Scheduling Facts

Defenses must be scheduled electronically via your MyASU>Programs>Defense>Next Steps>Schedule your Defense link (contact your academic unit if you do not have the link)

Defense must be held on an ASU Campus, during normal business hours/days (no weekends/university holidays).

Defense must be scheduled at least 10 business days in advance, keeping in mind weekends, holidays, and black out dates. Select your proposed defense date and count backwards 10 business days.
## Graduation and General Deadlines

### Spring 2020
- **Jan 13** Classes begin
- **Feb. 17** Deadline to apply for graduation
- **April 3** Last day to schedule an oral defense of a thesis/dissertation
- **April 17** Last day to hold an oral defense of a thesis/dissertation
- **April 20** Submit Survey of Earned Doctorates (PhD and DMA only)
- **April 24** Submit final revisions for thesis/dissertation format approval by 2 p.m.
- **April 24** Submit signed thesis/dissertation Pass/Fail form to Graduate College (INTDSB 288) by 2 p.m.
- **April 24** Last day to submit Commencement Ceremony RSVP (see My ASU)
- **May 1** Submit thesis/dissertation to UMI/ProQuest by 2 p.m.
- **May 8** Last day to record Culminating Experience (non-thesis/dissertation) iPOS data entry by academic unit.
- **May 11** Graduate Commencement

### Summer 2020
- **May 18** Classes begin
- **June 15** Deadline to apply for graduation
- **June 26** Last day to schedule an oral defense of a thesis/dissertation
- **July 13** Last day to hold an oral defense of a thesis/dissertation
- **July 15** Submit Survey of Earned Doctorates (PhD and DMA only)
- **July 20** Submit final revisions for thesis/dissertation format approval by 2 p.m.
- **July 20** Submit signed thesis/dissertation Pass/Fail form to Graduate College (INTDSB 288) by 2 p.m.
- **July 27** Submit thesis/dissertation to UMI/ProQuest by 2 p.m.
- **July 31** Last day to record Culminating Experience (non-thesis/dissertation) iPOS data entry by academic unit.

### Fall 2020
- **Aug 20** Classes begin
- **Oct. 1** Deadline to apply for graduation
- **Oct. 23** Last day to schedule an oral defense of a thesis/dissertation
- **Nov. 6** Last day to hold an oral defense of a thesis/dissertation
- **Nov. 12** Submit Survey of Earned Doctorates (PhD and DMA only)
- **Nov. 13** Submit final revisions for thesis/dissertation format approval by 2 p.m.
- **Nov. 13** Submit signed thesis/dissertation Pass/Fail form to Graduate College (INTDSB 288) by 2 p.m.
- **Nov. 13** Last day to submit Commencement Ceremony RSVP (see My ASU)
- **Nov. 20** Submit thesis/dissertation to UMI/ProQuest by 2 p.m.
- **Dec. 11** Last day to record Culminating Experience (non-thesis/dissertation) iPOS data entry by academic unit.
- **Dec. 14** Graduate Commencement