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 at least one week before your defense.

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.

Graduate Certificate

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

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 summer 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.

Financial Obligations

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

Diplomas will be mailed to the student’s address as submitted on MyUTK Graduation Application. Send address changes to Registrar’s Office.

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