



# CECS Spring 2026 Go for Launch Series: Spring 2026 & Summer 2026 Graduation

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## Overview

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## Why do I need to apply to graduate?

- Why can't UCF determine when I am ready to graduate?
  - Transfer Work Issues
  - [Pending Petitions](#)
  - Research Delays
  - GPA Issues
- Why can't UCF file this paperwork for me?
  - [Check-In with Advisor/Dept.](#)
  - [OPT Timeframe Windows](#)
  - [Exit Surveys](#)

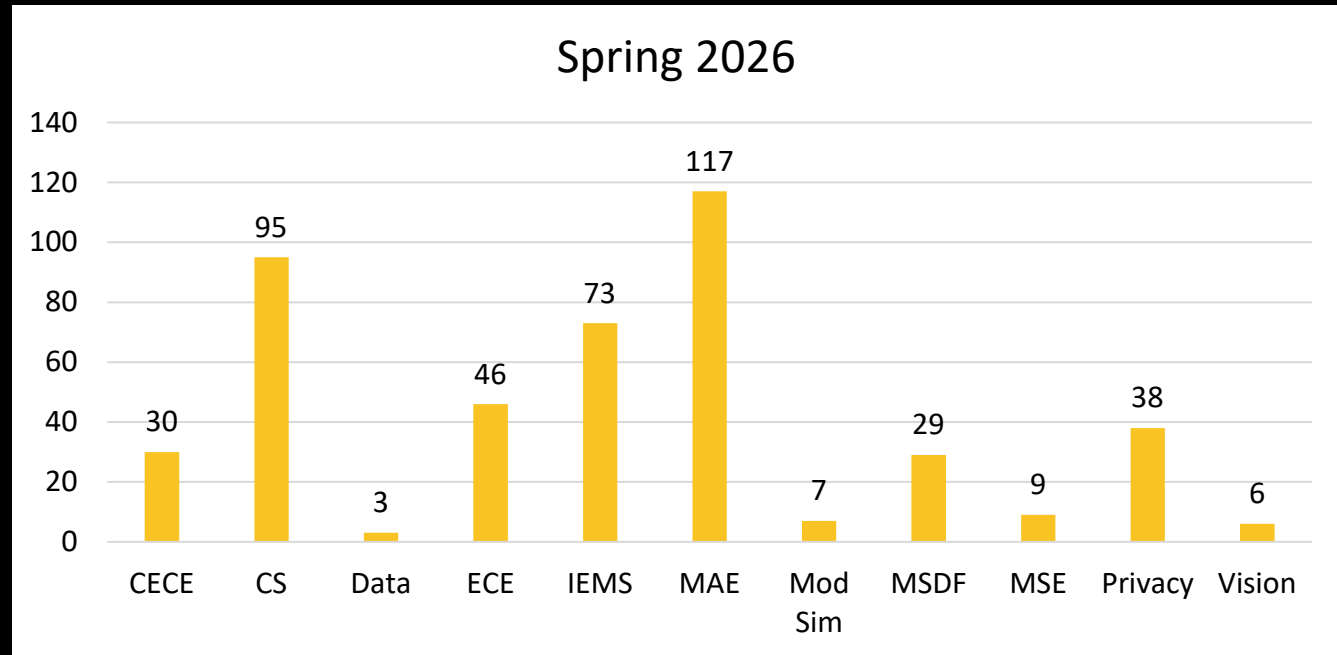
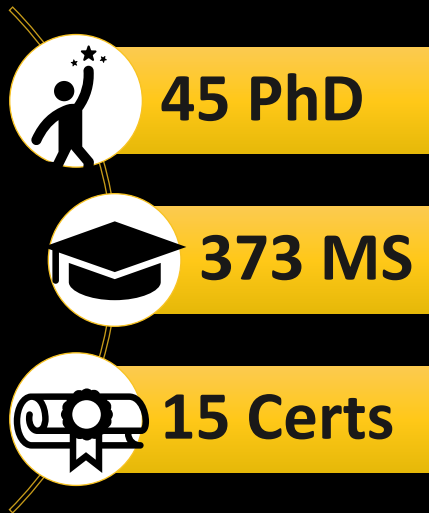
**Have questions  
or need help?  
Reach out to  
your program's  
staff.**



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# College of Engineering & Computer Science

