Graduation Deadlines
Fall 2020 Graduation
Doctoral Programs

Deadlines

**Aug. 14**  
Submit **Doctoral Committee Appointment** form to the Graduate School.

**Aug. 14**  
Submit **Admission to Candidacy** form to the Graduate School, if first semester to apply.

**Aug. 14**  
Submit **Graduation Application** online at MyUTK. Non-refundable Graduation fee ($75) will be charged upon submission and must be paid at MyUTK.

**Sep. 30**  
Submit **draft of dissertation** online for preliminary review by Dissertation Consultant. Contact thesis@utk.edu for submission instructions.

**Oct. 30**  
Submit **Scheduling of Defense of Dissertation** form to the Graduate School.

**Nov. 13**  
Defend dissertation.

**Nov. 23**  
Submit **final dissertation** to Trace and have it accepted by 5:00 p.m. Dissertations are approved and accepted by Dissertation Consultant. Survey of Earned Doctorates certificate of completion must also be submitted by this date.

**Nov. 23**  
Submit **Report of Final Examination (Pass/Fail) form** and **Dissertation Approval Form** by 5:00 p.m. to the Graduate School.

**Nov. 30**  
Verify removal of incompletes and NR grades for graduation with graduation specialist.

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**Graduate Certificate**

If you are also earning a graduate certificate in fall 2020, be sure to check the Graduate Certificate deadlines.

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**Second Deadline for Dissertation Submission**

**Nov. 30**—Last day to submit Second Deadline application.

**Nov. 30**—Last day to pass dissertation defense. Scheduling of defense and all other procedures listed must be successfully completed before this date. A new graduation application must be submitted for spring graduation.

**Jan. 5**—Second Dissertation Deadline for students who cannot meet the regular fall deadline dates. If the dissertation, approval sheet, and pass/fail form are submitted and accepted by 5:00 p.m. on this date, you may graduate spring 2021, but will not be required to register for dissertation credit in spring 2021.

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**Financial Obligations**

All financial obligations with the University of Tennessee must be paid before a diploma or transcript is issued.

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**For information about graduation steps, thesis and dissertation workshops and graduation forms, visit the Graduate School at gradschool.utk.edu.**