

Dates, Deadlines, and Procedures

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Procedures for Graduate Degrees and Graduation

Procedure	Under Direction of	Date
Selection of an Advisor	Department Chair	Varies by program
Selection of a Committee	Advisor	Varies by program
Request for Transfer Credit	Advisor, Department Chair, Dean of Academic College/Division, Dean of Graduate School	Within 1st year of program enrollment, prior to submission of program of study
Preliminary Examinations	Department Chair or Advisor	Submit to the Graduate School within 2 weeks of completed exam, if required by program.
Admission to Candidacy	Advisor, Department Chair, Dean of Academic College/Division, Dean of Graduate School	Submit Admission to Candidacy letter to the Graduate School no later than the following dates 8/8/25 (Fall); 12/19/25 (Spring); 5/8/26 (Summer)* -- Classified status required
Comprehensive Examinations	Advisor or Department Chair	Submit to the Graduate School within 2 weeks of completed exam, if required by program.
Application for Graduation	Graduate School	No later than 9/22/25 (Fall); 2/9/26 (Spring); 5/15/26 (Summer) - **Graduation Application due 5/16/25 for August (Summer) - If you wish to have your name included in the commencement program, you must observe the date listed in the university's academic calendar (3/30/26)
Thesis or Dissertation Final Draft to Committee	Student and Advisor	No later than 2 weeks prior to oral defense
Thesis or Dissertation Defense/Oral Examination (Non-thesis)	Advisor, Committee, and Dean of Graduate School	No later than 11/21/25 (Fall 2025); 4/17/26 (Spring 2026); 7/17/26 (Summer 2026)
Submission of Final Thesis/Dissertation	Dean of Graduate School	Within 2 weeks following final defense for thesis/dissertation

Dates subject to change.

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