



Fall 2026 GRADUATE DEADLINES

- TBD** Deadline for Course Exception and Change of Major/Minor Forms needed for fall registration.
- August 19 First class day for Fall 2026 semester. Graduation application opens; those expecting to graduate for the given term should apply before the priority deadline.
- September 3 Last day to submit a Graduate Application for Certificate through the Registrar: [How to Apply for Graduation](#)
- September 3 Priority Deadline for graduation application. Deadline to apply for December 2026 graduation to ensure that the students name will be included in the commencement program. Students who apply after September 3, 2026, will not have their name in the program and will be charged a late fee.
- *September 15** Last day to submit first draft theses/dissertations to the Thesis/Dissertation Specialist in The Graduate and Professional School for format and style review. **Students should begin scheduling a public defense of thesis/dissertation.**
- October 9 Last day to submit a Thesis Prospectus/Dissertation Proposal to the **COSET Dean's Office** for theses/dissertations to be defended in the Spring 2027 semester.
- *November 6** **Last day to complete a public defense of theses/dissertations.** The Report of Thesis Examination form must be signed and submitted to the **COSET Dean's Office** by **5:00 p.m.** Last day to begin the Electronic Route Sheet. Last day to request an embargo for theses/dissertations via the Embargo Request Form to The Graduate and Professional School. **Students should begin a route sheet immediately after successful defense.**
- November 13 Last day for Students to submit a PDF copy of thesis document and signed **Thesis Approval form** in order for the electronic route sheet to be approved by **COSET Dean.**
- *November 17** Last day to submit defended and approved theses/dissertations to the Thesis/Dissertation Specialist in The Graduate and Professional School for final review.
- *December 1** Last day to complete publication of theses/dissertations through Vireo (or in print for permanent embargo students). Last day to submit the Electronic Route Sheet to the Thesis/Dissertation Specialist in The Graduate and Professional School.
- *December 3** Last day to submit the Electronic Route Sheet to the Dean of The Graduate and Professional School.
- December 4 Last day to complete the **Oral/Written Comprehensive Exam**; The *Report of Comprehensive Exam* form must be signed and submitted to the **COSET Dean's Office** by **5:00 p.m.** for the Spring 2027 semester.
- December 7-10 Final examinations for fall semester.
- December 10-12 Commencement, Bernard G. Johnson Coliseum Schedule TBD

Thesis students are advised to review the Order of Events – From Writing to Submitting Your Thesis/Dissertation provided by The Graduate Professional School: [Theses & Dissertations](#)

Additional Resources: [Academic Calendar](#)

*Documents submitted after the deadlines listed may not be accepted without prior written approval of late submission.