

**Required Dissertation, Thesis, and Comprehensive Exam Deadlines for 2025-2026**  
**(Thursday is Weekly Deadline)**

|  |  | <b>Fall 2025</b> | <b>Spring 2026</b> | <b>Summer 2026</b>  |
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| <b>Defense date</b>  |  |                  |                    |                     |
|  | 8 weeks before end of term<br>(doctoral level)         | Oct 16           | March 5            | June 4              |
|  | <i>5 weeks before end of term<br/>(master's level)</i> | <i>Nov 6</i>     | <i>March 26</i>    | <i>June 25</i>      |
| <b>Completely edited draft to Chair/ Committee</b>                           | 6 weeks before end of term<br>(doctoral level)         | Oct 30           | March 19           | June 18             |
|  | <i>4 weeks before end of term<br/>(master's level)</i> | <i>Nov 13</i>    | <i>April 2</i>     | <i>July 2</i>       |
| <b>Dissertation Office receives e-copy and all sign-offs</b>                 | 4 weeks before end of term<br>(doctoral level)         | Nov 13           | April 2            | July 2              |
|  | <i>3 weeks before end of term<br/>(master's level)</i> | <i>Nov 20</i>    | <i>April 9</i>     | <i>July 9</i>       |
| <b>Academic Records receives Final Project/Thesis/Comps Completion Forms</b> | 3 weeks before end of term                             | <i>Nov 20</i>    | <i>April 9</i>     | <i>July 9</i>       |
| <b>Academic Records receives Final Dissertation or Thesis Approval Form</b>  | 2 weeks before end of term                             | Nov 27           | April 16           | July 16             |
| <b>Graduation</b>  |  | <b>Dec 31</b>    | <b>May 1-3</b>     | <b>May 31-Aug 2</b> |
| <b>End of Term</b>   |  | <b>Dec 11</b>    | <b>April 30</b>    | <b>July 31</b>      |