

Graduation Deadlines

Fall 2021 Graduation

Doctoral Programs

Deadlines

- Aug. 13** Submit **Doctoral Committee Appointment** form to the Graduate School.
- Aug. 13** Submit **Admission to Candidacy** form to the Graduate School, if first semester to apply.
- Aug. 13** Submit **Graduation Application** online at MyUTK. Non-refundable Graduation fee (\$75) will be charged upon submission and must be paid at MyUTK.
- Sep. 24** Submit a **preliminary (partial) draft of your dissertation** online in TRACE for 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 dissertation and postponement of your graduation. Get instructions on submitting your dissertation at tiny.utk.edu/thesis-submit; contact thesis@utk.edu with questions.
- Oct. 29** Submit **Scheduling of Defense of Dissertation** form to the Graduate School.
- Nov. 5** Defend dissertation.
- Nov. 19** Your **dissertation 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. Dissertations are accepted by the Coordinator of Student Services. Survey of Earned Doctorates certificate of completion must also be submitted by this date.
- Nov. 19** Submit **Report of Final Examination (Pass/Fail)** form and **Dissertation Approval Form** by 5:00 p.m. to the Graduate School.
- Dec. 3** Verify removal of incompletes and NR grades for graduation with graduation specialist.

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/dissertation workshops and graduation forms, visit the Graduate School at gradschool.utk.edu.

Graduate Certificate

If you are also earning a graduate certificate in fall 2021, be sure to check the Graduate Certificate deadlines.

Second Deadline for Dissertation Submission

Nov. 29—Last day to schedule defense of dissertation.

Dec. 6—Last day to submit Second Deadline application.

Dec. 6—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. 24, 2022—**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 2022, but will not be required to register for dissertation credit in spring 2022. There will be no exceptions to this final deadline.

Financial Obligations

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