



**2026 Graduation & Final Paper Submission Deadlines
for Research Paper, Thesis, Capstone Report, and Dissertation**

Deadlines to be Cleared for the **May 8, 2026 Graduation**

(Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, May 9)

Apply for Graduation..... February 6, 2026
Initial Submission of Final Paper to the Graduate School April 3, 2026
Final Submission of Final Paper to the Graduate School April 10, 2026*

* All corrections must be made; Oral Defense and Approval forms must be submitted.

Deadlines to be Cleared for the **July 31, 2026 Graduation**

(No Commencement Ceremony in Summer)

Apply for Graduation..... June 19, 2026
Initial Submission of Final Paper to the Graduate School June 26, 2026
Final Submission of Final Paper to the Graduate School July 3, 2026*

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Deadlines to be Cleared for the **December 11, 2026 Graduation**

(Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, December 12)

Apply for Graduation..... September 11, 2026
Initial Submission of Final Paper to the Graduate School November 6, 2026
Final Submission of Final Paper to the Graduate School November 13, 2026*

* All corrections must be made; Oral Defense and Approval forms must be submitted.

PAPER FORMATTING AND SUBMISSION INFORMATION SESSIONS IN 2026

January 28, May 20, and September 9. All sessions noon – 1:00 PM.

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