**We have 454 (21 Walk-Only) Students Applied to Graduate Spring 2026\***



\*As of 3/5/2026 at 10 AM



## Graduating Eligibility

- PhD Students
  - Started 7980 in Fall 2025 = Spring 2026 Graduation
  - Started 7980 in Spring 2026 = Summer 2026 Graduation
  - Dissertation Milestones (T&D and Program)
  - IRB
  - 72/42 total credits completed
    - 15 Credit Hours of 7980
    - At least 36/21 Credit Hours in 6000- and 7000-level Courses
    - At least 27/15 Credit Hours of Formal Coursework
  - = Post Master's Track Students



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## Graduation Eligibility

- MS Thesis Students
  - Thesis Milestones (T&D and Program)
  - **30 Total Credits Successfully Completed**
    - 6 credit hours of 6971
    - **At least 15 credit hours in 6000-Level Courses**
    - At least 24 credit hours of Formal Coursework
    - IRB



## Graduation Eligibility

- MS Non-Thesis Students
  - Non-Thesis Independent Learning Milestone
    - Research Portfolio
    - Comp Exam
    - Pre-Determined Course (EML 6085 or EIN 6182)
  - **30 Total Credits Successfully Completed**
    - **At least 15 credit hours in 6000-Level Courses**
    - At least 24 credit hours of Formal Coursework



## Graduation Eligibility

- Certificate Students
  - Must Apply to the Certificate Program
  - Must complete all Courses with a B or better
  - Cannot Substitute Course(s)
  - Only Earning a Certificate? You cannot **participate** in Commencement; only MS and PhD students can attend graduation.

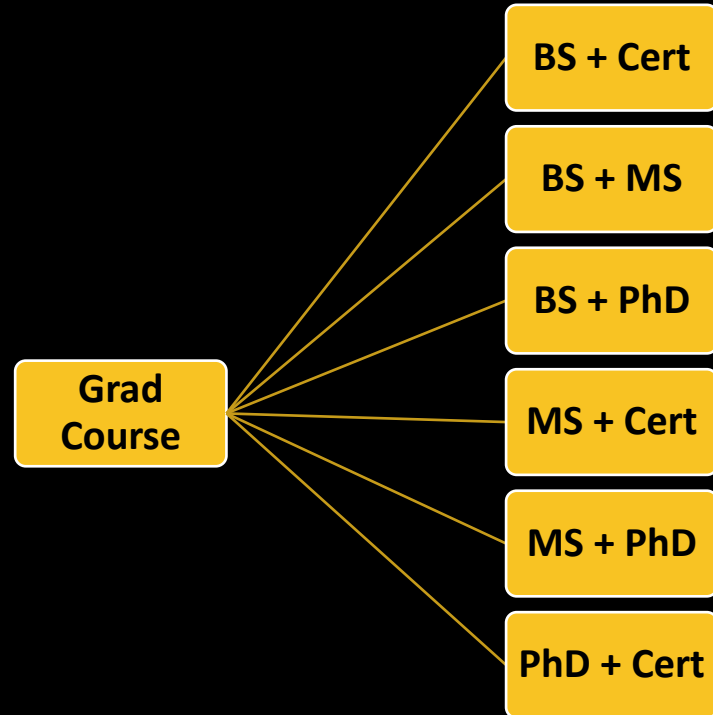


## Graduation Eligibility

- MS Along the Way Students
  - **Step #1 Submit your MS Degree Program of Study**
    - Same Discipline
    - No External Transfer Work
    - **No Work** Used for Another Graduate Degree but Your Current PhD (BS or Cert = A Use)
    - 15 Credits at the 6000-level
    - 24 Hours of Formal Course Work
  - **Step #2 File a Thesis Committee Formation (if needed)**
  - **Step #3 Meet all Requirements for Thesis & Non-Thesis Students**

