



Spring 2026 GRADUATE DEADLINES

TBD	Deadline for Course Exception and Change of Major/Minor Forms needed for spring registration.
January 12	First class day for Spring 2026 semester. Graduation applications open; those expecting to graduate for the given term should apply before the priority deadline.
January 28	Last day to submit a Graduate Application for Certificate through the Registrar How to Apply for Graduation
January 28	Priority deadline for graduation application. Deadline to apply for Spring 2026 graduation to ensure that the student's name will be included in the commencement program. Students who apply after January 28, 2026, will not be listed in the program and will be charged a late fee.
*March 5	Last day to submit first draft thesis/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.
March 20	Last day to submit a Thesis Prospectus/Dissertation Proposal to the COSET Dean's Office for theses/dissertations to be defended in the Summer 2026 semester.
*April 2	Last day to complete a public defense of thesis/dissertation. 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 electronic route sheet. Last day to request an embargo for a thesis/dissertation to The Dean of The Graduate and Professional School. Students should begin a route sheet immediately after successful defense.
April 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.
*April 16	Last day to submit defended and approved thesis/dissertation to the thesis/dissertation Specialist in The Graduate and Professional School for final draft review.
*April 28	Last day to complete publication of thesis/dissertation through Vireo (or in print for permanent embargo). Last day to submit electronic route sheet to the thesis/dissertation Specialist in The Graduate Professional School.
*April 30	Last day to submit electronic route sheet to the Dean of the Graduate and Professional School.
April 30	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 Summer 2026 semester.

May 4 – May 7 Final examinations

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.