Graduation Deadlines
Spring 2022 Graduation
Doctoral Programs

Deadlines

Jan. 14  Submit Doctoral Committee Appointment form to the Graduate School.
Jan. 14  Submit Admission to Candidacy form to the Graduate School, if first semester to apply.
Jan. 14  Submit Graduation Application online at MyUTK. Non-refundable Graduation fee ($75) will be charged upon submission and must be paid at MyUTK.
Feb. 25  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.
Apr. 1  Submit Scheduling of Defense of Dissertation form to the Graduate School.
Apr. 7  Defend dissertation.
Apr. 22 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.
Apr. 22  Submit Report of Final Examination (Pass/Fail) form and Dissertation Approval Form by 5:00 p.m. to the Graduate School.
May 6  Verify removal of incompletes and NR grades for graduation with graduation specialist.

Graduate Certificate
If you are also earning a graduate certificate in spring 2022, be sure to check the Graduate Certificate deadlines.

Second Deadline for Dissertation Submission
May 6—Last day to schedule defense of dissertation.
May 12—Last day to submit Second Deadline application.
May 12—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.
June 8—Second Dissertation Deadline for students who cannot meet the regular spring 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 summer 2022, but will not be required to register for dissertation credit in summer 2022.

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