

**School of Medicine
Office of Graduate Education
Academic Calendar
Summer 2026**

MAY

M	18	Summer semester start
T	19	Summer graduation applications now available in eServices
T	19	DEADLINE: Last day to withdraw from a course with a mark of "W" (Exception: students in courses not scheduled for the full semester should review the course syllabus for appropriate withdrawal deadline)
M	25	University closed

JUNE

F	19	University closed
T	16	30 th day of semester
F	26	DEADLINE: Last day to submit graduation applications for August degrees. Students are encouraged to apply for graduation through eServices prior to this date.

JULY

F	3	University closed
F	10	DEADLINE: Program Preliminary Freezes on graduating students due in DegreeWorks (anticipated)
M	14	DEADLINE: MS and PhD defense deadline for input of approved defense schedule into SOM GradTrak system
F	24	DEADLINE: M.S. and Ph.D. students to defend thesis/dissertation for graduate students planning to graduate Summer 2026. Check with the graduate program director regarding internal schedules for submission of copy and school/college dean approval.

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AUGUST

M	3	DEADLINE: Electronic Thesis and Dissertation (ETD) approval form - Last day to initiate. Do not follow other deadlines. BEGIN ETD APPROVAL FORM WEEK.
R	6	DEADLINE: SOM M.S. and Ph.D. students to have completed: ETD Approval forms, ETD upload to VCU Scholars Compass, and completion of Survey of Earned Doctorates (Ph.D.) END ETD APPROVAL FORM WEEK.
F	7	Summer semester end
T	11	Final grades are due by noon using Faculty eServices
S	15	Official date for certifying August diplomas
T	18	Classes begin Fall 2026

NOTES:

1. Unanticipated events might necessitate changes to the calendar.
2. **SOM students entering other SOM programs (M.S., Ph.D., and M.D.) and the VCU D.D.S. program must successfully complete their current program prior to starting the new program.**
3. Reasonable accommodations for completion of work missed should be made for students observing religious holidays.