

Manuscript Clearance Deadlines

Summer 2026, Fall 2026, Spring 2027

Semester Deadline	Summer 2026	Fall 2026	Spring 2027
Last day to submit doctoral dissertation or treatise for pre-defense format review¹ AND Last day to submit master's thesis for pre-defense format review¹	June 9	October 13	February 23
Last day for submission of post-defense, final content-approved thesis, dissertation, or treatise and required forms²	June 30	November 10	March 30
Last day for thesis, dissertation, and treatise students to receive Official Final Clearance in the Manuscript Clearance Portal³	July 28	December 8	April 27

¹Manuscripts must be submitted online by **3:00 pm ET** of the deadline date. Manuscripts must be 90% complete and formatted according to The Graduate School's guidelines to be accepted.

² Manuscripts must be submitted online and forms through Final Content Approval must be completed in the Manuscript Clearance Portal by **3:00 pm ET** of the deadline date. Additional formatting corrections will likely be required after this date. Content corrections are not permitted after this date.

³ Students must have all formatting edits completed and received the final clearance acceptance email by **5:00 pm ET** of the deadline date.

***All dates are subject to change**

Academic units may set their own deadlines in advance of The Graduate School's manuscript clearance deadlines. In the absence of deadlines set by academic units, we strongly recommend that students defend **at least 1 week prior to the post-defense deadline**. Missing a semester deadline will result in the student automatically becoming ineligible to graduate in the current term.

Important Notice: While students are allowed to defend up until the semester's post-defense submission deadline, this is with the understanding that **ALL** content changes must be completed and approved in the Portal by the committee prior to the submission of the manuscript. No deadline extensions will be granted for students who defended close to the deadline and were unable to complete their changes in time.