

Graduation Deadlines

Graduating in September 2025	Graduating in December 2024	Graduating in May 2025	
Saturday, June 1, 2025	Tuesday, October 1, 2024	Saturday, February 1, 2025	<p>Deadline to apply for graduation</p> <p>Log into DukeHub and navigate to Academics. Scroll down to Program/Degree Selection and select it to open the application for graduation, which should include a list of degree programs for which you are eligible to apply. <i>If you are completing a certificate program, you must apply to graduate for it separately.</i></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. After reapplying, email gradacademics@duke.edu to confirm that your examination committee is still valid.</p> <p>Be certain that you have or will have a TGS-approved final milestone examination committee at least 30 days prior to your defense date. PhD students whose preliminary exam committee will serve as the dissertation exam committee must notify gradacademics@duke.edu of this fact 30 days prior to dissertation defense.</p>
Thursday, July 3, 2025	Friday, November 8, 2024	Wednesday, March 19, 2025	<p>Deadline for initial submission of electronic doctoral dissertation or master's thesis</p> <p>The initial dissertation/thesis submission to ProQuest must take place at least two weeks prior 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 and providing you a link to request an optional format check meeting with your assigned ETD administrator.</p> <p>We must receive the letter from your advisor confirming that your dissertation is complete and ready to defend and 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>
Friday, July 18, 2025	Friday, November 22, 2024	Wednesday, April 2, 2025	<p>Final deadline to defend your dissertation or master's thesis</p> <p>Final day to hold the PhD dissertation or master's thesis defense to receive the degree.</p>
Friday, August 1, 2025	Friday, December 6, 2024	Wednesday, April 16, 2025	<p>Deadline for final submission of electronic dissertation or thesis*</p> <p>3:00 p.m. All defended, completed PhD dissertations and master's theses must be submitted to ProQuest.</p> <p>5:00 p.m. All signed PhD 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 PhD) must be submitted to The Graduate School.</p> <p>*NOTE: Final submissions may still require additional revisions before approval in ProQuest. All revisions must be made and approved by TGS before a dissertation can be accepted in ProQuest.</p>