## Triple Use Policy

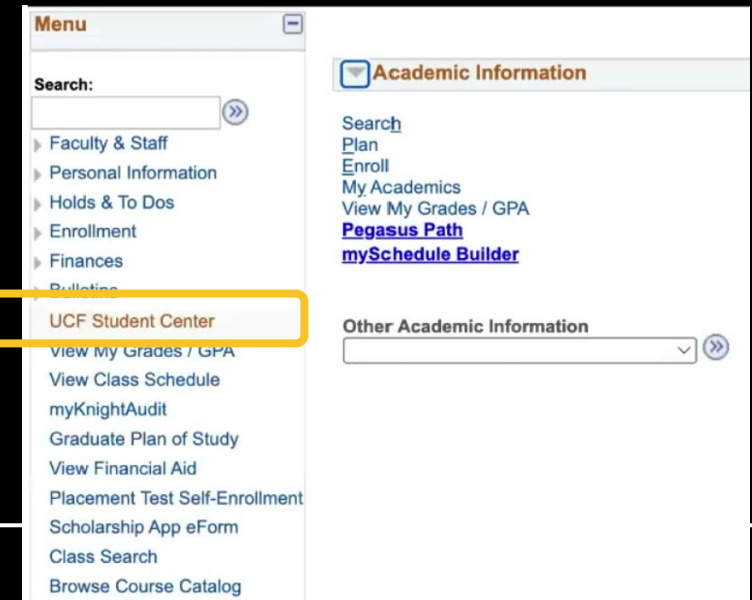
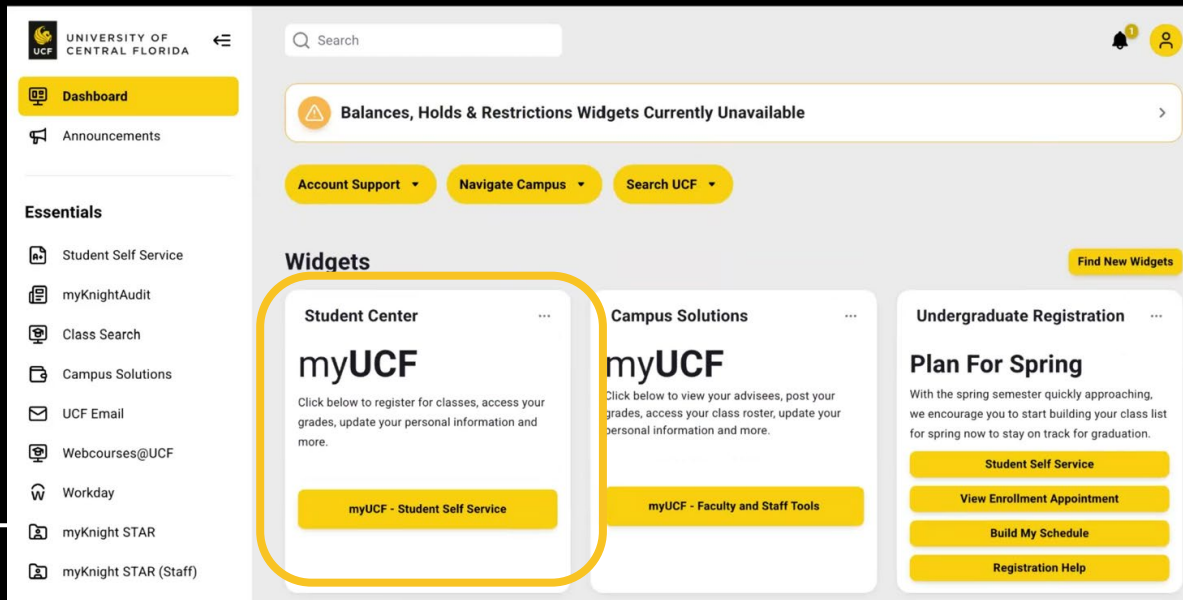
- UCF Graduate Courses can only be used toward 2 Programs, effective January 2025



- Already completed two (or three, four ... ) programs?
  - Revise POS to feature single-use courses
  - Petition for an exception formally with Graduate Studies
    - Previously approved POS-es will Help Tremendously

