

Dissertation Defense and Submission Deadlines

Academic Year 2025-2026

Requested Degree Conferral: **January 2026**



Monday September 15th, 2025

Suggested deadline to apply for Winter 2026 graduation via NEST by The Graduate School
Click [here](#) to view the Registrar's Office Deadline



Monday December 1st, 2025 or 10 days prior to defense date (*whichever is earlier*)

Submit Form E - Request for Dissertation Defense Date, dissertation draft, and signature page to The Graduate School via email



Thursday December 11th, 2025

Final Defense Date of the semester

There are 3 potential outcomes for your defense: **Pass**, **Pass with Revisions**, and **Fail**
Based on the results of your defense, follow the appropriate schedule.

Pass	Pass with Revisions	Fail
24 Hours After Defense Submit Form F - Report of Dissertation Defense and SIGNED signature page via docstudy email	24 Hours After Defense Submit Form F - Report of Dissertation Defense via docstudy email	24 Hours After Defense Submit Form F - Report of Dissertation Defense via docstudy email Second Defense Required
Monday December 15th, 2025 Submit ETD Release Form & Final Submission of Dissertation to The Graduate School via docstudy email	Make revisions, resubmit to committee, and obtain approval by the committee by December 17th	
	Wednesday December 17th, 2025 Submit ETD Release Form, SIGNED signature page & Final Submission of Dissertation to The Graduate School via docstudy email	
Monday January 5th, 2026 Submission to ProQuest and Survey of Earned Doctorates		
	Monday January 12th, 2026 Submission to ProQuest and Survey of Earned Doctorate	

All documents should be sent to docstudy@montclair.edu

For multiple document submission cases, please attach all files in one email.

Failure to submit all required documents by the stated deadline will impact your graduation status.

If you have any inquiries or require assistance, please contact The Graduate School via email at docstudy@montclair.edu or via phone at 973-655-5205.

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Requested Degree Conferral: **May 2026**



February 15th

Suggested deadline to apply for Spring 2026 graduation via NEST by The Graduate School
Click [here](#) to view the Registrar's Office Deadline



April 7th or 10 days prior to defense date (*whichever is earlier*)

Submit Form E - Request for Dissertation Defense Date, dissertation draft, and signature page to The Graduate School via docstudy email

AuD students are required to submit Form J, dissertation draft, and signature page to The Graduate School via docstudy email



April 17th

Final Defense Date of the semester

There are 3 potential outcomes for your defense: **Pass, Pass with Revisions, and Fail**
Based on the results of your defense, follow the appropriate schedule.

Pass	Pass with Revisions	Fail
24 Hours After Defense Submit Form F - Report of Dissertation Defense and SIGNED signature page via docstudy email	24 Hours After Defense Submit Form F - Report of Dissertation Defense via docstudy email	24 Hours After Defense Submit Form F - Report of Dissertation Defense via docstudy email
Tuesday, April 22nd Submit ETD Release Form and Final submission of dissertation to The Graduate School via docstudy email	Make Revisions, Resubmit to committee, and obtain approval by the committee by April 24th	
	Thursday, April 24th Submit ETD Release Form, SIGNED signature page, and submission of dissertation to The Graduate School via docstudy email	
Monday, April 28th Submission to ProQuest and Survey of Earned Doctorates	Tuesday, April 29th Submission to ProQuest and Survey of Earned Doctorates	

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Requested Degree Conferral: **August 2026**



August 14th

Deadline to apply for August 2026 graduation via NEST



July 23rd or 10 days prior to defense date (whichever is earlier)

Submit Form E - Request for Dissertation Defense Date, dissertation draft, and signature page to The Graduate School via email



August 2nd

Final Defense Date of the semester

There are 3 potential outcomes for your defense: **Pass, Pass with Revisions, and Fail**
Based on the results of your defense, follow the appropriate schedule.

Pass	Pass with Revisions	Fail
24 Hours After Defense Submit Form F - Report of Dissertation Defense and SIGNED signature page via docstudy email	24 Hours After Defense Submit Form F - Report of Dissertation Defense via docstudy email	24 Hours After Defense Submit Form F - Report of Dissertation Defense via docstudy email
August 7th Submit ETD Release Form and Final submission of dissertation via docstudy email	Make Revisions, Resubmit to committee, and obtain approval by the committee by August 10th	
August 14th Submission to ProQuest and Survey of Earned Doctorates	August 10th Submit ETD Release Form, SIGNED signature page, and submission of final dissertation to The Graduate School via docstudy email	
	August 17th Submission to ProQuest and Survey of Earned Doctorates	

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