

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 <i>Mandatory for incoming spring 2026 students</i>
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 <i>Essential for spring 2026 and summer 2026 graduates</i>
	NEXT Festival Student Content Due <i>Students who graduated in Fall 2025, or will be graduating in Spring 2026 or Summer 2026 should submit content to cmst@gwu.edu by 12 p.m. if they wish to be included in the festival materials</i>

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) <i>Please RSVP to Attend.</i>
Friday, February 6	CMST Field Trip: NMAH Time: 10.00 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. Location: NMAH <i>Event is fully booked.</i>
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

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

May

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

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