

# Graduation Deadlines

## Fall 2021 Graduation Thesis Programs

### Deadlines

- Aug. 13** Submit **Admission to Candidacy** form to the Graduate School.
- Aug. 13** Submit **Graduation Application** online at MyUTK. Non-refundable Graduation fee (\$30) will be charged upon submission and must be paid at MyUTK.
- Sept. 24** 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](http://tiny.utk.edu/thesis-submit); contact [thesis@utk.edu](mailto:thesis@utk.edu) with questions.
- Nov. 5** **Defend thesis.**
- Nov. 19** 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.
- Nov. 19** Submit **Report of Final Examination/Defense of Thesis (Pass/Fail)** form and **Thesis 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.

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For information concerning diplomas and transcripts, please contact the Office of the University Registrar at [registrar@utk.edu](mailto: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](http://gradschool.utk.edu).**

### Graduate Certificate

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

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### Second Deadline for Thesis Submission

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

**Dec. 6—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.

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

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### Financial Obligations

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