

GRADUATE COUNCIL (GC)

2025-2026 Calendar for Academic Programs and Courses

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| | Date | Action |
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| Course Proposal (CP) Deadlines | Monday, October 13, 2025 | <p>Last day for all course proposals (new and revised) in Curriculog to reach the Registrar for inclusion in the Fall 2026 course schedule (offerings). The Graduate Group Chairs must ensure that the CP clears the Assessment step and is ready to be forwarded by the Registrar to Graduate Council on or before the deadline. Before submission to the Senate Office, the CP should reflect all needed corrections and clarifications from School and Registrar reviews.</p> <p>Curriculog is available here: https://ucmerced.curriculog.com/</p> <p>Last day to submit substantial revisions to existing academic programs for implementation in Fall 2026. Proposals must include approval memos from the relevant School leads (Dean, Curriculum or Executive Committees, and Department Chairs) and a list of the proposed changes.</p> |
| | Monday, February 17, 2026 | <p>Last day to submit all Course Proposals (new and revised) to the Registrar on Curriculog for inclusion in the Spring 2027 and Summer 2027 course schedules.</p> <p>Last day to submit proposals to GC for new programs or major revisions to existing academic programs for implementation in Fall 2027. <u>Proposals must include a draft Catalog copy.</u></p> |
| Other Internal Deadlines | October 31, 2025 | <p>Concentrations and/ or Designated Emphases: Last day to submit proposals for Concentrations and/or Designated Emphases to <i>Graduate Council</i> for review and possible approval for Fall 2026. Proposals will be accepted after this date but approval cannot be guaranteed for Fall implementation. The related policy is here and associated summary form here.</p> |
| | January 5, 2026 | <p>Catalog: Graduate Groups submit to <i>Graduate Division</i> revisions to the AY 26 - 27 UC Merced Catalog.</p> |
| | January 20, 2026 First day of spring instruction | <p>Bylaws: Last day to submit revised Bylaws to <i>Graduate Council</i> for internal review and approval for Fall 2026. The related policy is available here and the template here.</p> |
| | January 20, 2026 First day of spring instruction | <p>Policies and Procedures: Last day to submit revised Policies & Procedures to Graduate Council for internal review and approval for Fall 2026. The related policy and template are available here. Detailed instructions are here.</p> |

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| CCGA¹ Proposal Deadlines | September 30, 2025 | <u>Graduate Groups</u> : Last day to submit a proposal for a new graduate program to <i>Graduate Council</i> for campus review and estimated submission to CCGA before the end of the <i>Spring 2026</i> semester. The CCGA's, and GC's, related policies are here and here . |
| | January 20, 2026 First day of spring instruction | <u>Graduate Groups</u> : Last day to submit a proposal for a new graduate program to the <i>Graduate Council</i> for campus review and estimated submission to CCGA before the end of the <i>Fall 2026</i> semester. The CCGA's, and GC's, related policies are here and here . |

Fall Semester Instruction ends Friday, December 19, 2025
Spring Semester Instruction begins Tuesday, January 20, 2026

¹ CCGA: Coordinating Committee on Graduate Affairs