

# Timelines for Completion of Dissertation, Final Defense

7-year time limit

Anticipated Graduation	Petition Deadline	Final Dissertation Draft to Committee	Successful Dissertation Defense	Final Copy w/ edits	Final PDF Copy submitted (Digital Commons)
Spring	October 1 (of previous year) closes February 1	March 1	April 1	May 1	Day grades are due (early May)
Summer	December 1 (of previous year) closes July 1- Petition by March 24 to participate in Spring	May 1	June 1	July 1	Day grades are due
Fall	Opens April 1 closes August 22	October 1	November 1	December 1	Day grades are due (early December)