**Thesis and Dissertation Deadlines Academic Year 2025-26**

* **All deadlines are firm and apply to all written theses and dissertations for all colleges*.*** Colleges, schools, and departments may have earlier and/or additional deadlines. Students need to confirm with their department/college that they have fulfilled all other graduation requirements.
* **All students must be registered for a minimum of .5 credit hour in the current term to receive services.**
* Students are encouraged to obtain a **Pre-Defense Format Review** and are required to meet the Post-Defense Format Review Deadline by emailing the content-final, advisor-approved document in Word format to tad@ohio.edu. Students working in LaTeX may submit a PDF.

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| **Semester** | **Year** | **Graduation Application Deadline** | **Oral Defense Deadline1** | **Post-Defense Format Review Deadline1** | **Final Clearance Deadline: TAD Process Complete** |
| Fall Dissertation | 2025 | 9/29/2025 | Friday, October 24th | Friday, October 31st, 3 p.m. | Friday, November 14th, 3 p.m. |
| Fall Thesis | 2025 | Friday, November 14th | Friday, November 21st, 3 p.m. | Friday, December 5th, 3 p.m.  |
| Early for Spring2 | 2026 | 2/16/2026 | Friday, December 19th | Friday, January 2nd, 3 p.m. | Friday, January 9th, 3 p.m. |
| Spring Dissertation | 2026 | Friday, March 13th | Friday, March 20th, 3 p.m. | Friday, April 3rd, 3 p.m. |
| Spring Thesis | 2026 | Friday, April 3rd | Friday, April 10th, 3 p.m. | Friday, April 24th, 3 p.m. |
| Early for Summer2 | 2026 | 7/13/2026 | Friday, April 24th | Friday, May 1st, 3 p.m. | Friday, May 8th, 3 p.m. |
| Summer | 2026 | Friday, July 24th | Friday, July 31st, 3 p.m. | Friday, August 14th, 3 p.m. |
| Early for Fall2 | 2026 | 9/28/2026 | Friday, August 7th | Friday, August 14th, 3 p.m. | Friday, August 28th, 3 p.m. |
| **All deadlines are firm. Exceptions cannot be granted by TAD Services.**  | **This deadline is set by the registrar’s office.**  | **If you defend after this deadline, you will not graduate in your intended term.** | **The document’s content must be final. Only formatting changes allowed after this date.** | **Students must meet the “Format Review Deadline” to qualify for this deadline. All steps in the TAD Process must be complete by this deadline.**  |

**1 Early Filing:** Deadlines cannot be moved. If you miss any deadline for your intended semester of graduation, you may avoid paying tuition and fees in the following semester if you meet the following requirements:

1. You have no Visa restriction requiring you to be registered in the semester you graduate. (You can contact the International Student Services office at isss@ohio.edu to confirm your eligibility.)
2. You have no obligations to your home college (all coursework complete, all requirements met).
3. You meet all posted “Early” deadlines.

\*\*Please Note: This deadline falls during Spring Break, please plan accordingly.