

# CMST Important Dates | Spring 2026

Updated 1/23/2026

## January

Friday, January 9

### Orientation for New Students + Library and Graduate Writing Session

**Time:** 11.00 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. & 1.00 p.m. - 2.30 p.m.

**Location:** RM 107 & Gelman Library RM 324

*Mandatory for incoming spring 2026 students*

Monday, January 12

### First Day of Classes

Monday, January 19

### Martin Luther King Day (no classes)

Flagg Building closed

Friday, January 30

### Spring 2026 Comps and Graduating Students Meeting

**Time:** 12.00 p.m. - 1.00 p.m.

**Location:** [Zoom](#)

*Essential for spring 2026 and summer 2026 graduates*

### NEXT Festival Student Content Due

*Students who graduated in Fall 2025, or will be graduating in Spring 2026 or Summer 2026 should submit content to [cmst@gwu.edu](mailto:cmst@gwu.edu) by 12 p.m. if they wish to be included in the festival materials*

## February

Thursday, February 5

### Student and Alumni Winter Mixer (with Art History & Brady Gallery)

**Time:** 5.00 p.m. - 7.00 p.m.

**Location:** Atrium (Flagg Building)

*Please [RSVP](#) to Attend.*

Friday, February 6

### CMST Field Trip: NMAH

**Time:** 10.00 a.m. - 12.00 p.m.

**Location:** NMAH

*Event is fully booked.*

Monday, February 16

### Presidents' Day (no classes)

Friday, February 20

**Oral Presentations**

**Time:** 11.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

**Location:** [Zoom](#)

Tuesday, February 24

**College Day at NMAI**

## **March**

Friday, March 6

**CMST Field Trip: International Spy Museum**

**Time:** 10.00 a.m. - 12.00 p.m.

**Location:** International Spy Museum

RSVP to Attend. This event has a max capacity of 30.

*More information (RSVP + itinerary) coming soon!*

Mon - Fri, March 9 - 14

**Spring Break (No classes)**

Saturday, March 14

**CCAS Graduation Application Due (for Spring 2026 graduates)**

[Apply via GWeb](#)

Friday, March 20

**CCAS Career Services' [Professional Branding Bootcamp](#)**

**Time:** 9.45 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

**Location:** University Student Center Rm. 402

[Register to attend](#)

Thursday, March 26

[\*\*Malaro Excellence in Research & Writing Award\*\*](#) Submissions Due

Friday, March 27

**Oral Presentations**

**Time:** 11.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

**Location:** [Zoom](#)

**NEXT Install Plans/Final Project Information Materials Due**

- All Video/Audio Files
- Final install layout plans

March 30 - April 22

**NEXT Festival Installation**

## **April**

Thursday, April 2

[\*\*GW Museum Workshop Series: Review with Hiring Managers\*\*](#)

**Time:** 1.30 p.m. - 2.30 p.m.

**Location:** The GW Museum and The Textile Museum

Friday, April 3	<b>NEXT Wall Labels/Info Blurbs/Website Updates Due</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wall Label information for projects</li> <li>• Instructional/ADA/Warning labels for projects</li> <li>• Updates to website pages</li> </ul>
April 16 - May 14	<b>NEXT Festival</b>
Friday, April 17	<b>NEXT Research Showcase</b> <b>Time:</b> TBD <b>Location:</b> Hammer
Sunday, April 19	<b>Name Changes must be processed (<a href="#">Graduation Checklist</a>)</b> <i>Spring 2026 graduates</i>
Monday, April 20	<b><a href="#">Writing Requirement</a> due to CMST</b> (spring 2025 graduates)
Thursday, April 23	<b><a href="#">NEXT Festival</a> Opening Party/Extravaganza</b> <b>Time:</b> 6.00 p.m. - 9.00 p.m. <b>Location:</b> Flagg
Monday, April 27	<b>Last Day of Classes</b> <b>Final Internship Reports &amp; Directed Research due</b>
Tuesday, April 28	<b>Make-Up Day</b>
Wednesday, April 29	<b>Designated Monday</b>
Thursday, April 30	<b>Marie C. Malaro Symposium (Tentative)</b> Exhibition Party/Student Tour for Exhibitions course <b>Time:</b> 5.30 p.m. - 7.30 p.m. <b>Location:</b> Hammer & Atrium

## May

Sat, May 2 - Fri, May 8	<b>Final Exams</b>
Tuesday, May 5	<b>CMST Oral Comprehensive Exam Day 1</b> <i>Graduating students will be assigned a time to present.</i>
Wednesday, May 6	<b>CMST Oral Comprehensive Exam Day 2</b> <i>Graduating students will be assigned a time to present.</i>
Thu, May 14 - Sun, May 17	<b>Commencement Weekend</b>

Friday, May 15

**Address Changes must be submitted ([Graduation Checklist](#))**  
*Spring 2026 graduates*

**Deadline to apply for [Federal Direct Graduate PLUS](#) & private alternative loan applications for Fall 2026**

**CCAS Master's Degree Graduation Ceremony**

**Time:** 8.30 a.m. - 10.30 a.m.

**Location:** Charles E. Smith Center, 600 22nd St. NW

**Corcoran School of the Arts Graduation Reception**

**Time:** 2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.

**Location:** Flagg Atrium

*This includes the CMST Reception*

Sunday, May 17

**Spring Degree Conferral**

Mon - Fri, May 18 - 22

**NEXT Festival Deinstallation**