Graduation Deadlines
Spring 2021 Graduation
Thesis Programs

Deadlines

**Jan. 15**
Submit [Admission to Candidacy](#) form to the Graduate School.

**Jan. 15**
Submit [Graduation Application](#) online at MyUTK. Non-refundable Graduation fee ($30) will be charged upon submission and must be paid at MyUTK.

**Feb. 26**
Submit a preliminary (partial) of your thesis online for preliminary review by the Coordinator of Student Services. Failure to submit a preliminary draft by the deadline may result in a delay of the acceptance of the final thesis and postponement of your graduation. Get instructions on submitting your thesis at tiny.utk.edu/thesis-submit; contact thesis@utk.edu with questions.

**Apr. 16**
Defend thesis.

**Apr. 23**
Your thesis must be accepted in TRACE by 5:00 p.m. Failure to have your document accepted by this date can result in postponement of your graduation. Theses are accepted by the Coordinator of Student Services.

**Apr. 23**
Submit [Report of Final Examination/Defense of Thesis (Pass/Fail)](#) form and [Thesis Approval Form](#) by 5:00 p.m. to the Graduate School.

**Apr. 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 spring 2021, be sure to check the Graduate Certificate deadlines.

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**Second Deadline for Thesis Submission**

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

**Apr. 30**—Last day to pass thesis 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.

**May 19**—Second Thesis Deadline for students who cannot meet the regular fall deadline dates. If the thesis, 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 thesis credit in summer 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.

For information concerning diplomas and transcripts, please contact the Office of the University Registrar at registrar@utk.edu or 865-974-2101.

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

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