The below deadlines are final Graduate College deadlines; however, individual programs may establish earlier deadlines. The appropriate program handbook or Graduate Coordinator should be consulted. Students are reminded to work ahead of these deadlines to avoid delaying graduation. All forms are due to the Graduate College by 5 pm on the specified date.

**Summer Semester 2025**

- **Friday, January 24th, 2025** ** Approval of dissertation topic (Admission to doctoral candidacy) **
- **Saturday, March 15th, 2025** Graduation application available online
- **Friday, April 25th, 2025** Approval of thesis topic
- **Friday, May 30th, 2025** Graduation application deadline
- **Friday, July 4th, 2025** Completed Thesis/Dissertation Defense and Manuscript Approval Form. Students should plan to defend 2 weeks prior to this deadline to allow for revisions/approvals.
- **Friday, July 11th, 2025** OhioLINK upload of approved, final copy of master’s thesis/doctoral dissertation
- **Friday, August 8th, 2025** Results of the capstone experience for Plan II master’s degrees
- **Saturday, August 9th, 2025** Commencement

**Fall Semester 2025**

- **Friday, May 30th, 2025** ** Approval of dissertation topic (Admission to doctoral candidacy) **
- **Tuesday, July 15th, 2025** Graduation application available online
- **Friday, August 1st, 2025** Approval of thesis topic
- **Friday, September 19th, 2025** Graduation application deadline
- **Friday, November 7th, 2025** Completed Thesis/Dissertation Defense and Manuscript Approval Form. Students should plan to defend 2 weeks prior to this deadline to allow for revisions/approvals.
- **Friday, November 14th, 2025** OhioLINK upload of approved, final copy of master’s thesis/doctoral dissertation
- **Friday, December 12th, 2025** Results of the capstone experience for Plan II master’s degrees
- **Friday-Saturday, December 12th-13th, 2025** Commencement

**Spring Semester 2026**

- **Friday, September 5th, 2025** ** Approval of dissertation topic (Admission to doctoral candidacy) **
- **Wednesday, October 15th, 2025** Graduation application available online
- **Friday, December 5th, 2025** Approval of thesis topic
- **Friday, February 6th, 2026** Graduation application deadline
- **Friday, March 27th, 2026** Completed Thesis/Dissertation Defense and Manuscript Approval Form. Students should plan to defend 2 weeks prior to this deadline to allow for revisions/approvals.
- **Friday, April 3rd, 2026** OhioLINK upload of approved, final copy of master’s thesis/doctoral dissertation
- **Friday, May 1st, 2026** Results of the capstone experience for Plan II master’s degrees
- **Friday-Saturday, May 1st-2nd, 2026** Commencement

**Other dissertation topic approval deadline may be acceptable if approved by program**