

SCHEDULE OF DEADLINES FOR UCCS GRADUATE DEGREE CANDIDATES EXPECTING TO GRADUATE DURING 2026-2027

To be eligible for graduation, students must have fulfilled the appropriate requirements as established by their program and the Graduate School. The student must have a completed approved Application for Admission to Candidacy for an Advanced Degree and Online Diploma Card turned in as indicated below. Students must have completed all coursework; and (*Program Specific*) successfully *Defended Thesis/Dissertation, Capstone, Project, Report*. Procedures and Deadlines* required are described below: **By the Semester Desired for Graduation and Participation in Commencement.**

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	Fall Grads 2026 Commencement Dec 2026	Spring Grads 2027 Commencement May 2027	Summer Grads 2027 Commencement Dec 2027
Student submit Completed Application for Admission to Candidacy forms to Department/Program	Due to Program by 9/4/2026 (unless your program specifies an EARLIER deadline)	Due to Program by 1/29/2027 (unless your program specifies an EARLIER deadline)	Due to Program by 6/18/2027 (unless your program specifies an EARLIER deadline)
<i>Student submits online Diploma Card in Student Portal</i>	9/4/2026	1/29/2027	6/18/2027
Deadline for Programs to Submit Application for Admission to Candidacy, along with any necessary additional forms, to the Graduate School: (<i>Transfer of Credit, Unclassified Credit, Unofficial Transcript, Course Validations, etc.</i>)	9/11/2026	2/5/2027	6/25/2027
Last day for Final Thesis/Dissertation Defense*	No later than 11/13/2026 (Friday)	No later than 4/13/2027 (Tuesday)	No later than 7/6/2027 (Tuesday)
Thesis/Dissertation to the Graduate School* All edits complete and electronic submission approved through ProQuest by listed Day and Time. (<i>Must be complete to be eligible for graduation</i>)	Submitted into ProQuest and approved by 12/17/2026 @ 12:00pm (Thursday)	Submitted into ProQuest and approved by 5/13/2027 @ 12:00pm (Thursday)	Submitted into ProQuest and approved by 8/5/2027 @ 12:00pm (Thursday)
Deadline for Programs to Submit Final Transcripts and any outstanding forms* due to the Graduate School for Final Audit (* <i>Transfer of Credit, Unclassified Credit, Unofficial Transcript, Course Validations, etc.</i>)	1/5/2027	5/21/2027	8/13/2027
Deadline for Program Department Confirmed Lists due to the Dean of the Graduate School	1/5/2027	5/21/2027	8/13/2027

These deadlines will insure graduation during the semester desired. If a defense is held past this deadline, but prior to the start of the next semester, registration for the next semester is not required, but the degree will be awarded the following semester.

NOTE: Departments/ Programs may have other deadlines, which must be met by students.

Students should ascertain and satisfy such requirements as specified by the department/program advisor.

Copies of the UCCS Thesis/Dissertation Manual are available on the Graduate School website.

Students preparing a Thesis/Dissertation/Capstone should consult their advisor and the manual early on in the preparation process.

Students using human subjects/animals and/or biohazards in research must obtain approval from the appropriate institutional committee before beginning such research.

<https://osp.uccs.edu/research-compliance>

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