

## Graduation Deadlines

Graduating in September 2020	Graduating in December 2020	Graduating in May 2021	Deadlines
Monday, June 15, 2020	Friday, October 23, 2020	Monday, January 25, 2021	<p><b>Deadline to apply for graduation</b></p> <p>Log into DukeHub and navigate to Academics. Then click on the Apply for Graduation form to begin your application.</p> <p>Step-by-step instructions for completing the application are available at: <a href="https://registrar.duke.edu/help-guides/apply-graduation">https://registrar.duke.edu/help-guides/apply-graduation</a>.</p> <p>If you applied to graduate in the previous term but did not graduate, you will need to apply again for the current term.</p> <p>If you are completing a certificate program, you must apply to graduate for it separately in DukeHub.</p>
Monday, July 6, 2020	Monday, November 9, 2020	Monday, March 15, 2021	<p><b>Deadline for initial submission of electronic doctoral dissertation or master's thesis</b></p> <p>The initial dissertation/thesis submission to ProQuest must take place at least <b>two weeks prior</b> to your defense. NOTE: If you submit your initial dissertation/thesis on the deadline date, you cannot defend until 14 days after that.</p> <p><i>Initial submission of the Dissertation/Thesis means that the document is complete. We will not check the format of an incomplete document.</i></p> <p>After you submit your electronic dissertation/master's thesis to ProQuest, you will receive an email from ProQuest informing you of any formatting problems. This email will include the link to The Appointment Calendar.</p> <p>We must receive the letter from your advisor confirming that your dissertation is complete and ready to defend <b>and</b> the Departmental Defense Announcement before we can generate and release your Final Examination Certificate. In addition, you will receive instructions for final dissertation submission and a link to complete an <i>Exit Survey</i>.</p>
Monday, July 20, 2020	Monday, November 23, 2020	Thursday, April 1, 2021	<p><b>Final deadline to defend your dissertation or master's thesis</b></p> <p>Final day to hold the Ph.D. dissertation or master's thesis defense to receive the degree.</p>
Monday, August 3, 2020	Monday, December 7, 2020	Thursday, April 15, 2021	<p><b>Deadline for final submission of electronic dissertation or thesis</b></p> <p><b>3:00 p.m.</b> All defended, completed Ph.D. dissertations and master's theses must be submitted to ProQuest.</p> <p><b>5:00 p.m.</b> All signed Ph.D. final exam certificates, master's final exam certificates for thesis master's, and non-thesis master's exam certificates for non-thesis master's candidates (including master's en route to Ph.D.) must be submitted to The Graduate School.</p>

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