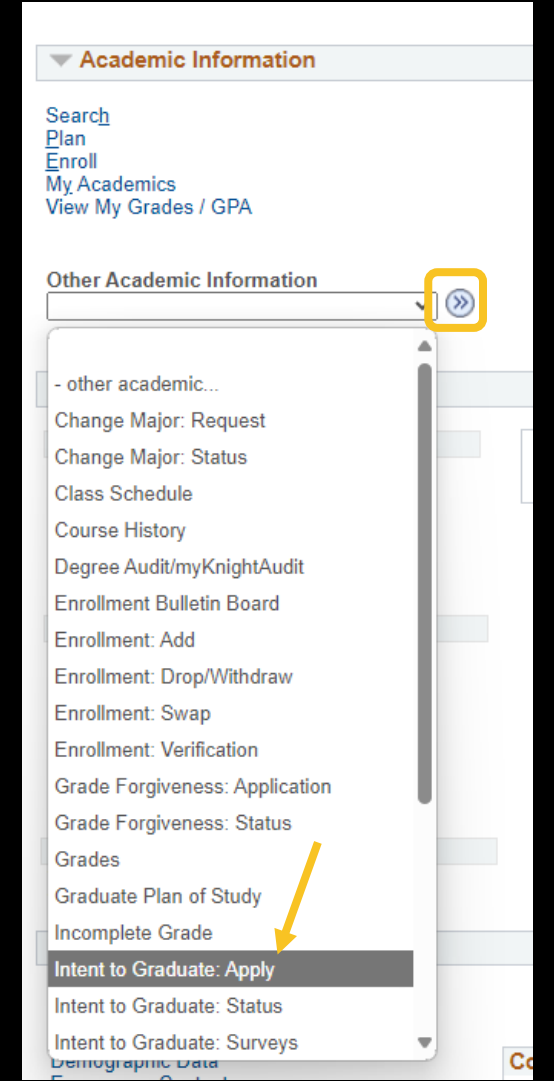
## How Can I Apply Beforem 3/6?

- Follow these Steps (if you have **NOT** missed the deadline)
  1. Log into your **myUCF Portal**
  2. Navigate to the **UCF Student Center Area**



## How Can I Apply, Cont.?

3. Select your Student Center and then the "Other Academic Information" Drop-Down Menu
4. Find the Intent to Graduate: **Apply** Option





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## How Can I Apply, Continued?

5. Select Your Program in the blue hyperlink. **If your MS Program is not available, please see [slide #9](#) for MS Along the Way Students**

The screenshot shows the 'Apply for Graduation' page. Under the 'Select Program and Degree' section, there is a 'Select an Academic Program' bar. Below it, the 'Academic Program' is set to 'Computer Science PhD', which is highlighted with a yellow box. Other options include 'Career' and 'Graduate'. The 'Degree' is set to 'Doctor of Philosophy' and the 'Program' is 'Computer Science PhD'.

The screenshot shows the 'Apply for Graduation' page. Under the 'Select Graduation Term' section, there is a table with columns for 'Program', 'Degree', and 'Program'. The 'Program' is 'Computer Science PhD', the 'Degree' is 'Doctor of Philosophy', and the 'Program' is 'Computer Science PhD'. Below the table, there is a section for 'Expected Graduation Term' with a dropdown menu set to 'Summer 2025', which is highlighted with a yellow box. Below this, there are two buttons: 'SELECT DIFFERENT PROGRAM' and 'CONTINUE'. The 'CONTINUE' button is highlighted with a yellow box and an arrow.

6. Only one term is available at a time. If everything is correct, then select **“Continue.”**



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## How Can I Apply from 3/7 – 3/16 (@ 11:59 PM)?

- Submit this [Qualtrics Survey](#)

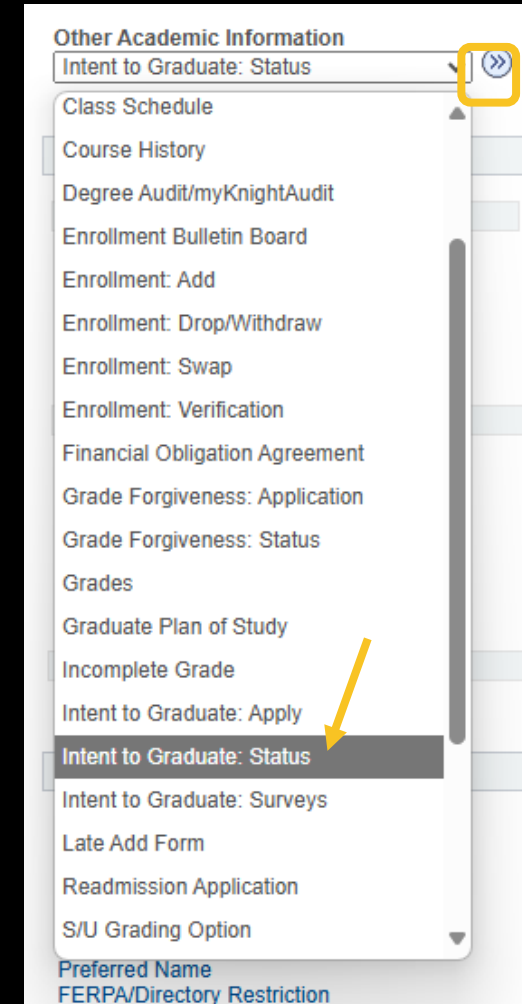
## How Can I Apply Late (Beginning 3/17)?

