

Fall 2026 Registration and Petition Deadlines for Master’s Students

Normal registration schedule

Schedule posted	February 2026
Registration	Apr. 13 – Sep. 4, 2026
First day of classes	August 24, 2026
Last day to add or drop a class	September 4, 2026
Last day to withdraw from all classes and receive a prorated refund (petition required)	November 1, 2026
Last day of classes	December 11, 2026
Last day of finals	December 18, 2026

Last day to submit special petitions for Fall 2026¹

Petitions to Graduate Studies to add 3 unit Curricular Practical Training (CPT) course	September 25, 2026
Petitions to Graduate Studies to late add a "normal" course (not CPT, 799A or 799B)	October 9, 2026
Petitions to Graduate Studies to add 799A or 799B	October 9, 2026 ²
Petitions to Graduate Studies to add 2 unit CPT course	October 30, 2026
Petitions to Graduate Studies to add 1 unit CPT course	November 27, 2026
Petition to Graduate Studies to late drop	December 11, 2026
Request for a Leave of Absence	December 31, 2026 ³

¹ Students may petition for schedule adjustments if there has been an administrative error, or if serious, compelling and unexpected circumstances occur after the add/drop deadline.

² Petitions to add 799A or 799B will be accepted October 10 – October 23 only if there is a high probability of thesis approval and publication by the December 2026 deadline. (For Fall 2026 graduation, the deadline for thesis submission is October 23.) See the Graduation Deadline flyer for more details.

³ Leave of Absence requests must be submitted through my.SDSU.

Leave of Absence

Every Fall and Spring semester, students must register for classes or petition for Leave of Absence. Leave of Absence requests must be made in your my.SDSU account. Requests for two semesters on Leave of Absence are not possible; a new request must be filed at the beginning of every semester. A maximum of four Leave of Absences can be granted during a student's degree.

Students who are not taking classes or on a Leave of Absence lose matriculation. This means that they do not remain active in their program, and will not be able to register in future semesters. Note that matriculation is NOT necessary in order to apply for graduation, take the comprehensive exam, or file the exam completion form with Graduate Studies. Main campus students do not need to be matriculated for any SDSU Global Campus registration. Courses completed by students who have lost matriculation will not count towards their degree unless a special petition is approved by both the graduate advisor and Graduate Studies. Plan A Master's students: you must be registered in 799A or 799B at the time the thesis is submitted to Montezuma Publishing.

Time to Graduate

All graduation requirements must be completed within 6 consecutive calendar years (not academic years) after initial registration for a graduate program with < 36 units, and within 7 consecutive calendar years for a program with ≥ 36 units. This includes time spent on Leave of Absence (but not time spent in compulsory service). Plan A students must submit their thesis to Montezuma Publishing by the end of the 6th calendar year (for programs with < 36 units) or the end of the 7th calendar year (for programs with ≥ 36 units).