Graduate College 2025-2026



2025/26 Academic Year Calendar

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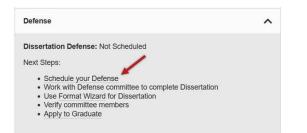
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Scheduling Facts

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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. Select your proposed defense date and count backwards 10 business days (avoiding weekends and blackout dates). For example: If your proposed defense date is July 13th, then you will need to schedule by June 26th, 2026

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Black Out Dates & Holidays

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10-Working Day Calendar

Graduation Deadlines	Fall	Spring	Summer
	2025	2026	2026
Classes Begin	Aug. 21	Jan. 12	May 18
Deadline to apply for graduation (See <u>MyASU</u>)	Oct. 1	Feb 15	Jun. 15
Last day to schedule an oral defense of a thesis/dissertation via			
the iPOS	Oct. 27	Mar. 30	Jun. 26
Last day to submit Commencement Ceremony Registration	TBD*	TBD*	N/A
Last day to hold an oral defense of a thesis/dissertation	Nov. 10	Apr. 13	Jul. 13
Submit Survey of Earned Doctorates (SED) for PhD and DMA only	Nov. 14	Apr. 17	Jul. 15
Submit final revisions for thesis/dissertation format approval			
via iPOS	Nov. 19	Apr. 20	Jul. 20
Last day for Chair to submit defense results via the iPOS	Nov. 19	Apr. 20	Jul. 20
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Submit thesis/dissertation to ETD/ProQuest	Nov. 25	Apr. 27	Jul. 27
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Last day for Academic Unit to record Culminating Experience (non-thesis/dissertation) in the iPOS	D 45		
	Dec. 15	May 11	Aug. 11
Graduate Commencement	Dec. 15	May 11	N/A

*For graduation registration, please reference the University Commencement website (https://graduation.asu.edu)