- [Submit the Late Form](#)
- Due April 27, 2026
- **Cannot Attend May's Commencement**



## Checking Your Status

- Follow these Steps (if you have NOT missed the deadline)
  1. Log into your **myUCF Portal**
  2. Navigate to the **Student Self-Service** Area
  3. Select your Student Center and then the **"Other Academic Information"** Drop-Down Menu
  4. Find the Intent to Graduate: **Status** Option



## Checking Your Status

5. Enter your UCF ID / the 4-digit term (**1860** = Spring 2026 / **1870** = Summer 2026)

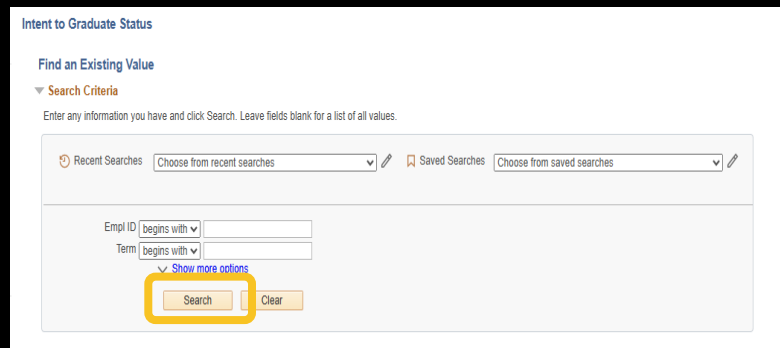
6. CECS Grad Affairs will set you to pending status and note any issues. Questions? Reach out to [your Program's Staff](#)

- Initial Review → Move to Pending

- After Withdrawal Deadline → Updated Comments

- After Grades → Final Certification

- Diplomas & Transcripts will be available by June 2026





## Understanding Your Status

- [How to Access Your GPS](#)
- List anything that is unmet
  - Solved via Program of Study Submission
  - Need Exception – Late Transfer Work (**was due by the end of your 2<sup>nd</sup> Term**), Extra Transfer Work, etc. File a [Petition](#)
  - Pending Fall Grades, Thesis/Dissertation Completion, Research Portfolios, Comp Exams, etc.
- Reviewed by Me, 3 Times
  - Change to Pending, After Withdrawal Deadline, & Actual Certification



## Important Dates

- Online Intents Close: **March 6, 2026**
- Summer 2026 Intents: **Opening March 9 / Close June 26**
- CECS Grad Affairs Pre-Certification: **March 27, 2027**
- [Spring Late Intents](#) Due: **April 27, 2026**
- Doctoral Degree Final Check: **April 27, 2026**
- [Commencement](#): **May 9, 2026 Evening Ceremony**
- Grades Due & Certification Begins: **May 10, 2026**

Spring  
2026  
Calendar  
Dates



## Thesis & Dissertation Students

**\*\*Use CGS' Thesis & Dissertation Webcourse & Website\*\***

- Release Options: **March 16**
- Format Review: **March 27**
- Defense Announcement (2 Weeks Prior): **March 27**
- Defense: **April 10 (the last day)** see your Department for Rating Sheets, Surveys, Etc.
- Upload: **April 24\*April 23**
- Approval Form: **April 24\*April 23**



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## Commencement

- UCF Arena, on the Main Campus
- Saturday, May 9, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.
- Regalia
  - March 9 – 11, 2026, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., the Campus Bookstore
  - Online
  - After March 20? Rush Fee Applied
- Ticket, Regalia, and Reader Card Pick Up **April 27 – April 30** from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the UCF Alumni Center



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## Late Intents to Graduate

- Missed your Window? File [the Late Intent Form](#) by 4/27
- Cannot Attend the Commencement Ceremony
- Still Receive your Degree, Diploma, and Transcript in May-June 2026

## Walk-Only Requests

- File [the Walk-Only Form](#) Before the Term's Online Intents Close (3/16)
- An Option Up to 1 Year Following your Degree's Certification

**Certificate-Only Students Do not Participate in Graduation**



## Spring 2026 Go for Launch Workshops

- Summer 2026 Thesis Students: **March 26, 2026**
- Summer 2026 Candidates: **March 27, 2026**
- Summer 2026 Registration: **April 3, 2026**



**All sessions are held via Zoom at 11 AM / Slides will be Posted After the Presentation Session**

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