i> - <i>Transferred SEVIS record to another school; or</i> - <i>Obtained a new DS-2019 for a new academic program.</i> 	<p>Thursday, June 10</p>
<p>End of 60-day grace period for F-1 students who graduate in Spring 2021.</p> <p><i>By this date, graduate must have:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Departed from the U.S.; or</i> - <i>Applied for Post-Completion Optional Practical Training; or</i> - <i>Transferred SEVIS record to another school; or</i> - <i>Obtained a new I-20 for a new academic program.</i> 	<p>Saturday, July 10</p>